

YAL discussing entrepreneurship – YAL Newsletter, May 2013

The below section appeared in the Young Arab Leaders (YAL) newsletter for May 2013 following the event held at Capital Club on Apr 22, 2013.

YAL hosted a vibrant panel discussion on the 22nd of April, in the Capital Club, under the title: Re-thinking Entrepreneurship in the UAE, a New Roadmap to Sustainability. The discussion involved key stakeholders who represent both the public and private sectors. Khalifa Fund, represented by Najla Al Midfa, shed light on the current Emirati SME funding statistics, while Sulaf Al-Zu'bi, CEO of INJAZ, discussed the challenges faced by students when searching for jobs due to lack of essential skill sets and the pivotal role of education in this context. Fadi Ghandour, founder and vice chairman of Aramex, highlighted the important role that the private sector should play in promoting entrepreneurship as part of Corporate Entrepreneurship Responsibility. Crowd funding was presented as a new method of generating funds, whether seed or expansion funds, by Dr. Nasser Saidi, founder and president of Nasser Saidi and Associates, who is also the deputy chairman of Eureeca; a crowd funding and investing platform. The session was packed with new information and witnessed great involvement from the audience in the form of questions and follow-up discussion.

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