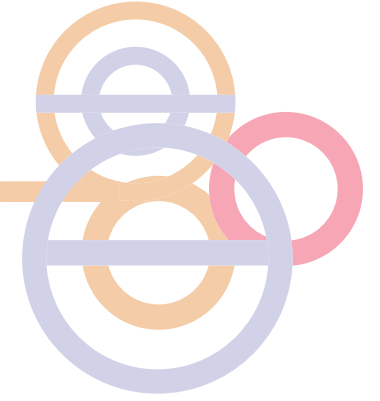


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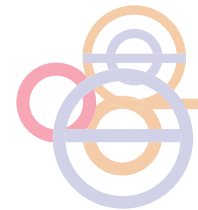
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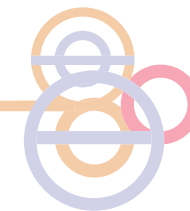
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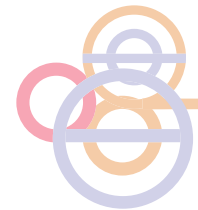
Transformative **Leadership** in Times of Polycrisis Program

Day One: Tuesday, 8 April 2025

08:45 – 11:00	Opening & Keynote Cultural Foundation – First Floor –Main Auditorium
08:45 – 09:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks Dana Dajani - Master of Ceremonies Ghassan Elkahlout, Director, Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies Simon Tormey, Executive Dean Arts and Education, Deakin University Mary Ana McGlasson, Director, Centre for Humanitarian Leadership
09:15 – 09:35	Keynote Speech Her Excellency Mrs Maryam bint Ali bin Nasser Al-Misnad, Minister of State for International Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
09:35 – 09:45	Spoken Word Poem: If I was President Dana Dajani, Performance Poet Keynote Listener
09:45– 10:35	Rethinking Humanitarian Leadership through Partnerships: Voices from Philanthropy Moderator: Cheyenne Ellis, Clinton Global Initiative Panellists: Pilar Pacheco, Gates Foundation Maya Ghosn, Bridge Builders Collaborative His Excellency Mr. Abdullah Al-Faihani, Deputy Director General of the Qatar Fund for Development
10:35 – 11:00	Q&A
11:00 – 11:30	Morning Tea Break



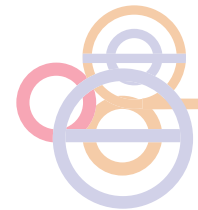
11:00 – 11:30	<p>Transformative Leadership Through Interactive Storytelling and Collective Action</p> <p>Interactive Installation</p> <p>Sidhee Patel and Emmanuel Amani, Pledge for Change</p>					
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11:30 – 13:00	<p>Seeing the Unseen: The Critical Role of Women’s Rights Organizations in Humanitarian Response. Approaches, Effectiveness, and Sustainability</p> <p>Chair: Rina Bruinsma- Head ofc Government Australian Red Cross and CHL Board Member</p> <p>Sandra Macias del Villar, Alliance for Feminist Movements and Feminist Humanitarian Network</p> <p>Nazik Awad, Sudanese Women Rights Action</p> <p>Vinita Rahasranaman, Urgent Action Fund for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Salma Sakr, Global Resilience Fund</p>	<p>Navigating the Polycrisis: Localized Leadership for Sustainable Solutions</p> <p>Anab Mohamed, Independent International Development Practitioner & Consultant / Founder, Pathways Consulting LLC (In Development)</p>	<p>Can Alternative Leadership Exist? A Dialogue on Transformative Leadership</p> <p>Carla Vitantonio, Independent Researcher</p>	<p>Chair: Jan de Waegemaeker</p> <p>Leading with New Consciousness in Times of Polycrisis and Emerging Futures</p> <p>Charlotte Balfour-Poole, Save the Children and Mustafa Alalouh, Orange</p> <p>Beyond Traditional Boundaries: Diaspora and Mutual Aid Groups as Essential Humanitarian Actors in Complex Crises</p> <p>Bashair Ahmed, Shabaka</p> <p>Navigating the Polycrisis: Transformative Leadership for Humanitarian Action and Social Justice</p> <p>Zainab Moallin, ODI Global</p> <p>Transformative Leadership in Post-Conflict Syria: Leveraging Local Knowledge and Systemic Thinking for Sustainable Development</p> <p>Abdulfatah Mohamed and Rudainah Alhamedalhajtbn, Hamad Bin Khalifa University</p> <p>Navigating Complexity: Lessons in Transformative Leadership from Türkiye’s Migration and Disaster Responses</p> <p>Selman Salim Kesgin, Turkish Red Crescent</p>	<p>Strengthen and Empower Local Leadership to Bolster Transformative Leadership in Polycrisis</p> <p>John Ede, Ohaha Family Foundation</p> <p>Local Specialised Service Providers for non dominant approaches to leadership development and support</p> <p>Emmanuel Tronc, H2H</p> <p>Chair: Deakin Events Management Services team</p>	<p>Foresight and Futures Thinking for Transformative Leadership and Navigating the Polycrisis</p> <p>Steven Lichty, REAL Consulting Group</p> <p>Chair: Deakin Events Management Services team</p>



