

## Hayat Sindi

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Dr Sindi is the Chief Advisor to the President of the Islamic Development Bank, Science, Technology and Innovation. She was voted one of the BBC's top 100 Women in 2018, a list of inspiring and influential women from around the world. Her work among young people was recognized in 2014, when she was awarded the Clinton Global Citizen Award for "Leadership in Civil Society." Dr Sindi is a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador and was one of five selected for the International Jury for the

UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education, appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO. She is also one of 25 global experts selected by former United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon to be a member of the newly constituted UN Scientific Advisory Board, which provides advice to the UN's leadership on science, technology and innovation for sustainable development, and was an Honorary Advisor to the UN Environment Programme for the Eye on Earth Summit in 2015.

In 2018, she launched the IsDB's \$500m Transform Fund and Engage platform to support innovators in finding solutions to development challenges, the first digital hub of its kind for the developing world.