

# SUMMIT OF LEADERS 2016



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Through the initiative of Europe Business Assembly (UK) on the 20th December 2016 the major international forum, Summit of Leaders 2016, was held at the one of its kind venue of the Oxford Town Hall. The Summit of Leaders as a traditional grand-scale gathering of members and partners of Europe Business Assembly and the Academic Union Oxford has been held since 2000 and has been attended by more than 6500 delegates from 56 countries. For years it proves to be a source of inspiration, learning and transformation for those who are looking to build better businesses and a better society, to share innovative ideas, workable business strategies, sum up the academic activities of the passing year and celebrate success of regional leading educational institutions and private sector.

The Summit of Leaders as the multicultural platform builds a bridge between science, education, business and investment. The main slogan of this year is 'Investment in Education as Investment in the Future'. The agenda included a plenary session with key-note speeches that highlighted modern challenges in education management, R&D and overviewed innovative solutions to socially important issues. It was opened and moderated by the Director General of Europe Business Assembly, Prof. John Netting.

The guest star of the Summit was H.E. Dr. Bonginkosi Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education and Training, Republic of South Africa, MP. Minister spoke up on state educational initiatives and viable innovative approaches to education with government support. Our honourable Summit partners: MONSPACE MULTINATIONAL CORP, Malaysia represented by Dato' Sri Dr. Jessy Lai, Group CEO, DMI Medical Supply Company, Inc., Philippines represented by Gina Marie Espejo, Managing Director, and Al Jazirah Engineers & Consultants, Saudi Arabia







represented by Khalil Abdulkarim Al Fraih, Owner and Director General provided welcome addresses and efficient company introductions .

The first key-note presentation covered the case of successful implementation of an online educational platform - FutureLearn, UK and was given by Simon Nelson, CEO and Founder of FutureLearn, guru of MOOC (massive open online course), a popular online e-learning opportunity for everyone eager to study in the globally famous Universities from home. Gareth Ralphs, Partnership Manager (South East), Department for International Trade, UK presented an overview of 'Current Investment Climate in Oxfordshire and the Thames Valley'. Kunal

Jain, Chairman Kaushalam Foundation, India and TiETampa, USA spoke about 'Educating Social Entrepreneurs: Books or Practice' sharing the case of Kaushalam Foundation he had founded.

Business and academic working sessions followed the Summit agenda and went parallel. They included presentations of national investment and innovative brands, projects and initiatives by leading regional companies and educational institutions from 48 world countries.

The business working session was moderated by Prof. Glauco De Vita, Centre for Business in Society (CBIS), Faculty of Business and Law, Coventry University, the head of the Economic Committee at the Academic Union, Oxford, UK. Summit VIP participants opened the session presenting the famous industry brands Aquashield Oil and Marine Services Limited, Nigeria on behalf of Nasir M. Saulawa, CEO and National Hotel Angue Ondo, Equatorial Guinea, represented by Maria Cristina Mikue Obiang, Owner. Business working session presentations were dedicated to: 'Innovative Solutions to Global Economic Challenges on a Regional Level' and provided an overview of leading business strategies and 24 regional private sector companies.



The Academic working session was held under aegis of 'Innovative Practices in Learning Process' and moderated by Dr. Vincenzo Costigliola, Honorary President of the Academic Union, Oxford, President, EMA, Belgium. The members and partners of the Academic Union Oxford and Club of Rectors of Europe provided presentations of 14 regional educational institutions and workable learning initiatives. Dr. Yael Fisher, Rector, Achva Academic College, Israel was solemnly admitted to the Club of Rectors of Europe, UK.

The world-known International Socrates Ceremony, as the manifestation of the most prestigious individuals and professional achievements proved to be the cherry of the top of the whole Summit Welcome cocktail in the solemn atmosphere, traditional music entertainment, ceremonial celebration of successful individuals and brands, gala dinner made the day.