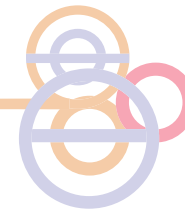
				<p>Examining the social, cultural, and religious influences on Sudanese crisis leadership</p> <p>Mayada Elmaki, Deakin University</p> <p>Enhancing a Feminist leadership for closing the gender gap in Humanitarian Action</p> <p>Anne Judith Ndombasi Kinumba Ndamuso, NRC-PSEACap & OCHA Sudan</p>		
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	Cultural Foundation – First Floor –Main Auditorium					
14:00 – 14:20	Keynote Presentation					
	Tammam Aldouat, CEO, The New Humanitarian					
14:20 – 15:10	Transformational Leadership in a Multipolar World					
	<p>Moderator: Mary Ana McGlasson, Director Centre for Humanitarian Leadership, Deakin University</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>Sisira Madurapperuma, ADPC,</p> <p>Aiham Al Sukhni, Qatar Red Crescent,</p> <p>Themrise Khan, Independent</p> <p>Gopinath Payaril, The Blue Yonder</p>					
15:10 – 15:20	Q&A					
	Moderator: Kim Scriven, CEO H2H Network					
15:20 – 15:50	Afternoon Tea Break					



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15:50 – 16:35	<p>Shifting the Accountability Equation and Redressing Power Imbalances in the Aid Sector: Insights from the Pledge for Change Southern-led Assessment</p> <p>Chair: Themrise Khan</p> <p>Marie Rose Murphy, Fondation Communautaire Haitienne-Espwa/The Haiti Community Foundation</p> <p>Charles VanDyck, West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI)</p> <p>Patrick Gathara, Co -chair AS Review Panel</p> <p>Fabeha Monir, Global Press</p> <p>Natalie Lartey</p>	<p>Humanitarian Coordination: Complementing VS Competing actions on the field</p> <p>Chair: Mana Mohammed Al-Ansari, Qatar Charity</p> <p>Moderator: Fajer Abdulrazzak Al-Abdulghani, Qatar Charity</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Aisha Abdulrazzaq AlKuwari, Qatar Charity</p> <p>Najla Karib, Qatar Charity</p> <p>Mohamed Salah Ibrahim QRCS</p> <p>Maria Hatem, UNHCR</p>	<p>Strengthening Crisis Leadership Through Hypnotic Neuro-Imaginary Techniques</p> <p>Marta Hegyaljai Python, Association Hypnose Humanitaire</p>	<p>Making Aid Work for Displaced Women: Integrating Islamic Philanthropy and the International Humanitarian System to Improve Outcomes for Women</p> <p>Sandra Pertek, University of Birmingham</p> <p>Prof. Amelia Fauzia, UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta and Social Trust Fund UIN Jakarta</p> <p>Khaled Khalifa, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)</p> <p>Selman Salim, Turkish Red Crescent</p>	<p>Somatic Embodiment & Nervous System Regulation in Times of Crisis</p> <p>Chair: A/Prof Nazanin Zadeh Cummings</p> <p>Amalee Nsour, Independent Somatic Coach</p>	<p>Rooted Leadership: Navigating Moral Injury and Institutional Betrayal in the Polycrisis</p> <p>Chair: Deakin Events Management Services team</p> <p>Dimple Dhabalia, Roots in the Clouds</p>

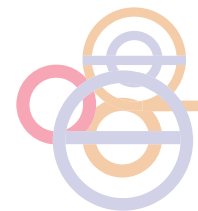


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16:35 – 17:15	<p>From Asking to Action: A Global Consultation Ensuring the Voices of Women Affected by Conflict are Heard</p> <p>Moderator: Themrise Khan</p> <p>Marie Clarke, Women for Women International</p> <p>Aram Shakerm, Women for Women International</p> <p>Fatima Ahmed, Zenab for Women</p>	<p>Continued:</p> <p>Humanitarian Coordination: Complementing VS Competing actions on the field</p>	<p>Continued:</p> <p>Strengthening Crisis Leadership Through Hypnotic Neuro-Imaginary Techniques</p>	<p>Continued:</p> <p>Making Aid Work for Displaced Women: Integrating Islamic Philanthropy and the International Humanitarian System to Improve Outcomes for Women</p>	No panel	<p>Continued:</p> <p>Rooted Leadership: Navigating Moral Injury and Institutional Betrayal in the Polycrisis</p>
17:20 – 17:45	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Cultural Foundation – First Floor – Main Auditorium</p>					
17:20 – 17:35	<p>Panos Moutziz, Global Executive Leadership Initiative (GELI)</p> <p>His Excellency Mr Shane Flanagan, Australian Ambassador to Qatar</p>					
17:35 – 17:45	<p>Spoken Word Poem: Risk</p> <p>Dana Dajani, Performance Poet Keynote Listener</p>					

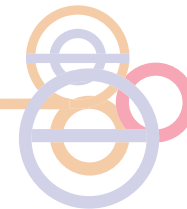


Day Two: Wednesday, 9 April 2025

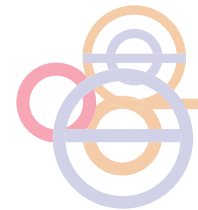
08:45 – 11:00	Opening & Keynote Cultural Foundation – First Floor –Main Auditorium
08:45 – 09:00	Welcome Spoken Word Poem: Origin Story Dana Dajani, Performance Poet Keynote Listener Mat Tinkler, Save the Children
09:00 – 09:20	Keynote Presentation Hibak Kalfan, Executive Director, NEAR
09:20 – 10:40	Local Leader Spotlight - Leading From the Front: The Humanitarian Vanguard Co-moderators: Adelina Kamal, Emma Beals, Panellists: Salai Za Uk, Executive Director, Chin Human Rights Organisation (CHRO) (Myanmar) Ross Skarowski, Founder and CEO of Mission Kharkiv (Ukraine) Awad Mohammed, Emergency Response Room representative (Sudan) Safaa Elagib Agam Ayoub, Community Development Association (Sudan) Ahmed Ekzayez, Syria Civil Defence/White Helmets (Syria)
10:40 – 11:00	Q&A Mary Ana McGlasson, Director of the Centre for Humanitarian Leadership
11:00 – 11:30	Morning Tea Break



