

A New Beginning: Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship

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“Entrepreneurship in the Limelight.” *GordonWebbo Blog (4/25/2010)*. “Here is one world-class event that will certainly have positive consequences on world economy [...] Individuals, like you and I, will benefit from the increased recognition of the power of entrepreneurs, no matter how small, to have a positive and lasting effect on the economic well being, not only of active entrepreneurs, but of the countries they live in as well.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Obama Meets Pioneers and Innovators from the Islamic World in effort to launch a New Beginning.” *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat (Washington, 4/25/2010)*. “Deputy Secretary of State: We want to encourage numerous kinds of relations with the Islamic world [...] President Obama will meet tomorrow with a number of entrepreneurs and innovators from the Islamic world during an entrepreneurship summit.” Click [here](#) for full article (in Arabic).

“250 International and Arabic people from 50 countries and 5 continents attending” *Al-Youm al-Sab’a (Egypt, 4/24/2010)*. “The initiative of President Obama is an initiative of science and technology and is considered a New Beginning that will spread a message of trust and achievement between the U.S. and the Arab and Islamic countries [...] Doctor Abdullah Aziz al-Najjar added that the implementation of this initiative [...] will upgrade the search for knowledge and technological development, just like during the plan by General George Marshall after World War Two.” Click [here](#) for full article (in Arabic).

“Obama invites Israel to attend Entrepreneurship Summit in Washington that is being attended by 15 Egyptians.” *Al-Dustour (Egypt, 4/24/2010)*. “The U.S. explained the invitation to Israel by saying that the participants are from different religious, social and economic backgrounds and this enhances the importance of the summit [...] In addition, religion and nationality were not among the selection criteria for the participants [...] Ambassador Scobey said that the Summit follows up on the President Obama’s speech at Cairo University when he announced a summit on entrepreneurship to increase economic ties between the U.S. and the Islamic world especially.” Click [here](#) for full article (in Arabic).

“US to host Muslim entrepreneurship meet.” *Press Trust of India (Delhi, 4/24/2010)*. “*In a first, the US is hosting next week a summit of “dynamic” Muslim entrepreneurs based in over 55 countries, including India, as part of its objective to deepen ties with the community.* About half a dozen participants, in the summit beginning on Monday, are from India. The summit is one of the many ways to show that the US is delivering on the principles and commitments made in President Barack Obama's speech last year at Cairo to engage people in Muslim communities around the world.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Obama to pledge commitment to Muslim countries at upcoming summit.” *Kuwait News Agency (Kuwait, 4/24/2010)*. “US President Barack Obama will offer his commitment to partnership with the Muslim-majority world at the upcoming Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship next week, an official said Friday.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Yahoo!, Egypt NGO in entrepreneurship drive” *Trade Arabia (Cairo, 4/24/2010)*. “Yahoo! and Nahdet El Mahrousa, an Egypt-based nongovernmental organisation (NGO) have launched an online campaign to encourage social entrepreneurship among young Egyptians. Called “Social innovation starts with YOU”, the campaign is aligned with the U.S. Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship that will take

place on April 26 and 27 in Washington DC, where Yahoo! co-founder Jerry Yang will speak on how the Internet can positively transform lives, societies, and economies in emerging markets and Arab communities.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Obama hosts summit Monday to improve relations with the Islamic world.” *Al-Khaleej (The Gulf, 4/23,2010)*. “Beginning on Monday at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center in the U.S., on April 26-27, there will be the first presidential summit on entrepreneurship for the Arabic and Islamic world.” Click [here](#) for full article (in Arabic).

