

NOMINATION FORM: Global Business & Interfaith Peace Awards

Note: Nominations are open to CEOs (present or past) of companies who have championed interfaith understanding and peace.

Nominee Contact Information

1. Nominee Full Name: Mr. Fouad M. Makhzoumi
2. Corporate Title: Executive Chairman - CEO
3. Company Name: Future Pipe Industries Group Limited (FPIGL)
4. Company Headquarters Location (Country): UAE
5. Engagement with the UN Global Compact and/or the Religions Freedom & Business Foundation*
 - ☒ Company is a signatory of the UN Global Compact
 - ☐ Company has joined Business for Peace
 - ☐ Company has signed the Religious Freedom & Business Foundation's pledge to protect freedom of religion
 - ☐ Company intends to join one or more of the initiatives listed above in the next six months, please specify

- Makhzoumi Foundation, (MF) The philanthropic arm of FPIGL, is a member of the UNGC Initiative. In addition, FPIGL's subsidiaries have similar initiatives of their own.

* Nominees are invited to:

1. join the [UN Global Compact](#) and its [Business for Peace](#) platform and,
2. make the Religious Freedom & Business Foundation's [corporate pledge to protect freedom of religion or belief](#) (FoRB)

Nominator Contact Information

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6. Relationship to the Nominee: Colleague and Friend

Please submit a Biography of the Nominee (max 200 words) ---

Mr. Makhzoumi earned his undergraduate and Master's degrees in Chemical Engineering from Michigan Technological University. After working in the pipe manufacturing industry, he founded Future Pipe Industries

and built it up to become the global leader in the large diameter fiberglass pipe industry. Mr. Makhzoumi has been a member of the International Board of the Council on Foreign Relations: US/Middle East Project since 1996. From 1995 until 1998, he acted as Vice Chairman of the Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Mr. Makhzoumi is a member of the Advisory Board of the CSIS, as well as a member of the IISS. He is also a long time member and former director of the International Desalination Association. In 1997, he founded MF, a private Lebanese non-profit organization that contributes, through its vocational training, health care and micro-credit programs to Lebanese civil society development. Mr. Makhzoumi is also the founder and Chairman of the National Dialogue Party (NDP) and the Forum for National Dialogue (FND) in Lebanon. He was appointed a Commander of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy in 2013, and received the Socrates Oxford Annual Award for 2014 by the European Business Assembly (EBA) in Vienna. He has received as well many other awards and trophies.

Information about the policy, programme or initiative

1. Please describe a policy, programme or initiative that the Nominee has launched or spearheaded to advance the company's efforts to champion interfaith understanding and peace (max 300 words)

Fouad is a leading Arab industrialist, philanthropist, social activist, and politician who uses his influence in each of these areas to argue for and build inclusive societies where everyone has the opportunity to become an empowered and self-reliant citizen contributing to the common good. At home and abroad he speaks passionately about the importance of freedom of religion or belief, and the opportunity the Arab world has to advance towards more open and stable societies. His foundation has provided employment and life skills to a sizable portion of the population of his home country, Lebanon.

The vision of NDP is to achieve real reform and true democracy. The party sees that all the Lebanese parties, which have been tainted by Lebanese blood during the civil war, have failed to rise above their past. Those parties should rehabilitate and transform themselves in order to have a positive impact on the Lebanese society as a whole and, more importantly, they should transform themselves into proper democratic parties.

It is crucial that, regardless of the number of political parties present, Lebanon should have a parliamentary party system. Only such a system would assure that any political differences or disagreements would be based solely on political ideology and not on any sectarian or religious bias, which disrupts the practice of democracy. The party sees that, to create a future of prosperity for the Lebanese people, the development of a program providing political, economic, social, scientific, and healthcare platforms for the Lebanese people is a must. For such purposes, NDP was created; a party that aims at social equality and social justice for all the Lebanese people; a party that works for serious cooperation between all Lebanese parties through a serious national dialogue involving all citizens.

It is necessary today to have a political institution that deals with the social and economic problems facing the Lebanese citizens. Consequently, NDP has developed a political program to address such pressing issues and offer practical solutions. The party's vision does not stem from any narrow-minded ideology, but rather from a liberal democratic perspective that celebrates all different beliefs and ideas in the Lebanese society.