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11:30 – 12:15	<p>Chair: Mohammed Alsousi, CHS</p> <p>Solidarity in a Vacuum: Civil Society Leadership to Uphold Gaza’s Health Sector</p> <p>Mayada El-Zoghbi, KIT Institute</p> <p>Amira Nimewari, Palestinian Medical Relief Society,</p> <p>Jennifer Dabis, Juzoor for Health and Social Development,</p> <p>Bushra Khalidi, Oxfam</p>	<p>Humanitarianism and feminist leadership in the polycrisis: thoughts on and from Sudan</p> <p>Chair: Petra Helal, Centre for Humanitarian Leadership</p> <p>Sara Abbas, Nabta</p> <p>Safaa El-Agib Adam Ayoub, Community Development Association (CDA)</p>	<p>Leadership Challenges for Humanitarian Workers in Syria: Navigating Localization between needs, the International Actors, and New Authorities</p> <p>Mohamad Rami Rajjoub, AL Sham Humanitarian Foundation</p> <p>Emma Beals, Associate Fellow at the Middle East Institute</p> <p>Ahmed Ekzayez, The White Helmets</p> <p>Vrinda Dar, the NEAR Network</p>	<p>Chair: Rina Bruinsma</p> <p>Leadership for the Polycrisis: Insights from the IFRC Network</p> <p>Gintare Guzeviciute, IFRC</p> <p>From Pledge to Practice: Building Equitable Partnerships in Humanitarian Contexts</p> <p>Rose Caldwell, Plan International UK, Rita Lopidia, Eve Organisation for Women Development</p> <p>Memory Training for Recovery - Adolescent (METRA): A Lower-cost Mental Health Intervention for Adolescents in Complex Crisis Situations.</p> <p>Azi Berzengi, RENU Health Clinic in Dubai</p>	<p>Chair: Thea Hillhorst</p> <p>Supporting Community-Led Crisis Response after Southern Türkiye’s 2023 Earthquakes: A Case of Transformative Leadership in Disaster Response</p> <p>Ridvan Öner, Hayatadestek, Muhammad Adan, Hayatadestek</p> <p>Leadership transformateur pour renforcer la résilience communautaire face aux crises multisectorielles: leçons du Sahel burkinabè</p> <p>Abdoul Nasser Ouedraogo, Initiative SANT’Elles</p> <p>Reigniting Humanitarian Leadership: Embracing Aboriginal Leadership and Mentoring Principles</p> <p>Archie Law AM, Archie Law Consulting</p>	<p>Chair: Paula Brennan</p> <p>The role of Diaspora Actors in Localisation Efforts</p> <p>Yamam Salam, Diaspora Emergency Action & Coordination</p> <p>Adrien Bory, Diaspora Emergency Action & Coordination</p>



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12:15 – 13:00	<p>Chair: Mohammed Alsousi, CHS</p> <p>Funding Cuts, Doom or Boom. Gift of the Givers, a South African Case Study.</p> <p>Imtiaz Sooliman, Founder of Gift of the Givers</p>	<p>Chair: Petra Helal, CHL</p> <p>Human Rights or Humanitarian Wrongs! Analysing the Reframing Approaches to Key Populations through Local Leadership Achieve a More to Accountable, Legitimate Humanitarian System</p> <p>Moderator: Alex Gray</p> <p>Joan Amek, Rella Organisation</p> <p>Jane Buchanan, HelpAge USA</p> <p>Sandra Macias del Villar, Alliance for Feminist Movements</p> <p>Francois Zankih, Guardians of Equality Movement</p>	<p>Continued:</p> <p>Leadership Challenges for Humanitarian Workers in Syria: Navigating Localization between needs, the International Actors, and New Authorities</p>	<p>Transformative Leadership in Action: Empowering Women for Inclusive Governance in the MENA Region</p> <p>Tala Khrais, Forum of Federations</p> <p>Humanitarian Aid in the Shadow of Hierarchy: The Impact of Global Power Dynamics on the Emergence of Polycrisis</p> <p>Irfan Tatli, IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation</p> <p>Humanitarian Leadership in Action: Qatar Red Crescent's Partnerships within the RCRC and UN Systems.</p> <p>Omar Serhane, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Abdulla Fouda, Qatar Red Crescent</p>	<p>From Aidland to Homeland: What the Lived Experience of Ukrainian Crisis Responders Indicates about Humanitarian Response</p> <p>Max Kelly, Centre for Humanitarian Leadership</p> <p>Gaza: Catalyst for Awakened Leadership and the Ethico-Epistemology of Stories from the Global South</p> <p>Muzna Shihabi-Barthe, Arab Center for Research and Political Studies</p> <p>Transformational leadership in research partnerships for navigating polycrises in conflict-affected Cameroon and Nigeria</p> <p>Lundi-Anne Omam Ngo Bibaa, Reach Out Cameroon</p>	<p>Courageous Leadership in the Polycrisis: Protecting Frontline Humanitarians through Staff Care, Mental Health, Justice, and Survivor-centered Advocacy</p> <p>Olivier Vandecasteele, Protect Humanitarians</p> <p>Sudhanshu S. Singh, Humanitarian Aid International (India)</p> <p>Eva Tamber, MHPSS Practitioner and Leadership consultant</p> <p>Mila Leonova, Alliance UA CSO, Ukraine</p> <p>Hanin Ahmed, Old Omdurman Emergency Response Room, Sudan</p>