“Obama to host Muslim entrepreneurship summit.” *The Associated Press (Washington, 4/23/2010)*. “Making good on a promise he made to the Muslim world last year, President Barack Obama will host an entrepreneurship summit next week to deepen ties between business people in the U.S. and Muslim countries. More than 250 entrepreneurs, educators and investors from 50 countries will gather in Washington Monday for the two-day summit. The goals include finding ways to make economic and social climates conducive to entrepreneurship, and developing the role of businesswomen.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“White House expected to announce projects at business summit.” *The Hill (Washington, 4/23/2010)*. “The White House is expected to announced several projects during a business summit next week designed to improve trade and job creation between the United States and Muslim countries. The Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship, which runs Monday and Tuesday in Washington, D.C., is expected to provide a forum to address barriers and look at avenues to building business partnerships to create jobs here and abroad, senior Obama administration officials said in a conference call with reporters Friday.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Fulfilling Another Cairo Commitment: Next Week's Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship.” *Huffington Post (Washington, 4/23/2010)*. “The Summit represents another crucial milestone in President Obama's commendable agenda to help bridge the divide between the U.S. and Muslim-majority nations in order to repair America's relationship with Islam and Muslim-majority nations. Since Obama's June 2009 Cairo address to the Muslim world his administration has been methodically transforming the spirit of his speech into actual programs [...]initial euphoria President Obama generated by his Cairo address has been taken down a few notches because of his failure so far to promote tangible progress in the cause of Middle East peace, or to reduce the threat that an emboldened nuclear Iran poses to the region. But the President's personal popularity remains high because he and his team deeply appreciate the importance of committing the U.S. to an engagement agenda that matters to Muslims who themselves want to make a positive difference in their communities and nations.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Obama to Host Entrepreneurship Summit with Muslim Majority Countries.” *ABC News (Washington, 4/23/2010)*. “Last June in Cairo President Obama promised to host a Summit on Entrepreneurship ‘to identify how we can deepen ties between business leaders, foundations and social entrepreneurs in the United States and Muslim communities around the world.’ Next week in Washington, DC, President Obama will make good on that promise [...]The White House painted the summit as just one step in a process that will develop over an extended period of time forging deepening partnerships between the US and Muslim-majority countries across the world.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Obama to host summit for Muslim entrepreneurs.” *USA Today's The Oval (4/23/2010)*. “Next week, President Obama fulfills a pledge he made last year in his speech to the Muslim world.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship Holds April 26.” *All Africa (Lagos, 4/23/2010)*. “United States embassy in Nigeria has said that the presidential summit on entrepreneurship would hold between April 26 and 27 [...]The mission pointed out that the summit was an example of a broader engagement called for by President Obama in his June 4, 2009 speech in Cairo, where he called for a new relationship between the U.S. and Muslim communities around the world based on mutual respect, mutual interest, and mutual responsibility; a commitment to universal values; and broader engagement on issues including education, economic development, health, and science and technology.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Two Qatari women for Obama summit.” *The Peninsula (Doha, 4/23/2010)*. “Two Qatari women entrepreneurs have been selected to attend the two-day presidential summit on entrepreneurship being hosted by US President Barack Obama in Washington on April 26 and 27. The summit, titled A New Beginning: The Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship, will highlight the increasing role of entrepreneurs in addressing common challenges while building partnership that can lead to greater job opportunities.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“AllWorld Network to Release New Insights on the 'Entrepreneurship DNA' of Vibrant Companies in the Middle-East.” *PR Newswire (Boston, 4/23/2010)*. “On Monday, April 26th to coincide with Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship, AllWorld Network will release the first real time data on the performance of growth companies in the Middle East and North Africa. AllWorld has launched the Arabia 500 - a massive effort across the Middle East and North Africa to find and analyze the fastest growing emerging companies of the region.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Turkey, US to deepen ties with entrepreneurs.” *Hurriyet (Istanbul, 4/22/2010)*. “Boosting entrepreneurship is a ‘win-win’ policy that increases growth, creates jobs and promotes the development of civil society infrastructure abroad, according to Altunta• [one of the participants]. The summit aims to start new dialogue by exploring how to rise above current challenges and the lessons learned from the U.S. public and private sectors; forging collaborative relationships with the U.S. public and private actors; and overseeing partners to develop innovative and effective solutions to common problems.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Nine UAE business leaders selected for Obama’s entrepreneur summit.” *The National (Abu Dhabi, 4/22/2010)*. “I am particularly pleased to see a large delegation from the UAE,’ Richard Olson, the US ambassador to the UAE, said in a statement. ‘I firmly believe that the UAE participants in this presidential summit will bring a unique perspective from one of the most entrepreneurial economies in the region.’” Click [here](#) for full article.

***Transcript from PBS Nightly Business Report (4/22/2010)*.** “TIM KANE, SR. FELLOW, THE KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION: Next week, President Obama is hosting a summit for more than 50 countries with sizable Muslim populations and it's a summit on entrepreneurship. Maybe that sounds like small potatoes compared the big nuclear summit the White House hosted last week, but I think it's even more important. World peace will have economic roots.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“UAE To Participate in Obama’s Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship in Washington D.C.” *Bernamea (Abu Dhabi, 4/22/2010)*. “Participants represent a broad and diverse spectrum of backgrounds, from social and economic entrepreneurs and stakeholders in the entrepreneurship ecosystem, to lenders and educators. This diversity will be a hallmark of this Presidential Summit [...]The Summit will highlight the role entrepreneurship can play in addressing common challenges while building partnerships that will lead to greater opportunity abroad and at home.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Three Kuwaiti participants in US Presidential Summit.” *Kuwait Times* (Kuwait, 4/22/2010).

