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## **THE 3<sup>rd</sup> NEW ARAB WOMAN FORUM**

**15 – 16 October 2009**  
**Intercontinental Phoenicia Hotel**  
**Beirut- Lebanon**

In what has become an annual tradition, the **3rd New Arab Woman Forum (NAWF 2009)** will be held on October 15 - 16, 2009 at the Phoenicia Intercontinental Hotel in Beirut, Lebanon under the high patronage of the **First Lady of Lebanon Mrs. Wafaa Michel Sleiman** and **H.E. Minister of Education and Higher Education Mrs. Bahia Hariri** assumes the Honorary Presidency of the Forum.

After the lively in-depth debates that characterized the 2007 & 2008 forums, **NAWF 2009** provides a unique platform for an open and lucid discussion of the many vital issues on the evolving role of women in Arab society, political life and business, as well as future prospects and challenges in this respect.

Resuming the trail of ideas aired at the 2008 forum, **NAWF 2009** looks at these main issues under two main headings. The first day is dedicated once again to the broad subject of women and leadership in Arab politics, business and society generally, with emphasis on the impact of changing global economic conditions on women's business careers and prospects. On the second day, the forum changes tack to look at issues of women and media, sexuality, education and creativity in the Arab world.

**NAWF 2009** is organized by **Al Iktissad Wal Aamal Group** and **Al Hasnaa Magazine** and in cooperation with the **League of Arab States**. The forum bring together a distinguished group of speakers and participants from both genders from the Arab world and internationally, including government ministers and public officials, business leaders, social scientists, writers and journalists, artists and actresses, heads of NGOs and other social institutions, and other personalities and activists.