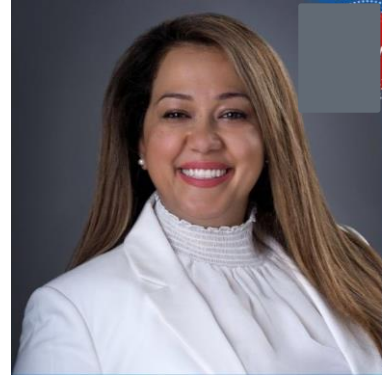


Dr. Arezou Harraf



Founder
Learn & Evolve LLC

Vice Chair
ABCK-AmCham Kuwait

An experienced educator and academic entrepreneur with a background in business. I am passionate about using my knowledge and experience to help others reach their full potential.

At Box Hill College Kuwait, I teach the next generation of leaders in Human Resources (HR) and specialize in education management and training with for-profit and non-profit organizations. I am also the founder and CEO of Learn & Evolve LLC, where I use research, data, training, and development to enable organizations and individuals to perform at their optimum. Importantly, I believe in customizing my services to meet the client's needs. The main focus of my work is students, graduates, and employees.

I am especially passionate about empowering women at school and in the workplace. I am based in Kuwait but not limited by geographic location, as I try to develop my business in different parts of the world. Moreover, I am pursuing my interest in the intersections between technology and what I do, integrating the latest technological tools into my services and embracing the shift to online teaching/training. Other ventures include publication and book writing to reach out to as many people as possible.

In the end, I want to reach my own optimum potential. 15 years into my career and I still have a lot to give and room to grow. The biggest waste I can think of is to squander our potential by not taking advantage of our capabilities.

Amani Ramadhan



**Lead Education Specialist
General Electric Kuwait**

Amani Ramadhan received her B.A in Criminal Justice, and Business Administration in Accounting from Arizona State University, Tampa, in 2008. In 2015 she also received her M.A. in Psychology at Pepperdine University, in Malibu California. In 2017, Amani Ramadhan joined General Electric Kuwait as a Lead Education Specialist and with extended role as a Commercial Manager for the Middle East, Asia, and Africa.

She initiated an internship/mentorship program with a local university and The Kuwait Fund as well as lead a project initiative with GE Aviation. She is also a First Aid trainer who certifies internal & external GE customers as a part of work regulations. Additionally, she participated with the GE sales team to attract and introduce potential training.

Amani continues to work in GE cross-functionally with engineering, tooling, and resource teams to drive cost, delivery, quality, and supplier development. Outside of work, Amani enjoys travel, yoga, and hiking.



Angela Carrigan



**Honeywell One Country HR Leader
Senior Manager**

Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar, Jordan & Egypt

An International HR professional with 20 years of experience in core HR functions. Experienced in Diverse businesses; U.S. (DoD) contracts, Commercial Products, Services, and Solutions Based Businesses from Asia to the Middle East, Turkey, and Africa.

Excellent problem solving, communication, and organizational skills. Competent in providing HR leadership for many differing and complex programs in diverse and complex geographies.

Offers extensive experience in HR organizational skills delivered by an energetic, ethical, and dedicated team player possessing strong analytical and critical thinking abilities. Strategic thinker, superior quality, attention to detail, and a proven ability to effectively manage in an ever-changing, highly matrix, and demanding environment.

Asrar Mohammed

Senior Corporate Communication Executive EQUATE

Asrar Mohammad is a senior Corporate Communication executive in EQUATE with over 13 years of experience. She has progressed in her career starting from manufacturing unit until her current position Corporate Communication and sustainability.

