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**Abu-Ghazaleh Fulfills Global Partnership Initiative with Launch of the Global Resilience Consortium in Geneva, Switzerland**

AMMAN - HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG.Global), has fulfilled the **Global Partnership Declaration** announced in the one-year “Global Partnership Virtual Summit” of 16 November 2020, the day the United Nations designated as the International Day for Tolerance. He declared on that date one year ago:

“Therefore, with humility, I am convening a ‘*Global Partnership Virtual Summit*’ on 16 November 2020 at [www.USChinaTolerance.com](http://www.USChinaTolerance.com). “It is not a one-time event,” he explained. “Rather, the Virtual Summit and the Global Challenges Forum will serve for one year as a facilitating partner -- inviting leaders of all nations, international organizations, global corporations, foundations, and indeed global citizens everywhere to join in the process of establishing a new Global Partnership for the 21st Century.”

In fulfillment, Dr. Abu Ghazaleh has founded the **Global Resilience Consortium** in Geneva, Switzerland, to lead a global partnership based upon the legacy of the statesman Anson Burlingame. He has been named the recipient of the *Burlingame Global Award*.

Moving beyond his previous concerns that the U.S. and China may be headed for war, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh advocated the values of tolerance, the need for global resilience, and finding modalities to empower today’s youth for leadership in sustainable development. “These are matters upon which, I do believe, all people of goodwill can agree,” he said.

Building a new model of global partnerships for the future, the *Consortium* works to combine the traditional top-down approaches of the United Nations with bottom-up approaches at the community, city, and youth level to promote youth empowerment for sustainable development beyond 2030. Dr. Walter Christman and Dr. Beatrice Bressan will head the new organization and organize a *General Assembly* of global and local organizations supporting these aims.

This initiative is in line with the principles of the UN Global Compact, founded by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan as Chairman and Talal Abu-Ghazaleh as co-chair, and continued to be co-chaired by Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon and Talal Abu-Ghazaleh.

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