

EDITORIAL

Special Issue on The Riyadh International Humanitarian Forum (RIHF) 2023

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The Riyadh International Humanitarian Forum was a timely and valuable opportunity that brought together leading experts from around the world to discuss the intersection of sustainable development and humanitarian efforts. The forum highlighted the need for a more integrated approach to these two challenges, as they are increasingly interconnected. The research that was presented at the forum highlighted the importance of building resilience, promoting sustainable livelihoods, and building partnerships. By working together, we can create a more just and equitable world for all.

One of the key themes that emerged from the forum was the need to focus on building resilience to shocks and stresses. This means investing in measures that can help communities withstand the impacts of climate change, conflict, and other disasters. It also means ensuring that people have access to essential services, such as food, water, and healthcare, even in times of crisis.

Another important theme was the need to promote sustainable livelihoods. This means creating opportunities for people to earn a living in ways that do not damage the environment. It also means ensuring that people have access to the resources they need to build a better future for themselves and their families.

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The forum also highlighted the importance of partnerships. Humanitarian actors, development organisations, governments, and the private sector all have a role to play in achieving sustainable development. By working together, we can create a more just and equitable world for all.

The impacts of climate change, conflict, and other disasters are becoming increasingly severe. These shocks and stresses can have a devastating impact on communities, especially those that are already vulnerable. There is a growing body of evidence that shows that investing in measures to build resilience can help to reduce the impacts of these shocks and stresses.

This edition of the *World Journal of Entrepreneurship, Management, and Sustainable Development* has documented the amazing effort that has been performed and presented during the Forum. I encourage you to learn more about the work that is being done to promote sustainable development and humanitarian efforts. Together, we can make a difference.

BIOGRAPHY

Professor Ebtissam Mohammed Al-Madi, BDS, MSD, FACD is a Professor and Consultant in Health and Medical Education. She has served on many accreditation boards, university and strategic planning boards in the Ministry of Education, Saudi Council for Health Specialties, King Saud University and Princess Noura University, and has also served on international committees and adjunct professorships in two US Universities. She has been awarded for distinction and has broken several glass ceilings in women's leadership.

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