13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:20	Plenary Session Cultural Foundation – First Floor –Main Auditorium
14:00 – 14:20	Keynote Presentation Meg Sattler, CEO Ground Truth Solutions
14:20 – 15:10	Transformative Leadership for the Polycrisis – Can INGOs change their spots? A Pledge for Change Plenary Event Moderator: Sofia Sprechmann Panellists: Amitabh Behar, Oxfam International Patrick Watt, Christian Aid Danny Glenwright, Save the Children Canada Halima Begum, Oxfam Great Britain
15:10 – 15:20	Q&A Moderator: Sofia Sprechmann
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16:35 – 17:15	<p>The Power of Collective Leadership: Voices and Lessons from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Palestine and Uganda</p> <p>Chair: Aishwarya Shetty, Education Above All Foundation, and Katy Noble, Teach for All</p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Rahmatullah Arman, Teach for Afghanistan</p> <p>Munia Islam Mozumder, Teach for Bangladesh</p> <p>Ghassan Amayra, Teach for Palestine</p> <p>Kassaga Arinaitwe, Teach for Uganda</p>	<p>Rising from the Ashes: A Refugee’s Path to Transformational Leadership</p> <p>Faith Cooper, International Rescue Committee</p>	<p>Continued:</p> <p>Feministarian: A Workshop on how to Bridge the Divide between Humanitarian and Feminist Crisis Respons</p>	<p>Chair: Mai Abumoghli, Doha Institute</p> <p>Reimagining Humanitarian Response: Diaspora And Mutual Aid Groups as Essential Actors in The Global Crisis Ecosystem</p> <p>Bashàir Ahmed, Shabaka</p> <p>Themrise Khan, Independent</p>	<p>Accountability to Affected Populations means Everyone a Changemaker</p> <p>Joanna Kucharczyk - Jurgielewicz Ashoka, Innovators for the Public</p> <p>Myroslava Keryk, Ukrainian House Foundation</p> <p>Hannah Toppler, la Incubadora de Trabajo para Refugiados y Retornados, A.C. (Intrare)</p>	<p>Continued:</p> <p>Circles of Solidarity: Tools for Transformative Leadership in the Polycrisis</p>
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Keynote Speakers



H.E. Maryam bint Ali bin Nasser Al-Misnad

Minister of State for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar

Her Excellency Mrs. Maryam bint Ali bin Nasser Al-Misnad was appointed Minister of State for International Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in ٢٠٢٤. Before that, Her Excellency was appointed Minister of Social Development and Family in ٢٠٢١. Her Excellency has also served as Executive Director of the Center for Protection and Rehabilitation from Violence Against Women and Children (AMAN), Regional Director of Communication and Awareness Campaigns at the Education Above All Foundation, Director of the Media and Communication Department at the Social Rehabilitation Center (Al-Aween), and Executive Director of Childhood Cultural Center. She also chairs the Advisory Board of the Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies.



Tammam Aloudat

CEO, The New Humanitarian

Dr Aloudat, a Syrian-Swiss physician, is the CEO of The New Humanitarian, a leading humanitarian newsroom. With over two decades in international humanitarian organizations, he advocates for decolonizing global health and advancing humanitarianism. He began as a volunteer for the Syrian Red Crescent, later working with IFRC in Iraq post-٢٠١٣. Over ٢٠ years, he has responded to crises from Darfur to the Haiti earthquake. Most recently, he served as President of MSF Netherlands and on MSF's International Board.



Hibak Kalfan

Executive Director, NEAR

Hibak Kalfan is the Executive Director at NEAR, where she collaborates with local and national actors throughout the Global South to promote equity among humanitarian and development stakeholders, with a focus on supporting local communities. She holds an M.A. in Development Policy and Practice from the University of New Hampshire's Carsey Institute. Hibak has over ٢٠ years of experience in international development, having worked in the US, Africa, and the Middle East. Her expertise spans various sectors, including localisation, humanitarian aid, democracy and governance, media development, advocacy, public relations, strategic development, and coalition building.



Meg Sattler

CEO, Ground Truth Solutions

Meg has previously worked as a senior advisor on humanitarian accountability and community engagement to UN OCHA, UNICEF, the UN World Food Programme and the CDAC and Start Networks. She is a board member for the Humanitarian Innovation Fund and the Core Humanitarian Standard Alliance, and is part of the CDAC Network and RedR Australia expert pools. Prior to working at global policy level Meg held senior humanitarian management roles in Haiti, Pakistan and throughout the Middle East.