We have all been dreaming of a country, free from political corruption, insecurity, sectarianism and favoritism. Such a free country, we believe, could be achieved through political, economic, judicial, educational and

healthcare programs. Such programs will ease up all the problems of the Lebanese citizens and assist in uniting them in order to serve their country through a united vision, derived from and based on national dialogue.

2. Which category or categories does the policy, programme or initiative fall into:

- ☒ Core business
- ☒ Social investment & philanthropy
- ☒ Advocacy and public policy engagement
- ☐ Partnership and collective action

3. Does the policy, programme or initiative address any of the following related to Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB)¹:

- ☐ Promote sustainable and innovative business through protecting Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB)
- ☒ Non-discrimination and/or non-harassment on the basis of religion or belief
- ☒ Religious accommodation and inclusion
- ☐ Protecting and promoting freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) in the community
- ☒ Other (describe below, max. 25 words)

Makhzoumi Foundation (MF) Relief Unit - working with Refugees, advocating non harassment, training, including hosting communities. MF is spread all over Lebanon working with all sects, interacting with all and promoting democracy initiatives.

4. Please describe the objective of the policy, programme or initiative and the need, goal or gap that it was designed to address. (max 200 words)

Mr. Makhzoumi has taken many initiatives to promote interfaith understanding and peace. To name but a few: Corporate Governance at FPIGL (2008), Corporate Social Responsibility at FPIGL (2009), at Makhzoumi Foundation (MF) (1997), which developed departments, programs and units to address the needs of the Lebanese community and that of its residents *across all sectarian and faith traditions*. It does that through reducing sources of tensions by improving their socio-economic status by extending loans, developing skills, through informal and formal vocational trainings, providing health awareness and supplying core relief items to the most vulnerable communities, making good value healthcare available, preserving and raising awareness on agro-environmental issues, empowering youth potentials, and orienting them to achieve self-sustainability and independence. NDP aims at fair and just treatment and justice among all, through effective ways and procedures that will prevent the abuse of power and position. Sectarianism and confessionalism, in the political sense, have proved to be a tool for corruption leading to more political influences of sectarian leaders. NDP believes in multi-confessions and religious sects, for these are vital dements of a coherent nation; but, at the same time, political sectarianism has mislead the true definition of multi-confessionalism. This distortion has adversely impacted the various religious sects. It is with these undeniable facts in mind that the NDP aims at abolishing political sectarianism and its negative implications,

¹ Article 18 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights states: "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance."

as called for in Al-Taif Accord, in order to unify the Lebanese citizens and enhance nationalism. This will have the happy result of eliminating traditional misuse of power and leadership through religious affiliation. "Beirutiyat", created in 2015 (Beirutiyat), is another NGO targeting and addressing Beirutis and their welfare. Our community aims to pay homage to the heart of this glorious country, this melting pot for cultures and religions, and a place that turns a heterogeneous population into a homogeneous one. Its career guidance, management and volunteering- function Civic and civil engagement another initiative of Rami Makhzoumi Chair on Corporate Governance (2011). This Chair is an endowed chair at the Olayan School of Business, Of the American University of Beirut (AUB) and is funded by the Makhzoumi family. The Chair is devoted to promoting accountability and good corporate governance practices in the administration and operations of businesses. The aim is to bring governance education and practice to new levels in the region through the dissemination of corporate governance knowledge, relevant research, and exposure to tangible experiences of good and bad governance. Since its inception, the Chair has been active and instrumental in raising awareness on various governance practices and issues in the Middle East region. The initiatives accomplished so far and those planned for the future are diverse in the delivery, approaches, scope, and target. Rami Makhzoumi Yearly Leadership Scholarship and Excellence Award at IC , International College,(2012), the Lebanese Studies Endowment at the University of Alberta in Canada (2009) for higher education , "The Makhzoumi Foundation Scholarship for Entrepreneurship in Industry" University Of Sharjah (2014). FND (2015), its aim is to carry on studies and research and disseminate information through lectures and conferences.

