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THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

HUMAN METAMORPHOSIS

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The first chapter of the Global Citizen Forum's trilogy in Ras Al Khaimah begins with Human Metamorphosis — an empowering and immersive experience curated to offer an authentic expression of global citizenship catalyzed by the evolution of humanity.

United by the world's leading minds, the 2022 Annual Summit will ignite a primal journey to shed, unlearn, and unlock all our preconceived notions on human nature and create a groundbreaking opportunity to catalyze the start of a collective identity as global citizens. Together, we will explore the journey of transformation, as we commit to unlock the world's most pressing challenges while celebrating important milestones that are creating a future that we are proud to leave behind.

Day 2, November 17th

Stage: Main stage
Session: Migration X: what are we doing right
Time: 15.30 – 16.00
Follows: The refugee experience (15.00 – 15.30)
Panellists: **Elena Yoncheva**, Member of European Parliament
Khaled Khalifa, Senior Advisor and Representative to the GCC Countries, UNHCR
Margaritis Schinas, Vice-President, European Commission
Moderator: **Richard Quest**, International Anchor, CNN

Session Overview

With a staggering 100 million+ forcibly displaced people worldwide, a global coordinated response is not only necessary — it is critical. This session will tell a story of governments and international organisations unlocking the power of migration, raising awareness around the refugee crisis and catalyzing action for more peaceful, just and inclusive societies. What strategies help bring disconnected parties together, break down silos and connect local insights to global resources in pursuit of a borderless future? How to boost interorganizational collaboration for tangible and scalable impact and what are governments working on now to support vulnerable communities and forcibly displaced people?



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Session Flow

- 14:30 Speakers are required to arrive to the Green Room for preparation
- 15:30 The moderator opens the session
- 16:00 The moderator closes the session

Speakers' Details

Elena Yoncheva

Member of European Parliament

MEP Elena Yoncheva has more than 20 years of professional experience as the award-winning journalist, war-zone reporter and documentary filmmaker. She is the author of over 40 documentaries covering international topics and hot-conflict zones in more than 10 countries. MEP Yoncheva holds the order "Womens' Cross first degree" - for high professionalism in covering the war in Iraq in 2003.

Member of Bulgarian National Parliament (2017-2019)

Member of European Parliament (since 2019)

Member, LIBE - Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
SEDE - Subcommittee on Security and Defence
Substitute Member AFET - Committee on Foreign Affairs

Chair, Asylum Contact Group in the EP

Vice-Chair, D-IL Delegation for relations with Israel

D-AF Delegation for relations with Afghanistan

Khaled Khalifa

Senior Advisor and Representative to the GCC Countries, UNHCR

Khaled Khalifa is a professional humanitarian worker with more than 25 years of experience in relief and development. He led humanitarian operations in various settings of natural disasters and complex emergencies. Khaled Khalifa worked in several senior managerial positions with major international organizations in many countries and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. degree in Management Leadership and Organizational Strategy. He holds an MA degree in English Literature & Humanities, an MSc in Sustainable Development, and a Project Management Diploma. He is a well-known international trainer in disaster management and an expert speaker on humanitarian affairs and the Middle East. In addition to his role as a representative to the Gulf



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Cooperation Council, Mr Khaled leads UNHCR's Islamic philanthropy activities globally and has been instrumental in the success of the Refugee Zakat Fund, which supported over 2 million beneficiaries in 13 countries last year. This success was made possible thanks to Khaled Khalifa's role in building key partnerships with diverse Islamic philanthropy stakeholders.

Margaritis Schinas

Vice-President, Commissioner for Promoting our European Way of Life, European Commission

Margaritis Schinas took office as Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life in the Von der Leyen Commission in December 2019. In this capacity, he oversees the EU's policies for migration, security union, social rights, skills, education, culture, youth, health and dialogue with churches, religious associations and non-confessional organisations. Mr Schinas started his career in the European Commission in 1990. He also served as a Member of the European Parliament, from 2007 until 2009. Upon the completion of his parliamentary term of office, he returned to the European Commission and held various senior positions. In 2010, President Barroso appointed Mr Schinas as Deputy Head of the Bureau of European Policy Advisers. Later he served as Resident Director and Head of the Athens Office of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN). In 2014, President Juncker appointed Mr Schinas as the European Commission's Chief Spokesperson. Margaritis Schinas holds an MSc on Public Administration and Public Policy from the London School of Economics, a Diploma of Advanced European Studies on European Administrative Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges and a Degree in Law from the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki.