



Sarah El Battouty is a global award winning architect with 20 years' experience in the field of Green and Environmental Buildings and Sustainable Development. Sarah is the founder of one of Egypt's unique Environmental Design, training and strategy company **EConsult** who have achieved the highest number of energy saving certified projects in Egypt by an Egyptian consultant. Her design work spans from Egypt to Italy and China focusing on partnering with the private sector and government on implementing green projects with social impact. She is also an entrepreneur that founded another unique start-up in Egypt that specializes in transforming scrap waste into luxury high-end sustainable furniture. **MuBun Sustainable Furniture** is currently exporting. In 2014 Sarah was appointed as a senior **Advisor to the Egyptian President** focusing on sustainable community development. Sarah is among the most decorated and influential women in the field of climate change, environmental design and green economy by international institutions. She is among the first Arab and first Egyptian to be a finalist and awarded

Ashden Fellowship. In 2023 Sarah founded **Again Florist** a concept to evolve into a recycling start-up which tackles the waste from flowers in events by recycling it into small decorative products.

She has worked on several projects with the presidency adopted by government including introducing energy and water saving awareness programs into the media and education system as well the creation of a youth leadership program to empower youths to participate in the political process. Her focus has been Regional's environmental policy which culminated in the successful ratification of Egypt signing the Paris Climate Agreement and embarking on a nationwide program for energy saving as well as water scarcity awareness. Sarah represents Egypt as an official in a variety of lectures and summits focusing on climate, housing and national security. She is now working to make environmental awareness and resource and natural heritage preservation entre the Egyptian curriculum with the Ministry of Education which she sees as a cause and passion. Sarah is the first regional entrepreneur to be **nominated for the Prestigious EarthShot Prize**.

El Battouty's work has been recognised by the **United Nations and Vital Voices**. In March 2024 her portrait was commissioned along with 15 other women leaders advancing the sustainable development goals, making her the first Egyptian to hold this SDG post.

Education:

Executive Management **Diploma University of Oxford**, UK Saïd Business School

Bachelor's Degree from **University of Cambridge**, UK in Architecture

Master's Degree from **School of African & Oriental Studies SOAS**, UK in Sustainable Development and Project Management

CeDeP Professional Award: Centre of Environment Development and Economic Policy Degree in Rural Project Management, Climate Policy and Water Resource Management

Professional Career:

Member of Presidential Advisory Councils – Community Development

Chairman Founder and CEO – EConsult

Founder and Owner – MuBun Sustainable Products

Founder of Again Florists

Public Professional Career

- Board of Governors Magnom Properties Cairo 2024
- Ambassador to Hayah Karima National Development Initiative "A Decent Life" 2021-present
- Advisory Board member Foresight Initiative Washington Middle East Institute 2022-present
- Board of Governors American Chamber of Commerce Egypt AmCham 2020-present

- Board of the Sustainability Foundation of Egyptian Stock Exchange 2022-2023
- Board Member of the National Institute of Management and Sustainable Development – Egypt 2022-present
- Expert MENAF Middle East North Africa Forum at the University of Cambridge
- Middle East Institute MEI Non Resident Fellow, Washington USA 2019 – present
- Nuclear Disarmament & Climate Change Framework Working Group MENA
- Co-chair of the Corporate Impact & Sustainability CIS committee at the American Chamber AMCHAM
- Advisory Board member of the American University Cairo Architecture School
- Advisory Board member of the American University Cairo, Business School
- National Policy Expert with UNESCWA
- Presidential Leadership Program, PLP Steering Committee and Co-creator
- Administrative Control Authority, Leadership program 3 graduate and Lecturer

Lecturer and Features and Fellowships

- UNGENERAL ASSEMBLY UNGA75 speaker on circular economy
- Lecturer to African Women Leadership and Entrepreneurship Group
- American University in Cairo, Engineering and Business School visiting lecturer
- National Academy for Leadership – Business Code of Conduct Trainer
- United Nations Honorary Speaker for Climate Change Resilience UNFPA/ UNDP, New York, Beirut
- Conduit Club – The Future of Cities, London
- Middle East Institute Washington, Sustainable Development Progress Egypt
- NDA Global Award for Excellence
- COP27 content partner
- IFC podcast
- Dezeen most sustainable global designers list

Accreditations and Awards:

Global Influential Architects M2 Magazine 204

Most Impactful Entrepreneurship Star Venture Awardee 2023 EBRD

UNSDG Vital Voices Awardee 2020

ASHDEN Award Longlist 100 Most Innovative Cooling Solutions for Energy Saving UK, 2020

Top50 Most Influential Women in Egypt 2020

Green Business Bureau, Operation Platinum Awarded 2020

Bloomberg Responsible Good Business Award 2019

AWEC Woman African Entrepreneurship Award 2019

ECONsult in Volunteer National Report, UNHLP – UN high level political meeting feature in Sustainable Communities SDG11. 2018

LEED Building Award 2016

Reset Air Quality Control, China 2015

TARSHEED energy Award, Egypt EGGBC 2019, 2020

Global Interfatih Architecture Award, Bronze 2010

Expertise:

Climate Change Policy

National Security and Climate Change

Green Building and Energy Efficiency and Water Saving

Behavioural Training for Resource Saving

Sustainable Development – Focus on Africa

Features:

She has featured in numerous magazines and talk in Global initiatives, the British and American Embassy in Cairo, Bloomberg Business for Good, Global Compact and various universities and Think Tank committees and has been awarded by the Arab League for her achievements in Green Buildings.

Her focus is to raise awareness on resource management and environmental economics to create sustainable communities for Egypt's growing population as well as regional climate challenges linking them to education and

magnifying the interlinkages. Sarah has also been recognised as a national expert and leader in 2018 for her service to this field by the government for training the intelligence and military as well as assisting in training programs for government on the Sustainable Development Goals. She has been an expert speaker at UN Women, EBRD, IFC and the UN General Assembly 75. Also her work has been reported on and written about in Foreign Policy, The Hill, The Economist, BBC World and Wall Paper Magazine.

Pioneering Women In Business:

As a leading woman, Sarah is the only woman to have worked in remote regions on construction sites as well as be one of a handful of women founders of company in technology. She works with local labour to exchange knowledge and promote inclusiveness in every project. In 2015 her company decided to have equal pay for both men and women as well as having 50% of her company run by women and 100% women lead Board. Sarah is a strong believer of leadership for woman for better societies, however she always promotes letting the work speak for itself.

Pioneering Climate Resilience and Affordable Green Building:

Through her career Sarah has focused on closing the financing gap and dismantling the myths that green buildings are exclusive to high income communities. Her work is dedicated to creating green buildings that mitigate heat, use local labour and materials, cut emissions and are affordable and accessible to all communities. Her Justice and Housing rights call has a resonating effect as EConsult have successfully designed and built advanced green projects for poor communities and rural villages. Her company is aimed to raise impact in architecture and revisit the purpose of design for humanitarian and better livelihoods which has led her to be at the heart of global think tanks revisiting the sector as well as teaching curriculums for design.