



Amir DOSSAL

The Global Partnerships Forum, Founder and Chairman

Amir Dossal is Founder and Chairman of the **Global Partnerships Forum**, an international platform working to address economic and social challenges, through the creation of innovative partnerships. He is also the Co-Initiator of the **Pearl Initiative**, a CEO-led program, promoting transparency and accountability in the Gulf Region. Amir is Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union for Global Partnerships and also serves as Commissioner of the **Broadband Commission**. In December 2010, His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco, and Peace and Sport President and Founder, Mr. Joel Bouzou, appointed him as **Ambassador for Peace and Sport**. In October 2010, he received the **Humanitarian Award** from the United Nations Association of New York, for his accomplishments in Partnerships to End Poverty and World Hunger. In February 2011, Amir was appointed Special Envoy to the World Youth Peace Summit. Prior to creating the Global Partnerships Forum and the Pearl Initiative, Amir was the **UN's Chief Liaison for Partnerships**. As Executive Director of this Office, he forged strategic alliances with governments, corporations, foundations and philanthropists while uniting these partners to a common purpose: to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. In 1999, Amir was appointed to manage the \$1 billion gift by media mogul Ted Turner to the United Nations.

As the primary interface for the **UN Foundation**, Amir successfully attracted new investments of over \$560 million from various donors, which supported 450 international projects for women and children's health, climate change and bio-diversity. He has developed numerous partnerships and secured sizable social investments from such major names as the American Red Cross, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Coca-Cola, the Rockefeller Foundation, and Rotary International. Amir also oversaw management of the **UN Democracy Fund**, which he established in 2005 as an instrument to strengthen democratic institutions and enhance governance in new and restored democracies.

Amir Dossal works globally across all sectors, including Health, Education, Environment, Peace, Security and Human Rights. **He has built complex, crucial alliances between governments, multilateral agencies, business groups, foundations and civil society**, including but not limited to: Arab Foundations Forum, Business Council for

International Understanding, Chambers of Commerce, China World Peace Foundation, Committee for Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy, CITYarts, Commonwealth Business Council, European Foundation Centre, Foreign Policy Association, Humpty Dumpty Institute, IDP Foundation, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, Institute for International Sport, Institute for Large Scale Innovation, Jewish Children's Museum, LTB Foundation, NEPAD Business Group, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Synergos Institute, United Nations Associations, US Council for International Business, US Department of State, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists.

When spearheading the UN's engagement with leaders in the sectors of finance, technology, pharmaceuticals, and others, Amir Dossal developed working relationships with 3Com, BASF, BT, Cisco, Coca-Cola, Dow Chemical, Ericsson, Google, GSK, Merck, Microsoft, Nestle, Novartis, Pfizer, Siemens, Standard Chartered Bank, Telefonica, Vodafone, and Walmart.

Recognising the role of the media and 'soft power', **Amir has championed partnerships between high-profile personalities and humanitarian causes,** including global leaders such as Countess Sodes, Cherie Blair, Geena Davis, the Duchess of York, Petra Němcová, Julia Ormond, Joan Rivers, Russell Simmons, Joss Stone, Christy Turlington Burns, among others.

Since joining the United Nations in 1985, Amir has built and led a number of new initiatives:

- 1997 Established the Management Policy Office to oversee reform within the UN.
- 1999 Set-up UN Fund for International Partnerships, as interface for UN Foundation.
- 2004 Created African and Caribbean Diaspora Networks, to promote innovation.
- 2005 Established the UN Democracy Fund.
- 2006 Set-up Peacebuilding Support Office to assist post-conflict countries.
- 2006 Created the UN Office for Partnerships, to oversee multiple partnership functions.
- 2007 Launched the Business Advisory Council for the Greater Tumen Region.

- 2008 Launched Digital Health Initiative for m-health and telemedicine.
- 2008 Spearheaded UN MDG Summit Report of Public & Private Sector commitments (\$1.6 billion).
- 2009 Substantially increased UN engagement with Middle East private sector.
- 2009 Launched multiple initiatives in Arts, Culture and Inter-Faith.
- 2010 Launched the Global Partnerships Forum

Amir has worked with sustained commitment toward an overarching vision of uniting public and private energies for social progress. By nature a social connector, his work is an endeavor to bond the power of the private sector, government, and civil society; in order that together, they may better serve the greater good.

Amir is a Chartered Accountant (FCA) trained with Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, London in 1975. Prior to joining the United Nations, he worked in business within the private sector for over 15 years. He has lived and worked in Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East, and North America. Amir regularly undertakes speaking engagements, and proudly serves on the board of several non-profits. He is married to Tas, and they have one son, Zecki.