5. How was the policy, programme or initiative implemented? What role did the Nominee play? (max 200 words)

All initiatives, business, social and political, that Mr. Makhzoumi has initiated, and continues to initiate, play an important role in the society. Through purpose legal vehicles, they contribute to raising awareness about equality and democracy. FPIGL, for example, operates in over 18 countries all across the globe , employing thousands of people from different nationalities and different beliefs all working in harmony and with mutual respect, celebrating each other's national and religious festivities and speaking so many languages. All share the common ethos of FPIGL. MF operates all over Lebanon, serving all areas equally, with no discrimination on any basis and for the last five years have been working with refugees from neighboring countries. NDP also operates all over Lebanon serving people across the country. FND has been mainly concentrating on the Oil& Gas wealth of Lebanon aiming to educate the youth on their rights as citizens, to make sure that the benefits that such wealth yields go to the country itself and its citizens and not to a limited circle of opportunists. Beirutiyat also aims to serve citizens from different backs grounds and religions. All endowments, scholarships, awards etc. go to deserving people with no consideration given to any other criteria. It is because of Mr. Makhzoumi's persistence, guidance and support that all his initiatives have been blossoming.

6. What were/are the most persistent challenges in implementing the policy, programme or initiative? How were they/are they being overcome and what was the role of the Nominee? (max 200 words)

Living in the Middle East is by itself a great challenge to pursue one's vision for equality, without religious discrimination. We exist in mosaic societies, each has its own culture and traditions. Even though we share one language, there are many dialects. Our political systems have not been the best; whether they are monarchies, sheikhdoms or republics. Freedom in general is not practiced and there is, in many of the region's countries, religious intolerance. Recent wars in the region have made things worse and the Arab spring proved to be an Arab WINTER. The region is going through hard times, security wise with the unavoidable negative consequences on their economies. Lebanon has been facing the challenge of hosting close to 1.5 million Syrian refugees, competing with Lebanese citizens for jobs and facilities. The economy in the oil producing Gulf countries, because of the decline in oil prices, is suffering. Internationally, there are issues, affecting economy and growth all across, that are damaging business and impeding development.

7. What are the key lessons learned from launching the policy, programme or initiative? (max 200 words)

The many programs and initiatives launched by Mr. Makhzoumi have taught many lessons. The main one is that preconceived ideas are not always valid or sound. The second important lesson is that people are human beings, irrespective of their color, creed or roots. The third one is that, with the proper approach, all can interact to reach the best way of living together in harmony and peace.

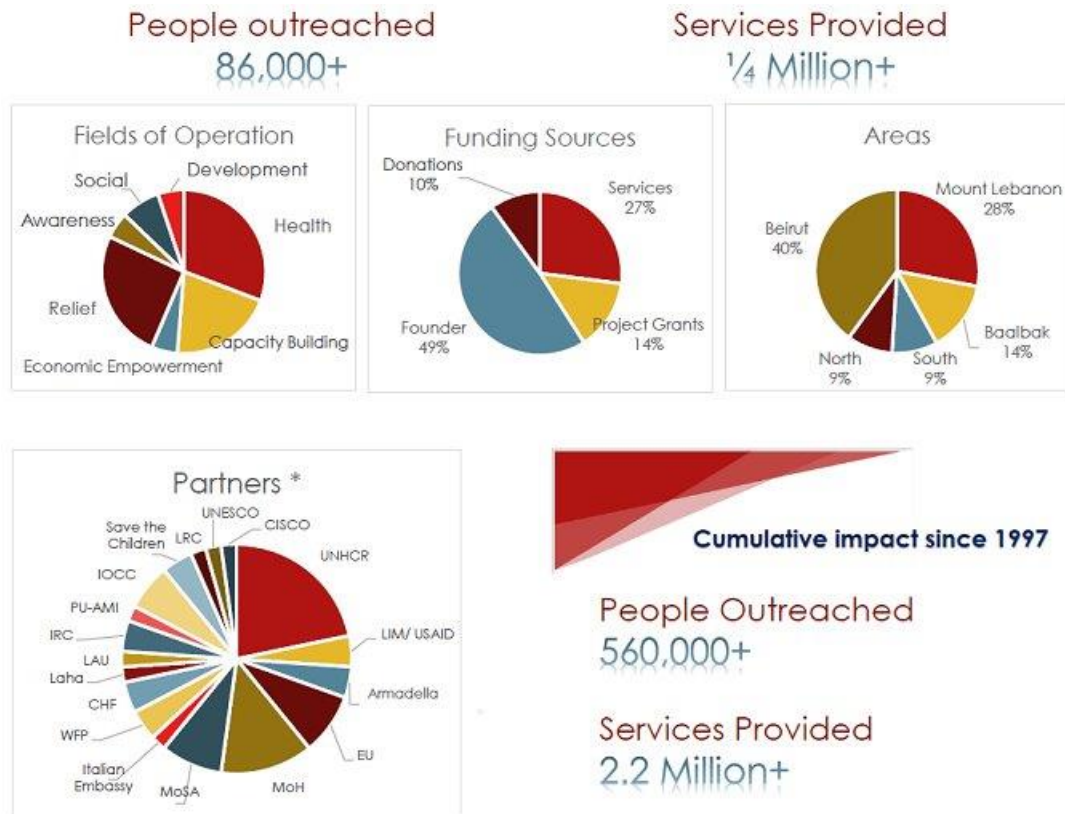
Impact and Reporting on Progress

1. How do you monitor and evaluate progress on the policy, programme or initiative? If relevant, what indicators and metrics are used? (max 200 words)

