

Directorship, Development and Diversity: Challenges for Women in Governance

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Guest Speaker

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Noora Al Abbar as the Executive Director of Mudara IOD leads the regional institute set up by the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) to recognise the role of professional and independent directors in the world of corporate governance.

Her team works continuously to promote director excellence by advocating the interests of boards and facilitating professional development through education, research, information, networking and dialogue. She also works closely with Hawkamah the Institute for Corporate Governance, on promoting the role of corporate governance in the region.

Prior to this, Noora was Director of DIFC Lifestyle Group, where she worked on the business development strategy for retail projects. She handled the residential component overseeing the cultural and design initiatives.

Earlier, she also served as Project Director of Al Bastakiya/ Tatweer and launched the DDIA Hong Kong office. Noora's professional development has included stints with Dubai Healthcare City, Dubai Media City, Dubai Press Club, BBC World and as a part-time Master of Ceremonies since 2000.

Noora is a member of Emirates Environment Group (EEG), where she volunteers to work on several environmental projects in Dubai to help educate the citizens on EEG's vision.