Ms. Sofana Dahlan

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An accomplished Lawyer, professional social entrepreneur, angel investor and public speaker.Sofana Dahlan is one of the first ten Saudi female lawyers who have been granted the permission to practice law in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. She has served as a legal consultant in different parts of the Arab world including Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and Kuwait.

She completed a Bachelors degree in Law (LL.B.) and a Masters degree in Islamic Law at the Faculty of Law at Cairo University. She also received her MBA degree from the American University of Technology

In 2009 she was chosen to participate in the Harvard Executive program - ‘Leading for the Future: The Arab Region in a Changing World’ where she represented Tashkeil’s Socio-Economic cycle as an ecosystem for social change and development.In 2011, Sofana was the first Saudi to serve as a fellow for the UNAOC on a tour of Europe and the U.S. She was also selected for the Women's Media Center for the Progressive Women's Voices Workshop in Media training.

Mrs. Sofana Dahlan is the founder of many social enterprises that work on developing the creative industries in the region. She is President and Founder of Tashkeil – a Saudi-based social enterprise that incubates, accelerates and promotes creative entrepreneurs. In past 4 years, tashkeil has incubated 30 Middle Eastern designers, Organized 42 events, hosted over 16,000 visitors and launched 2 initiatives.Sofana Dahlan is also the founder of Kayan Space & Studios – a membership based co-working spaces for Creatives professionals, entrepreneurs and freelancers.

Mrs. Dahlan also serves as a member of the Evaluation committee at SIRB angel investor network. She isoften invited to serve as a judge on numerous panels, evaluating startups and entrepreneurial ideas.Sofana is considered an icon in female empowerment and is an active member on the board of directors of Khadija bent Khowailid centre - a Businesswomen and Lobbying Center at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jeddah.

In 2015, she has also received a Silver Stevies Award for Femaie Entrepreneur of the Year (In Middle East, Africa, and Europe) along with her company (Tashkeil) receiving a Bronze in the Most Innovative Company of the Year.

She spoke on many public platforms such as Pecha Kucha in Beirut, Beirut Design Week, TedxWomen in Barcelona, and Boldtalk women. In her public speeches,Sofana Dahlan aims to communicate to the world that success and achievement are not a goal; they are a result; a perseverance.