



Thought Leadership

The Foundation values sharing knowledge and exchanging experiences for a deeper enrichment of the education and development ecosystem. Thought leadership events, where key experts and leaders meet to discuss pressing topics in education, sustainability, job readiness, and inclusivity, aim to extend successful engagements across sectors and geographies.

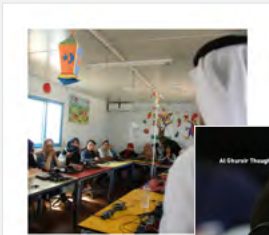




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The UAE region has a strong tradition of giving with philanthropy in the way of zakat. Significant quantities are donated to finance infrastructure developments. Much of this is going for either charity or short-term, targeted immediate relief or responding to sudden or difficult, natural and man-made disasters through targeted efforts. These resources have the potential to create a sustainable model for addressing chronic, unmet social issues and addressing accessibility.

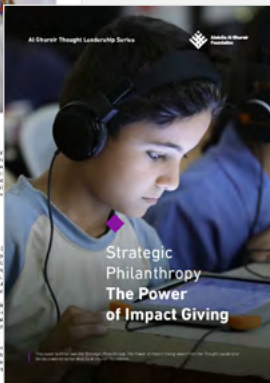
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On May 19th 2023, the Abdulla Al Ghurair Thought Leadership Series event on 'The Power of Impact Giving' took place at the Jumeirah Emirates Towers. The full potential of impact investing, social impact bonds and the social impact reporting framework by Sheikh Majid Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation, was discussed.

During the event, the guest speaker, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Chairman of the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation, and the event's host, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Executive Council of the UAE, discussed the potential of impact investing.

The event was attended by high-profile guests including the Hon. Mr. Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Executive Council of the UAE, and the Hon. Mr. Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Chairman of the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation.

Drawing from the perspectives shared by the speakers, this paper presents the key takeaways from the event and offers valuable recommendations for inspiring philanthropy.



Strategic Philanthropy: The Power of Impact Giving Organizers: AGF and Capital Club Dubai

This paper draws on strategic philanthropy approaches shared by two prominent philanthropists to present recommendations for unlocking the potential of philanthropy, stressing the importance of partnerships for sustainable outcomes.



Launch of UNHCR's 5th Islamic Philanthropy Annual Report

Organizers: AGF and UNHCR

This paper highlights the role of Islamic philanthropy in positively impacting the lives of the world's most vulnerable communities and the best practices in maximizing its outreach.



Supporting Online Learning in Tertiary Education

Organizers: AGF and UAE Ministry of Education

This paper shares best practices, challenges, and opportunities of delivering quality online learning courses and programs in tertiary education by stakeholders of the University Consortium for Quality Online Learning (UCQOL).



IGNITE TechTalk Conference

Organizers: AGF, Maroon Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture at the American University of Beirut, SPARK

This paper presents takeaways from the IGNITE TechTalk Conference which brought together experts in digital technologies, youth employment, entrepreneurship, and higher education. The conference focused on the challenges and opportunities to equip youth with the required digital skills for future work, with a particular focus on Lebanon.



Youth Talks - and Future Resilience

Organizers: AGF, Udacity, and the UNESCO Regional Centre for Educational Planning

This paper, based on insights from panelists, including youth, employers, and trainers, focused on the digital skills required for the future of employment. The paper stresses the importance of staying updated on digital economy requirements to prepare for a sustainable future.



AGF at the MENA Universities Summit

Innovative pathways: Experiential learning as a catalyst for holistic talent development

Organizers: AGF, Times Higher Education, New York University Abu Dhabi

This paper emphasizes the importance of innovation, agility, and strong partnerships in incorporating sustainability and equity in higher education.



Why universities are vital to the MENA region's economic and environmental sustainability

Organizers: AGF, Times Higher Ed, New York University Abu Dhabi

This spotlight highlights the significance of diversity in higher education leadership as well as the importance of adopting a sustainability mindset and effective partnerships in designing future-fit programs.