CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE
MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA
MAY 5–7, 2015
MARRAKECH, MOROCCO
The **CGI MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA MEETING** will convene leaders from the private sector, public sector, and civil society to move beyond discussion and drive action on pressing challenges.

With valuable resources and some of the fastest growing economies in the world, the Middle East and African regions have made tremendous progress in addressing complex challenges and improving human development. Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Middle East & Africa will spotlight regional successes and leverage participants’ influence and expertise to address a range of relevant issues including: education, public health systems, youth employment, infrastructure, and natural resource management.

This two-day meeting will provide opportunities for participants to network, forge partnerships, and share best practices to scale what has worked and generate lasting solutions through the CGI Commitment to Action model.
Investing in Youth
Countries in the Middle East and Africa have a unique opportunity to secure sustainable growth by investing in their large, young workforces. By universalizing access to primary education, integrating job-relevant skills into education and training systems, and providing support to young entrepreneurs, both regions can leverage this critical resource for economic growth.

The Future of Energy, Food, and Water
In the coming decades, innovations and partnerships that reinforce food security, water conservation, energy access, and renewable energy production will create opportunities for fueling growth and supporting growing populations. Endowed with abundant supplies of wind and sunlight, the countries in the Middle East and Africa are in a position to continue fostering technologies for economic diversification and growth.

Building Infrastructure for All
Thirty years of progress is reflected in enhanced productivity, health, and other measures in many countries across the Middle East and Africa. By pursuing effective, sustainable, and carefully selected infrastructure investments—including health, housing, telecommunications, and transportation—business, government, and civil society can further strengthen economies by increasing economic empowerment, integrating vulnerable communities to combat poverty, and improving health outcomes.

PROGRAM
The CGI Middle East & Africa Plenary Sessions will address a variety of broad social, environmental, and economic challenges. The Breakout Sessions will provide an opportunity to focus the dialogue through smaller discussions, concentrating on three strategic Action Areas:

SCHEDULE
Tuesday, May 5
19:00–21:00
Sponsor-Hosted Dinners

Wednesday, May 6
9:00–10:30
Opening Plenary Session
11:00–12:30
Breakout Sessions (3 simultaneous)
13:00–14:00
Lunch Plenary Session
14:30–16:00
Breakout Sessions (3 simultaneous)
16:30–17:30
Plenary Session
19:30–22:00
Social Reception & Dinner

Thursday, May 7
9:30–10:30
Plenary Session
11:00–12:30
Breakout Sessions (3 simultaneous)
12:30–14:00
Networking Lunch
14:00–15:30
Closing Plenary Session

For additional program details and the most up-to-date schedule, please visit CGIMiddleEastandAfrica.org
TURNING IDEAS INTO ACTION

Established in 2005 by President Clinton as an initiative of the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation, CGI facilitates action by bringing together the world’s largest companies, leading NGOs and foundations, and government leaders to leverage their core strengths and develop creative solutions for the problems we face today.

These solutions—called Commitments to Action—are new, specific, and measurable plans for addressing a significant challenge area. Integral to the CGI model, commitments cover a wide range of topics and use an array of approaches to yield maximum impact. Commitments can be small or large, financial or non-monetary in nature. CGI supports the development of commitments by facilitating dialogue, providing opportunities to identify partners, sharing best practices, and communicating results.

To date, members of the CGI community have made more than 3,100 Commitments to Action, improving the lives of over 430 million people in more than 180 countries.

Commitment Name: First Jobs, Then Futures for MENA Youth (2011)
Commitment by: Education for Employment, The MasterCard Foundation, and partners

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KNOWLEDGE BUILDING
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