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Shaikha Manal Bint Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, President of Dubai Women's Establishment, will lead the forum, which is set to witness an elite group of renowned leaders from across the Arab world, presenting a blueprint for the role of women in the future.

Lamia Khan, Marketing Manager of the women's group, said: "The inaugural Arab Women Leadership Forum 2009, titled 'Women and Leadership: Global Trends and Local Innovations' is an opportunity to leverage the capabilities of the Arab and Emirati women and explore fresh avenues to further develop skill sets and ensure progress."

"Dubai School of Government has worked relentlessly with us as knowledge partner and the forum has been enriched by their recommendations on the selection of talented speakers. Their advice has given an essential academic dimension to the event," she added.

The two-day event will see the elite group of women leaders from around the region deliberating on various issues, including, 'Women and Leadership Research — The State of the Art and Leadership Development — Universal Models and Culturally Specific Applications'.

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Policy Programme and Research Fellow at the Dubai School of Government, said: "The collaboration with the women's group is part of our core strategic priority, especially with our continuous concern about studying gender issues in the Arab world from an academic perspective."

Practical sessions

"We aim to place adequate emphasis on the strategic areas that include research, organisational and national policies towards working women in the UAE, and leadership in general through a comprehensive programme at the forum."

The event in Dubai includes both theoretical and practical sessions as well as a series of panel discussions and workshops. It will be an opportunity for Arab women to interact with leading personalities who have achieved success in working for the advancement of women in diverse fields.

The Arab Women's Leadership Forum 2009 reflects the regional and international role of Dubai Women's Establishment which announced its five-year strategic plan earlier this year. The plan seeks to focus on enhancement and development of Arab women's skills in different fields, while highlighting their vital role in the society.

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