

THE COUNTDOWN HAS STARTED! BE THE FIRST TO MEET THE NEXT BILL GATES AT THE FINAL AWARDS CEREMONY.

Date: FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2011
Venue: Clubhouse Golf – The Residence, Gammarth, Tunisia
Time: 17:00

Events and Activities:

May 31, 2011 – Lebanon:
Announcement of Winner and Awards Ceremony of the Grow my Business Competition

May 27, 2011 – Lebanon:
Oral Presentations for the 11 finalist teams of the Grow my Business Competition

April 27-30, 2011- Lebanon:
Presence at the Business Forum in BIEL and providing 1:1 coaching sessions with entrepreneurs

April 18, 2011- Lebanon:
Workshop for the 25 semi-finalist teams of the Grow My Business competition

March 26, 2011- Lebanon:
Press Conference, Meet the 30 Semi-Finalists, in the presence of Ken Morse

March 23, 2011- Lebanon:
Judge for the Ideathon and Startup Demo programs at Arab Net

February 22, 2011- Lebanon:
Launch of a new program, Grow My Business, to support owners of Lebanese SMEs

December 3, 2010- Lebanon:
Business Plan Competition Partner to Arab Net 2011

November 12, 2010- Lebanon:
Community Partner for YallaStartup Weekend

November 11, 2010- Lebanon:
Participation in the launch event of the Global Entrepreneurship Week Lebanon at the American University of Beirut

November 9, 2010- Dubai:
Launch of the MIT Enterprise Forum-Aramex Support Unit to provide the semi-finalist teams with the support needed to grow their business ideas towards success

November 8, 2010- Dubai:
Participation in the Abraaj Capital's Celebration of Entrepreneurship in Dubai

October 17, 2010- Jordan:
Launch Ceremony of the 4th MIT Enterprise Forum Arab Business Plan competition in the presence of HRH Princess Sumaya Bint el Hassan, President of El Hassan Science City and President of the Royal Scientific Society

Competition Calendar:

June 16, 2011 – Tunisia
Coaching Sessions with Booz & Co.

June 17, 2011 – Tunisia
Oral Presentations and Final Awards Ceremony

TOP 12 FINALIST TEAMS

Congratulations to the top 12 finalist teams that qualified for the final round of this year's Competition:

The screenshot shows the website for the MIT Enterprise Forum Arab Business Plan Competition. The header includes the MIT logo and the competition name. A navigation menu on the left lists various sections like Home, MIT Enterprise forum, About The Competition, Testimonials, Newsletter, Jurors, Workshop, Semi-Finalists, Past Competitions, Deans Roundtable 09, Sponsors, Legal Notice, FAQ, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled 'Top 12 Finalist Teams Click here to view' and features a photo of two men in suits. Below the photo, there is a 'LIVE CUBE Egypt' section with a description: 'Container farms is the solution to fruit & vegetable deficits in countries with extreme climates, reducing the dependency gap on imports.' The footer includes social media icons for Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter, and a copyright notice for MIT 2010.

AlKharwarizmi Language Software: AlKharwarizmi provides Arabic users with search capabilities that allow them to get all the target words they want, as well as search using word meanings.

Bashar Soft: Bashar Soft is a technology startup specialized in Talent Acquisition, Talent Management, and Workforce Planning. BasharSoft mission is to improve return on human capital

Bit Bait: Bit Bait insecticides & Rodenticides are chemicals-free, non-toxic, 100% natural efficiency proven, easy to use, with very competitive price, and normal storage.

Buffle.com: Buffle.com is a mobile app to search for nearby apartments, cars or anything, you can also post your Ads right away from your mobile

Cardio Diagnostics: CardioDiagnostics is the first company in the region to provide an innovative telemetry solution to enhance the cardiac standards of care using world class pioneering technology.

Diabetes Healthcare: Diabetes Healthcare is a start-up business aiming at developing and marketing new patented technologies in the field of diabetes monitoring devices and management tools.

iNavigator: iNavigator introduces a new software technology that converts the traditional 2D software applications into 3D applications in a fast and automated manner.

Marhaba: Marhaba is an online social platform that connects tourists to a network of local amateur guides in order to provide them with a genuine discovery experience of Lebanon.

Presto Wireless: Presto Wireless is creating new software that allows users to have faster and more reliable wireless Internet connection.

PT Screen: PT Screen is a software innovation that enhances the way of we use the Internet by encouraging collaborative Internet browsing between users from all over the world.

Taleb Tech: TalebTech is an interactive online video professional training service and training marketplace for the latest, dominant and leading technologies in the IT market.

Wild Guanabana: Wild Guanabana is the MENA region's first carbon-zero travel company providing non-traditional world-wide travel experiences to individuals, educational institutions and companies.

FINAL ROUND PREPARATIONS

The top 30 semi-finalist teams who qualified for Round 2 of the Competition and attended the Entrepreneurship workshop in Beirut were shortlisted to 12 teams. The 12 finalist teams will fly to Tunisia to attend on the 16th of June coaching sessions with Booz & Co. guiding them through how to better perform in oral presentations and pitch their ideas in front of investors. On the 17th, the teams will be presenting to a panel of three renowned jurors. Each team will have 10 minutes to present and 7 minutes of Q&A followed by 3 minutes of deliberation. The Awards ceremony will be taking place at 5.00 pm, the same day.

[Please click here to view the program of the Final Awards Ceremony](#)



FINAL ROUND JURY

Our panel of judges for the third round is composed of

- Neveen El Tahri, Co-Chairperson & Managing Director of Delta Financial Investments
- Adnan Sultan, Managing Director for the Middle East - Kuwait City of AGAVE Partners Holdings
- Mohamed Mehdi Khemiri, Founder and CEO of Innovest

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all jurors who served on **Round 1** and **Round 2** for their time, effort and valuable support of the MIT Enterprise Forum Arab Business Plan Competition throughout the past four Competitions. Their contribution is a major asset for our continuity.

A TROPHY OF APPRECIATION

On May 24 2011, the MIT Enterprise Forum Turkey held its final awards ceremony announcing the winners of their Business Plan Competition. In the light of this occasion, Hala Fadel Chair of MIT Enterprise Forum, Pan Arab Region, receives a trophy as token of appreciation from the MIT Enterprise Forum Turkey for her visionary guidance and mentoring in setting up the Turkey Business Plan Competition.

To know more about the winners of the Turkey competition, please visit www.mitefturkey.org



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