Education:

- Master of Business Administration from The American University of The Middle East (Kuwait 2011)
- Bachelor's degree of Science in Chemical Engineering from Oregon State University

Career History:

- Senior Corporate Communication Executive (2016- Present)
- Sustainability Coordinator (2016- Present)
- Environmental Expert and CSR Coordinator (2011-2016)
- EH&S Delivery leader (2008-2011)
- Process Engineer (2004-2008)

Highlights:

- Six Sigma Green Belt certified
- Lead the development of EQUATE Sustainability strategy 2025
- Founding member of ELEVATE Committee: an initiative by EQUATE to promote diversity and inclusion
- Implemented Responsible Care across EQUATE
- Led the development and implementation of EQUATE Corporate Wellness Strategy

Besma Al Qassar

**Founder & President
Women Mentor Forum**



Besma Al-Qassar is the founder and president of the WMF (Women Mentor Forum) seeks to support and nurture the growth of women in the private sector, both in entrepreneurship and in the private corporate world. Through the years she has been involved in initiatives on gender-inclusive growth. women in finance, women’s career development, and networking opportunities

Besma’s experience ranges from PR & communications to corporate social responsibility and people’s development. She has consulted and coached individuals and corporate teams on corporate communications, corporate identities, corporate values, and corporate cultures. She started her career in 1997 in radio where she worked for one year before moving to the public oil & gas sector. She transitioned into the private sector in 2007 working as a communications consultant before entering the private corporate world in 2010. Besma holds a BA in English Literature from Kuwait University.

Under WMF, Besma creates and executes Leadership Programs for Women as well as creates networking opportunities for women through collaborative events.

Dana Majthob

Chief Operating Officer
The Bridge Co.



As Chief Operating Officer at The Bridge Co, Dana Al Majthob is responsible for the international operations of the company in seven countries . she has more than 17 years of experience in the DOD industry. her experience and leadership have been focused on delivering quality-driven life support services and solutions, providing outstanding client experience, and driving profitable revenue growth.

she leads mainly by example, always doing her best with passion and encouraging others to do the same.

Dana Al Majthob Holds an MBA from Maastricht Business School and is PMP certified.

Elige Helal

**Client Service – Marketing and Communications
Officer
Rentokil Boecker®- Kuwait**

Elige Helal is the Client Service – Marketing and Communications Officer at Rentokil Boecker® with 8 years of experience. Rentokil Boecker® is a public health company that offers pest control, food safety and germ control services. In addition to client service and Marcom, I am currently in charge of the residential department, and the company's internal auditor. I hold an advertising and marketing degree from Notre-Dame University- Lebanon. Outside of work, I enjoy baking, sewing, and working out.

Eng. Hebah Abbas

Specialist- Electrical Engineer/Technical Consultant.

**Ministry of Education
Educational Facilities and Planning
Division**



A highly driven and innovative technology and construction leader with more than 20 years of solid experience starting in the international telecom private sector, where she closed key Regional deals; Eng. Hebah Abbas then successfully transferred to the strategic public sector of education through her work at Kuwait's Ministry of Education. For the previous 8 years, planning and implementing niche Educational Development Projects. A graduate of Syracuse University, New York, Hebah is a lead team member in the Commissioning Authority for national educational facilities.

Being selected as a member of the Contracts Committee and Educational Facilities Inspection Committee within the division, she streamlined technical specifications and contracts for national educational facilities and performed National Facilities Audit; in addition to being nominated to be a part of the official team following up the implementation of Kuwait's National Development Plan for the education sector.

A certified LEED GA and international project manager, she is overseeing the cooperation between the Ministry of Education and the private sector in the form of EPC and PPP framework through multiple projects. Hebah is also an active member of Kuwait's Water Society leading multiple projects within different sectors.

Iman Dashti

Risk and Compliance Director In Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport company



25 years experience in Risk Management, Life and Health insurance & reinsurance provisional.

Member at:

- Kuwait Journalists Society.
- Kuwait Economic Society.
- Chairman's Club at the American Chamber of Commerce in Kuwait (ABCK-AmCham Kuwait)

In 2008-09 I completed 6 months Program of leadership Development at Harvard Business School. I was one of 15 Kuwaiti women who participated in the EKWIP "Empower Kuwaiti Women in politics and leadership " study tour in the USA. I also completed a yearlong program of intensive training focusing on essential skills in political campaigning and leadership With Ibtakar consultancy and partners Global.

