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Conference to be held in Dubai this month

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Nadine Abou Zaki, chair of The New Arab Woman Forum, said in a press conference: "The topics discussed in the forum are vital and important for Arab women."

Future challenges

Nadine, editor-in-chief of *Al Hasania* magazine, said that topics are devoted to women who play different roles in their daily life, whom she called "women with multi faces" — wife, mother, employee, businesswoman and politician.

"The role of Arab women is no longer limited only to building a family," said Mazen Hayek, MBC Group Director of Marketing, Public Relations and commercial.

"Now she plays a vital role in steering change to become an effective member in facing current and future challenges."

The forum is being or-

PARTICIPANTS

High-profile delegates attending

Participants in the forum include: Wafiq Baber, First Lady (Sudan); Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne MEP, Vice-President, Foreign Affairs Committee—European Parliament (UK); Al Shaifa Bint Nasser, Councillor and Member of Trustees, The Eschermane Fund For Development of Jordan Badia, (Jordan); Dr Amal Qubeso, Member of the Federal National Council (UAE); Naila Al Awadi, Member of the Federal National Council, Deputy CEO of Dubai Media Incorporated (UAE); Rajia Al Gurg, President, Dubai Businesswomen Council, CEO, AL Gurg Group (UAE); Eng Fatima Al Jabri, Chief Operating Officer, Jaber Group (UAE); Ambassador Moschis Ntashis, Secretary General of the National Council for Motherhood and Childhood (Egypt); Ashly Disney, Founder of the Daphne Foundation (USA); Al Jawhara Al Angari, President, Al Eman Cancer Society for Women (KSA); Dr Lama Abdul Aziz Suleiman, Board Member, Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KSA); Elaine Jones, CEO, Asteca property (UAE); Hosam A. Alqurashi, Brand Manager, Pantene Procter & Gamble (KSA); Guelle Khoury (MBC).

Also among the participants will be Lebanese singer Nancy Ajram, and Egyptian actor Hussain Fahmy.

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