As Mr. Makhzoumi's initiatives are being implemented through a number of entities (MF, NDP, FND, Beirutiyat, FPIGL), there are many methods used to measure progress, goals reached etc. KPIs are an important performance measure, statistics, mainly in social services, are an indicator of outreach e.g. countries, gender, age, education level, careers, services, sects etc. Public response is essential for polling, with Microcredit, for example, performance is measured against international profiles e.g. the Mix Market. Accreditation by international organizations, ISO compliance, HR policies e.g. mainly low turnover, empowering employees, practicing no discrimination upon termination or resignation of employees on the basis of their creeds and beliefs.

2. What outcomes or impact have been reached to date? Please be as specific as possible and supply available data. (max 200 words)

Sometimes, it is hard to measure impact, especially in industry. FPIGL products are mainly pipes which impact the life of people everywhere: in rural and also in urban areas, with the use of water, electricity, and the disposal of waste etc... all such applications require the use of pipes and pipelines. The durability of the products used means longer benefit to the people, and less cost for governments. In contrast, the outreach and impact of social initiatives and organizations are more measurable. MF has, throughout its 18 years of existence, reached 100s of thousands of people. FND with the Oil & Gas awareness has reached 1000s of the young generation. FPIGL has employed thousands of people; other initiatives have reached hundreds of people.



This is the Impact Brief of MF 1997-2015 and example of measuring impact.

3. Is the Nominee's company reporting on its practices, policies, programmes and/or initiatives to champion interfaith understanding and peace? If so, please provide relevant weblink(s) for posting on the Awards' website. If integrated into the company's corporate sustainability report, Global Compact COP or GRI Report, please indicate relevant pages and/or sections. (max 200 words)

<http://makhzoumi-foundation.org/medialist/7>. MF will be submitting its reports to the UNGC. Through its main website one can follow many projects on Sustainable development related to the objective's that were undertaken like democracy, Peace Poem competition, Children rights (through Let's Talk Projects), Youth Ambassadors to Sustainability, and many others : <http://makhzoumi-foundation.org/sites/default/files/Development%20Project%20Report%201997-2014.pdf> ... also MF is a member of UNESCO Jury of Sustainable development award – Japan- MF is a member of many international organizations: <http://makhzoumi-foundation.org/memberships-accreditations/2>

Additional Information:

1. Are there additional actions the Nominee has taken on an individual level to support interfaith understanding and peace within the organization? If so, please specify. (max 200 words)

See above.

2. How has the Nominee taken action to support and promote the UN Global Compact's Ten Principles? If so, please specify. (max 200 words)

Looking at the UN resolution in September 2015: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300> there are many of those initiatives that are at the core of Mr. Makhzoumi's business, policies and initiatives. Will point out few of those. 1- No Poverty (MF programs of Training & Micro Credit) 2- Zero Hunger (MF distribution of plants, food rations) 3- Good Health and Well-being (MF Health Program and Mobile Clinic) 4- Quality Education (MF Training and Development Program) 5- Gender Equality (all MF Programs, FPIGL recruitment policy, NDP and Beirutiyat management) 6- Clean water and sanitation (FPIGL, MF awareness programs) 7- Affordable clean water Energy (MF Development Projects using Solar Panels) – 8- Decent Work & Economic Growth (Beirutiyat –employment office, MF –Micro credit, FPI providing work for many across the globe) 9- Industry –innovation & infrastructure (FPIGL, through its factories , and its sister engineering companies) 10- Sustainable Cities and Communities (MF and FPIGL) 11- Climate Action (MF Development Projects) 12-Life on Land (MF) 13- Peace Justice & Strong institutions (NDP and FFND).

Please provide any additional information to be considered. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Nominations team nominations@religiousfreedomandbusiness.org

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