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First Women's Corporate Governance Seminar to be Held in Jordan

The Arab International Women's Forum (AIWF) is proud to be collaborating with the Hawkamah Institute for Corporate Governance a distinguished AIWF Global Partner, and with the Mudara Institute of Directors (IOD), to present its seminar on corporate governance at the Kempinski Hotel, Amman, Jordan on 19 October 2009.

Entitled *Directorship, Development and Diversity: Challenges for Women in Governance*, the seminar is being held in cooperation with and hosted by Business & Professional Women-Amman and the International Women's Forum, Jordan Chapter and supported by AIWF Seminar Global Partners DLA Piper and The World Bank.

Says Mrs Haifa Al Kaylani, Chairman of AIWF, "AIWF firmly believes that the relevance and significance of effective corporate governance practices must not be underestimated in the region's current environment of fast-track economic and social growth. Through this seminar, AIWF hopes to reiterate the need for a paradigm change in the attitude and mindset of business houses of the Arab World towards good governance."

The seminar programme features a very distinguished group of speakers, from the Mudara Institute of Directors (IOD), the World Bank, DLA Piper, the International Finance Corporation, Middle East and North Africa and many others.

This seminar is one of many joint initiatives being hosted as part of the AIWF and Hawkamah partnership on corporate governance. The partnership was formed in December 2007 to advocate corporate sector reform and strengthen corporate governance for women entrepreneurs with businesses and investments in the MENA region. AIWF is also linked to Mudara Institute of Directors (IOD) by a Memorandum of Understanding.

AIWF is delighted to be part of this ongoing initiative and looks forward to working together with its distinguished partners to put corporate governance squarely onto the Arab business agenda, as an essential part of economic development and an invaluable tool for women entrepreneurs across the region looking to integrate their businesses into the global marketplace.

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