From 2006 -2016, I was a member in woman candidates' campaigns, and in 2020 I became one of the founding members of Mudhawi List which is a platform that supports women running for elected office positions.

Besides my job in the private sector, I write weekly articles in Alqabas now in Alanba newspapers.

Dr. Juliet Dinkha

**Licensed Clinical Psychologist and
Associate Professor of Psychology**

American University of Kuwait



Dr. Juliet Dinkha is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and is an Associate Professor of Psychology at the American University of Kuwait (AUK) since 2005. She earned her Bachelor's degree, a Master's degree, and a Doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology from the United States. She has published various professional papers and made presentations at local and international conferences. Dr. Dinkha's research focuses on cultural issues as it relates to body image, identity, depression, resilience, and individual satisfaction.

She teaches a variety of psychology courses, engages her students in current research projects, and offers mentorship opportunities for those students who are interested in pursuing a career in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Dinkha is also a Licensed Psychologist at a private practice whereby she provides virtual and in-person psychotherapy to a diverse client population. Dr. Juliet Dinkha has had extensive clinical experiences working in the Middle East as well as the United States of America.

Khadija Oubala

**Chief Executive Officer
The Sultan Center**

**Board Member
ABCK-AmCham Kuwait**



Khadija Oubala is the CEO of Sultan Center Group. She joined TSC in 2016 and moved from CFO to CEO in 2019. Khadija has combined experience of 20 years in retail, real estate, investments, and strategy. Prior to TSC, she served as Director of Strategy and Investments at NREC and was responsible for leading business development efforts, deal execution, and portfolio management.

Prior to NREC, Khadija served as a Principal at Arcapita Bank responsible for managing and monitoring a global portfolio of real estate investments. Between 2005 and 2010; she served as the Vice President at Asiya Investments KSC, in charge of private equity portfolios in China, India, and other emerging Asian countries.

Khadija holds an MSc in Real Estate Development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MBA from the Stern School of Business, New York University. She is a Fulbright scholar, a recipient of the MIT Heather Smith Memorial Fellowship, and a member of the Young Presidents Organization.

Maha Abbas

Managing Director & Partner

MACC-Customs Clearance & Local Transportation



-MACC (2016- present) Managing Director & Partner Managing Director & Partner

Local Transportation Services MACC has been in business for more than 40 years. We have established ourselves in providing the best and fastest customs clearance services with an excellent record for customer satisfaction. We have the most experienced staff at all ports and back-office who are ready to assist in any custom clearances and local transportations of all shipments. Our services include:

- Air Freight Clearance
- Sea Freight Clearance
- Land Freight Clearance
- Local Transportation Services

-Fast-Telco (2013-2015) Chief Technology Officer and Board Director Fast Telecommunication Co. logo Fast Telecommunication

-Al-Deera Holding Company (2007-2015) – Chief Operation Officer

-Ooredoo (1999-2003) InfraSystems Manager

-KNET (1993-1996) Senior Data Communications Analyst.

British Telecom (1988-1992) Senior Data Communications Specialist

Dr. Manal Al Hasawi

Founder & Managing Partner
Think Tank Strategy Consulting

Chairman of the Kuwait Society for
Strategic Planning



Dr. Manal Al Hasawi is the Founder and Managing Partner of **Think Tank Strategy Consulting**, a firm based in Kuwait that specializes in advisory and learning of strategy, strategic foresight, and futures thinking and design. She is also the founding partner of Exponential Events Group. She co-founded and manages the United Legacy General Trading company since 2018 which specializes in the import and distribution of organic health and wellness products.

She is the Chairman of the **Kuwait Society for Strategic Planning**, a not-for-profit established in 2017. She has been advising government officials/entities on strategy development, implementation, and communication for change for 10+ years. She is the local partner for international organizations such as The Futures School, Teach the Future, Association of Strategic planning, Trend-Watching AI, The association of professional and practical ethics, and Cascade strategy execution technology to name a few.

She is selected as one of the ***most inspirational people in Kuwait by Those Who Inspire international organization*** and was also selected as one of ***60 female leaders by United Nations Women in 2018***. In 2021, Dr. Manal Al Hasawi was featured in the ***Kuwait Country report promoted by BBC-macropolis*** as part of the top 10 strategy consulting industry leaders in Kuwait.



Dr. Mercedes Vazquez

Territory Channel Manager for SMB's
Microsoft Kuwait



Passionate about nurturing a constant growth mindset and a believer of people empowering people. I have two different dialogues where I have built bridges across: Europe and the GCC. With a solid track record of building new revenue streams from scratch, a passion for constant innovation to reimagine the future while leveraging the power of technology and people. Currently holding territory accountability as Territory Channel Manager for SMB's at Microsoft Kuwait. On a mission to empower every person and SMB organization in Kuwait to achieve more with Microsoft!

Hands-on experience building & launching new business lines from scratch, holding accountability across different business scales (Corporate, Royal Family and SMB) & industries. Thinking beyond limits, industries & beyond passionate about innovating through the use of technology. I've had the honor to develop much wider strategic skills & to nurture a growth mindset by working next to entrepreneurial CEO's & industry leaders.

I have a successful track record as Business Development Manager with Kuwait Royal Family member HH Sheikha Intisar Salem Al Ali AISabah.

As Chief Commercial Officer at Telco Media, a Saudi-based innovative technology firm, I had developed strategic ties in the Digital Transformation field: between countries for the growth of the innovative technology via key Institutions for growth & expansion. Achieved outsourcing agreements to represent in the GCC innovative technology & service providers in: Business Intelligence, Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence, AR, Smart Cities, Cybersecurity. Connected advanced technology to facilitate, optimize, innovate & solve gaps to several industries

Corporate scale: I had contributed to build new business lines from scratch at RIVA, as e-commerce manager which I had contributed to build from scratch as Product Manager in 2016 - one of the first fast fashion e-commerce in the GCC I was responsible following the CEO's vision for orchestrating, executing & taking to reality two successful partnerships with: Manish Arora (1st Int. diffusion line in the Middle East) & Sivvi.com Alabbar Enterprises

Committed to women empowerment and to D&I as the way to allow for unique perspectives to come to surface in order to empower economies at scale. Active contributor of many woman empowerment communities and D&I groups at Microsoft Corp in the US and a Core Team member of the D&I Employee Resource Group at Microsoft Spain. Bridging: US & Europe to Kuwait.

As Melinda Gates had said: "empower a woman and a community will thrive"



Ola Saab

**Head of International Legal Department
Dar Al Mizan Legal Consultants (DMLC)**



Ola Saab is the Head of the International Legal Department in Dar Al Mizan Legal Consultants. She has been working in Kuwait for more than 15 years. After finishing her studies in Beirut, she moved to Kuwait in 2006 and held the position of Legal Consultant with US and UK-based law firms, namely Bryan Cave LLP, Dentons and Curtis Mallet. Working with both foreign and local companies on understanding their needs and business, and being bilingual, fluent in both Arabic and English languages, she adds value by combining knowledge of the Kuwaiti law and the “on the ground” knowledge to provide clients with advice that covers not only the legal theory but also the practical aspects of their inquiries.

She advises foreign companies doing business in Kuwait and local companies (specifically those working with government projects) on all their legal needs in the country. She consults on commercial, corporate, financial, labor and other enterprise-related matters.

Pamela Medha

**Senior Business Development Executive
Kuwait Resources House (KRH)**



Pamela Medha is the Senior Business Development Executive at KRH. Currently, she is responsible for developing growth in the company through increased sales and customer acquisition. Her duties are to generate sales leads, contact potential clients, and nurture existing customer relationships. Pamela has more than 10 years of experience in management, project management, and business development in Kuwait and Albania, with a proven record of managing projects and providing clients of defense business and local market with logistics and life support services.

