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### **Faheem Ahamed**

Faheem Ahamed is Chief Executive Officer of the leading strategic communications agency Lapis Communications. He has worked as strategic communications practitioner for two decades, having advised governments, chief executives and chief marketing officers on complex communications challenges. He specializes in geopolitical issues and the use of communications in support of national strategic objectives, including nation building and conflict resolution.

### **Marwa Al-Sabouni**

Marwa Al-Sabouni is a Syrian architect and book author living in Homs, Syria. She is convinced that architecture played a crucial role in the slow unraveling of Syrian cities and its social constitutions. According to her, Syria's architecture divided its once tolerant and intertwining society into separate blocks of specific class and religion, which led to a process of segregation. While Syria is at war, she conceptualizes sustainable and socially diverse city districts for a post-war Syria.

### **Ronald C. Arkin**

Ronald C. Arkin is an American roboticist and Professor at the School of Interactive Computing at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. His research interests include behavior-based reactive control and action-oriented perception for mobile robots and unmanned aerial vehicles, human-robot interaction and robot ethics. He has developed robot software with the goal to minimize the collateral damage of war.

### **Pekka Haavisto**

Pekka Haavisto is President of the European Institute of Peace (EIP). He is a Member of the Parliament of Finland and works as the Finnish Foreign Minister's Special Representative on Mediation. From 2013 to 2014 he was Minister for international development. Prior to that he was Special Representative of the European Union in Sudan for the Darfur peace talks and led several research and investigation teams for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

### **Regina Joseph**

Regina Joseph is the founder of Sibylink, a think tank consultancy dedicated to strategic foresight on global issues. She has produced forecasts, analytical research and scenario-based geopolitical assessments of future security conditions for think tanks, governments and private companies. She received several awards for her work and set the way for a new breed of analysts, called "superforecasters". Her written work was published by The New York Times, Reuters and Forbes.

### **Jutta Reinhard-Rupp**

Dr. Jutta Reinhard-Rupp is Head of the Global Health Institute at the pharmaceutical company Merck. She focuses on health solutions, including drug and diagnostics development for neglected tropical diseases, mainly affecting people in developing countries. Most projects are run as public-private partnerships. Previously, she worked on scientific innovation and partnerships at Merck and prior to that as Global Project Leader in the development department at Sanofi.



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