“Promoting economic and social entrepreneurship globally is a vital element of the Obama Administration's foreign economic and development policy -- a policy that fosters economic growth, creates jobs, promotes civil society and provides new economic opportunities for US business and investors [...] More than just a forum for discussion, we hope the summit will establish a platform for attendees and others to build partnerships that will create economic opportunity and change lives.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“A New Beginning: U.S. Summit on Entrepreneurship.” *Oxford Islamic Marketing* (Washington 4/22/2010). “The conference will highlight the role that entrepreneurs play in communities in creating jobs and improving societies. Results expected from the gathering are new programs, partnerships, relationships and networks, which will encourage starting new businesses and social projects [...] Walter Isaacson, president of the Aspen Institute, said it is vital that the summit be more than a public relations exercise. ‘We have to turn talk into action. The Obama administration has shaped a compelling vision of how an entrepreneurs’ summit can transcend politics and get us working together around the world in a very exciting way,’ he said.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Six Indians to attend Presidential Summit in U.S.” *Press Trust of India* (Mumbai, 4/21/2010). “Last year, during his speech to the Muslim world in Cairo, Mr. Obama had highlighted the need for improving the life standards of Muslims across the world through tapping the global opportunities through creating more jobs. The Summit will work towards deepening the ties between business leaders, foundations and social entrepreneurs in the U.S. and Muslim communities around the world, [the American Centre] said.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Four Kenyans Invited to Obama Summit.” *Sunday Nation* (Nairobi, 4/20/2010). “The conference A New Beginning: The Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship - builds on President Obama's speech to the Muslim world in Cairo last year in which he promised to host a summit on entrepreneurship ‘to identify how we can deepen ties between business leaders, foundations and social entrepreneurs in the United States and Muslim communities around the world.’” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Three Nigerians Picked to Attend Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship in US.” *Nam News Network* (Lagos, 4/20/2010). “The embassy said the summit, expected to bring together successful entrepreneurs from 50 countries across the globe, would afford them the opportunity to identify obstacles, potential solutions and establish partnerships. ‘The summit is an opportunity for networking, sharing ideas and interaction among entrepreneurs and those committed to advancing entrepreneurship. The summit is also serving as a catalyst for discussion and action among stakeholders in entrepreneurship across the globe,’ it said.” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Brunei 'keropok' entrepreneur to meet peers in US summit.” *The Brunei Times* (Brunei, 4/20/2010). “Asked of her thoughts of being chosen, Mazrina said that this is a new challenge and a learning process. She said she hopes to gain more experience and knowledge from others who are more seasoned and ultimately, share that experience with Bruneian small-to-medium enterprises [...] ‘Mazrina could come back and speak to everybody about what went on ... This is the start of President Barack Obama's programme to deepen ties between businesses and entrepreneurs in the US and Muslim communities around the world,’ said McIntyre [U.S. Embassy Charge d’Affaires].” Click [here](#) for full article.

“Zainab Utama owner to represent Brunei at US President’s Summit.” *Personal blog of Waleed PD Mahdini* (Brunei, 4/20/2010). “US President Barack Obama delivered a historic speech June 4 last year at Al-Azhar University of Cairo in which he extended the message and offer of understanding, learning

and mutual interest and respect of a common ground from America to the Muslim world [...] Holding true to his word, the two-day 'Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship' will be hosted in Washington DC." Click [here](#) for full article.

"The State of Entrepreneurship in Malaysia." *Entrepreneurs.my* (4/19/2010). "Today, we start the seven day countdown for the Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship, and I want to take the opportunity to highlight a nation where entrepreneurship is starting to bloom: Malaysia." Click [here](#) for full article.

"U.S. Consul: Palestinian Entrepreneurs Represent Foundations of a Palestinian State." *Wafa (Ramallah, 4/19/2010)*. "The U.S. Consul General, Daniel Rubenstein, said, today, that the delegation, composed of Palestinian business women and men, who will participate in the presidential summit to be hosted by U.S President Barack Obama in Washington April 26-27, 2010, is an essential element in the new Palestinian American partnerships and are the foundations of a Palestinian state [...] Dr. Raja'a Sarghali, said the importance of their participation in this summit stems from the importance of letting the world know of Palestinian women entrepreneurs, and their vision and their capabilities when they have necessary resources for their work." Click [here](#) for full article.

"Entrepreneurs look forward to summit in Washington." *Business Times (Kuala Lumpur, 4/19/2010)*. "Entrepreneurs K. Kabilan and Dhakshinamoorthy "Dash" Balakrishnan are still pinching themselves over an opportunity to attend the US Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship next week. It's like a dream come true, they enthused to media at an event hosted by the US Embassy in Kuala Lumpur." Click [here](#) for full article.

"Three M'sians invited to Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship." *The Edge (Kuala Lumpur, 4/18/2010)*. "Three local entrepreneurs have been invited to attend the Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship which will be hosted by US President Barack Obama, starting April 26 in Washington DC. The two-day summit is a culmination of the announcement by Obama in June last year to broaden and deepen ties between business leaders, foundations and entrepreneurs in the US and Muslim communities around the world." Click [here](#) for full article.

"From selling fighting fish to a summit with Obama." *New Straits Times (Kuala Lumpur, 4/18/2010)*. "IN ALL his foreign travels, perhaps the one he's taking next week can be considered as one of the important ones for Dhakshinamoorthy Balakrishnan, or Dash for short. This is the one where he's been invited to confer with United States President Barack Obama [...] This, it seems, is the first summit of its kind, and also hosted by a sitting president." Click [here](#) for full article.