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1. Basic information

1.1 Nominee’s name:

Dr Mahmoud AlBurai

1.2 Title:

Vice President

1.3 Company:

International Real estate Federation-Arabic Countries

1.4 ARISE member since (specified in the ARISE welcome letter):

2020

1.5 Current ARISE Board member:

Yes

If “Yes”:

First term

Second term

No


1.6 Network or individual member:

Network Member: My network leader has endorsed my application.

If “Network Member,” please specify **which network** :

UAE Arise(Chairman of the board)

Individual Member (i.e. no network affiliation)

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2. Curriculum Vitae

2.1 PLEASE ATTACH YOUR CV OR RESUME TO THIS SELF-NOMINATION FORM.

3. Questionnaire

3.1 Please indicate any past or present affiliations and accomplishments related to Disaster Risk Reduction / Prevention / Resilience / Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) / Environmental Social Governance (ESG) (max 200 words)

Mahmoud AlBurai is currently serving as President of FIABCI Emirates and senior advisor in Dubai Government mandated to work on a plan to make Dubai more competitive. Mahmood is also working as senior advisor at Dubai Police working in Dubai Resilience hub to strengthen Dubai resilience. In his work in Dubai Police, Mahmood led creating capacity building program to build competencies of resilience officers in private and public sectors.


Mahmoud leads Middle East Cities Centre at the American University in Dubai working on research and development related to field of sustainability and competitiveness. In this capacity, he led World Urban Campaign and organized 6 urban thinkers campuses focusing on sustainability and resilience of Middle East Cities.

He is also Chairman of UNDRR ARISE network in the UAE. In this capacity Mahmood led the board in developing real estate resilience tool, launch Covid rehabilitation program for post covid and work with public and private sector to strengthen SME resilience through swimming with sharks series of workshops at the capital club.

Before this role Mahmood has served as the CEO of Dubai Real estate Institute for 10 years in which the institute graduated 80,000 real estate professionals from the region. He was chosen in 2021 as one of 10 City Changers by the World Urban Campaign of the UN recognizing his role in lobbying stakeholders to advance SDGs and deal with climate change.

He is also the Vice President of International real estate federation, FIABCI Arabic Countries since 2016, Chairman of FIABCI Emirates and sits on the board of International Real estate Federation, the world largest global real estate network of more than 1.5 million associate members. Before that he served on the board of International Real estate Society (IRES) for 5 years and the board of National Association of Realtors(NAR), 1.3 million member real estate network based in Chicago for the years 2019-2020.

He served as the Chairman of UN Global Compact UAE from 2015-2020 and represented MENA region in UN Global Compact advisory board for 2016-2018. In his role as UN Global Compact MENA representative led many SDG's driven initiatives. He started youth

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ambassadors programs in seven UAE universities recruiting over 150 youth, train them to help businesses become more sustainable. He also led establishing Women empowerment principles platform in the UAE with 60 companies signing on WEPs commitment. To promote SDGs among business, Mahmoud launched SDGs pioneers UAE celebrating SDGs success stories of private and government organizations. Mahmoud has been selected to be FIABCI representative at the United Nations Economic Commission for West Asia (UNESCWA) and UNECE (Geneva).

To advance his work on SDGs, Mahmoud started his Camps and Dreams NGO and documentary to shed light on talented refugees in different refugees camps in Middle East, Europe, Asia and Africa and link them with institutional partners for jobs and education opportunities.

Mahmoud is currently leading Government committee in the capital club, a business club of influential financial institutions in the Middle East. He led VCs for Good and Startups for Good initiatives in the club


Recently Mahmoud established his Think Tank in Geneva under the name of Middle East Sustainable Development Institute to lobby governments, businesses and communities to action on SDGs in the Middle East. His main role is to lobby private sector in the region to be actively involved in SDGs, during his presidency, UAE local network became the fastest growing network internationally. Moreover, Mahmoud leads the affordable Housing working-group at World Economic Forum. Mahmoud also serves as an advisor-MENA region at Happy City Lab, headquartered in Canada which works on integrating happiness into urban design.

Prior to his position in Dubai Real estate Institute, Mahmoud worked as Senior Director of Real estate Sector development at Real estate Regulatory Authority of Dubai and few years as a Development Associate Manager at Dubai holding.

Mahmoud completed his bachelor's degree in engineering at the American University before continuing on to earn his Master's in Real Estate from National University of Singapore .Mahmoud completed his MBA in Finance from his alma mater, American University of Dubai in 2010 and Master of Cities at London School of Economics and Political Science(LSE) in 2019 and DBA at Grenoble ecole de management in France in 2020.

3.2 Please specify if you have the decision-making and support capacities for ARISE within your company relating to at least one the four ARISE focus areas (SME resilience, investment, insurance, resilient infrastructure) at

a) Senior level (max 100 words each)

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SME resilience and resilient infrastructure are two important areas that the candidate works on leveraging on his government and private sector roles. He led developing infrastructure resilience tool with UNDRR which is now being piloted in UAE buildings. He managed to get the private sector(developers and management companies in the UAE to adopt the tool. This tool and UAE experience can be shared with ARISE networks.

The candidate managed to get 2 million dollar fund for resilience projects in the UAE including funding resilience hubs summit in Oct 2023. His experience working in getting private sector fund can be used to help finance joint projects with other ARISE networks

b) Technical level (max 100 words each)

The candidate worked with Dubai Police and American University in Dubai to start first resilience capacity building program for SMEs focusing on SME resilience. Such program can be shared with other ARISE networks.

Real estate resilience tool has been developed. The candidate will share the experience of UAE in implementing the tool with ARISE members globally


The candidate teaches at American University in Dubai(business courses, strategy, sustainability, CSR and governance)

The candidate delivered sustainability leadership training to government officials from Egypt Jordan and Khazakhstan in his capacity as fellow at Mohamad Bin Rashid school of government. Such knowledge and expertise can be shared with ARISE members

3.3 Please specify if you have the decision-making and support capacities within your company relating to other key areas such as Early Warning or Public-Private Partnership at national or local level (100 words)

The candidate has few hats government and private sector which enabled him to create PPP in areas of resilience and sustainability and managed to create movement to accelerate adaptation and sustainability in the region.

1. Government hat: He is senior advisor to Land department where he leads projects related to infrastructure resilience as well as Dubai Police as part of Resilience center working on resilience of Dubai. His work on local and national level at the same can add value to his board work.
He is working with ALDAR from Abu Dhabi on launching resilience accelerator to attract and fund technology companies in early warning technologies

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2. Private sector hat: He is VP of FIABCI (international body of 1.4 million members). In FIABCI, the candidates leads Public private partnership and UN related work on sustainable cities
3. Academia hat: Mahmoud leads Middle East Cities center in American University in Dubai. The center develops research on sustainability and resilience of cities while working on professional development programs. Such programs can be good value added to ARISE networks.

3.4 Indicate if your company is affiliated with / member of any other global private sector networks such as the UN Global Compact, World Economic Forum (WEF), World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) International Chambers of Commerce (ICC), or other private sector network, including of other UN agencies (please specify) (max 100 words each)

UN Global Compact, UNHabitat, and World Economic Forum are three important organizations that we work closely with them.

Organizations that candidate works in worked with

1. UNhabitat: organizing 6 urban thinkers campuses and launching Middle East WUC
2. World Economic forum: focus on affordable housing and resilient cities(research and advocacy).
3. UNGC: led establishing UAE UNGC which is one of largest networks internationally
4. Capital club and CEO club: CEOs club with more than 5000 CEO globally. The candidate leads the government private sector committee in the club to help making sure that private sector voice is heard


3.5 Please list 3 goals which you would aim to achieve as Board Member of ARISE, specifically within (max 100 words)

- a) your 1st year
- b) long term

The candidate has a clear plan on his contribution to take ARISE to the next level

In the short run, the focus will be on

- Membership growth: expanding membership of ARISE to get more influential private sector companies capitalizing on networks and professional bodies
- Capacity building: developing accredited global capacity building programs to help train champions in the private sector to lead resilience agenda
- ARISE annual meeting (Private sector resilience forum): annual event where ARISE networks meet to exchange knowledge
- Best practice forum: a forum done for private sector to share best practices in resilience and business continuity. Such annual forum will help spreading knowledge and speed us private sector participation

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On the long run , works need to be done on

- Resilience accelerator: partnership with private sector to fund accelerating technology companies who are active in resilience domain. Funding such technology will help to make our cities safer and more resilient.
- Real estate Resilience Tool: fund awareness and implementation program of real estate resilience tool through 1.4 million FIABCI network
- ARISE mentorship program
- Private sector award: to promote best practices in private sector , such award will help SME resilience and provide platform to share best practices
- Resilience fund (private sector): work with leading private sector companies to fund global resilience programs

Note:

Please consider the responsibilities for Board members and the parameters for a Board member to be designated inactive as specified in the Board elections Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).