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In her keynote address, Sheikha Manal bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, President of Dubai Women's Establishment and wife of Sheikh Mansour bin

Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister for Presidential Affairs, encouraged participants to present innovative concepts while assuming leadership roles in their home countries and face the current challenges while taking advan-

tage of opportunities that present themselves in today's world.

Expressing solidarity with Palestinian women, Sheikha Manal praised their courage in facing the crisis and lauded their strength. (Wam)

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