Pamela holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from New York University in Tirana (UNYT), Albania.

Samera Al Rayes

**Board Member and Chairman/Director
American International School**



I am a lifelong learner whose mission as the Chairman of the Board / Director of the American International School- Kuwait (AIS) is *Making the world better through Education*. We stress the educational outcome of our students, as well as the profile of world citizens they will become.

Our students are expected to be balanced, caring, communicators, knowledgeable, open-minded, principled, and perseverant risk-taking inquirers. The AIS mission sums this up and states that *AIS Kuwait inspires students to be responsible and adaptable world citizens who retain their cultural values while persevering in the face of new challenges*.

My educational background is varied with a BA – Social Behavior Sciences, American University of Beirut 1982; Graduate studies / Mass communication research– University of Leicester / England 1984; M Ed./ International School Administration Principal Certification College of New Jersey / USA 2004; M Ed. Educational Leadership Lehigh University / USA 2011.

AIS is a prominent school in the region. Over the years, AIS has received many international awards. Global Excellence Awards 2017; Most Innovative International School (Acquisition International), and Best International School, Kuwait Enterprise Awards 2017.

Our students have also received international awards in the “Near East South Asia:” Schools in the Virtual Science and Engineering Fairs (NVSEF) in the years 2014, 2018, 2021. The competitions are usually held between 400 participating teams from American schools spanning from Greece and Egypt to Thailand and Nepal.

- On a personal level, I was awarded the Humanitarian Recognition in Health and Education from the Embassy of the State of Kuwait- Lebanon 1991, the Arab Woman Award in Education 2014; Excellence of the Year for Leadership Education 2017 (Le Fonti Awards), and the World Quality Commitment Award – Paris 2017

Yesim Insel

Director of Food & Beverage
Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa



Yesim Insel is a true hotelier who is determined to make little moments of lives counted. Her career made her land in Kuwait after working in Istanbul, Washington, D.C., and Chicago at luxury hotel brands as Kempinski, Fairmont, Park Hyatt, and Four Seasons. Recently appointed at Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa as Director of Food and Beverage, she is the only female director in charge of operations in the hotel industry in Kuwait. She often thinks if Hans Christian Andersen would be living in the same century, the collection of her stories would be part of Andersen's big book of complete fairy tales.

She calls herself an achiever – but, only any challenge that excites her! In the world of Covid-19, she felt that she has been re-learning everything about the world of hospitality, but she's always been determined in finding ways to make things better, even in the middle of a pandemic. Being a single mom of a 10-year old son makes her feel that she must be at her best version at all times. She is an unpublished writer with a novel to be sent out to publishing houses. Her second book project is already in progress.

She loves everything about the 1920's lifestyle, however, she cannot make any comments on the 2020's .

Wendy Alomani

**Founder and General Manager
Mirror Mirror**



I am an entrepreneur and businesswoman with a background in education, and the proud owner and manager of Mirror Mirror Salon & Spa. My team and I have been in the business since 2014. I am passionate about my work because I get to make sure that every person who walks through the door feels good about themselves and they feel even better walking out. Our mission is to provide a friendly, personalized service through a team of highly skilled and creative professionals. I support regular professional development for my staff and keep up with the ever-changing world of beauty.

Prior to opening Mirror Mirror, I was an educator with a twenty-year career at Al-Bayan Bilingual School and Universal American School.

I have been a Citizen Liaison Officer with the U.S. Embassy since 1996. I have been on the board of the American Women's League, a member of Soroptimists International, and a member of the British Ladies Society.

I am also an active and passionate volunteer with several organizations in Kuwait and the United States. I believe it is important to give back to the communities that you care about. Outside of work; I enjoy travel, fitness, spending time with family and friends, and helping others.

