

Joint Action Women Empowerment in The MENA Region

A celebration of Union

**Brussels, Belgium
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Introduction

Womenpreneur and MC Academy *for* International Legal Studies are joining forces in recognition of their shared vision of empowering women in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

This collaborative project will focus on enhancing effective participation of women in all aspects of business and entrepreneurship in the MENA region, including the legal profession.

The event, which celebrates the partnership between MC Academy and Womenpreneur, will start with welcoming remarks, and keynote by H.E. Mr. Alexander De Croo, followed by a lively panel discussion and a Q&A session. The celebration will conclude with a cocktail reception.

The event is supported by the Arab Business Leaders.

Event Programme

14.45– 15.00	Registration
15.00– 15.10	<p>Introduction & Welcome</p> <p>Ms. Sana Afouaiz, Executive Director of Womenpreneur; Administration & Project Development Manager at MC Academy for International Studies</p> <p>Professor Adnan Amkhan Bayno, Acting Director of MC Academy for International Legal Studies</p>
15.10– 15.20	<p>Keynote</p> <p>Mr. Alexander De Croo, Deputy Prime Minister for Open VLD, and Minister of Development Cooperation, Digital Agenda, Telecom and Postal Services.</p>
15.20– 16.10	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Empowering Women in the MENA Region</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Adnan Amkhan Bayno, Acting Director of MC Academy</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p><i>The Role of Entrepreneurship & the Status of Women in Southern Countries</i> Ms. Narimen Beneddine, Programme Manager "Empowerment of Women" North South Centre of Council of Europe</p> <p><i>Fostering Female Entrepreneurship in Arab Countries</i> Mr. Houssam Nasrawin, President of Arab Business Leaders</p> <p><i>Examination of cultural, social and legal barriers for women in the MENA region</i> Ms. Aysha Abdulla Mutaywea, Resident Partner of Mena Chambers Bahrain</p> <p><i>What is Womenpreneur, and Why Join Forces with MC Academy</i> Ms. Sana Afouaiz, Executive Director of Womenpreneur and Manager at MC Academy</p>
16.10– 16.40	Q&A and open discussion
16.40– 17.00	Tour of MC Academy
17.00– 19.00	Reception Canapés and refreshments

