

2nd edition of TTU newsletter: 2018 as a successful year for TTU

The TTU newsletter is created and edited by “Tunisian Talents United” referred to by TTU association, gathering Tunisian talents from all over the world. The theme of every edition will be original and at the heart of Tunisia’s most critical subjects. We will be presenting facts, discussing challenges and proposing solutions in various fields such as economy, energy, healthcare, environment, scientific research and education, including leadership and entrepreneurship through coaching and mentoring of promising talents and leaders.

This 2nd edition, is a summary of the various activities, including our social initiatives, performed in 2018 by TTU members around the world. This year is particularly important for TTU as it was marked by the selection of new Board of Directors and a new Advisory Board.

TTU General Assemblies: the election of new board members

The 22th of November 2018, TTU members from Tunisia, USA, Europe and UAE, met in Marseille, France, for the Ordinary and the Extraordinary General Assembly meetings, during which the TTU activity and financial statements for the past two years were reviewed and the new Governing Board Members were elected and the Advisory Board Members were nominated by the Board. TTU members discussed TTU future strategy and agreed on key decisions to implement for the coming 2 years.

The outcome of the elections and nominations is presented as follow:

Elected Board of Directors

- Nejib Zaafrani, Président
- Nabil Faleh, Vice President & TTU Ambassador in Europe
- Manel Harrathi, Secretary General
- Intissar Chaabani, Treasurer
- Belgacem Chariag, Board Director
- Aida Araissi, Board Director & TTU Ambassador in the USA
- Mohamed Abdelkader, Board Director
- Ahmed Bassalah, Board Director
- Boutheina Tlili, Board Director
- Raouf Bouchamaoui, Board Director
- Abdessalem Loued, Board Director



TTU Ordinary & Extraordinary general Assembly - Nov 22nd, 2018

Nominated Advisory Board Members

- Mounir Beltaifa, Competencies Pillars Development
- Fethi Ben Grira, Finance & Investment
- Sana Amairi Pyka, R&D and Technology
- Ridha Bellamine, Health Safety & Environment
- Mongi Goaid and Chadli Triki, Government & External Stakeholder
- Hassan Kamoun, Urbanism & Infrastructure
- Kaouther Chatti, Éducation & Laguages

Salha Amara was nominated as TTU Honorary Member

A Tribute to Mr Tarek Chkioua TTU member & Cofounder.

On Thursday 1st November 2018, TTU members were shake by the sad news of the death of Mr. Tarek Chkioua, TTU Cofounder and Deputy Secretary General, who helped efficiently in the success of several TTU actions in Tunisia. Tarek capacity to cultivate friendship and spreading happiness made each moment with him rich and full of humor. He was an appreciated Man, Husband, Father, and colleague and always shared the value of family love and dedication. Tarek memory will be always be engraved in the hearts of TTU members. We will always remember his laughter, his good humor, his kindness, his eternal optimism and his dedication to the service of our beloved country Tunisia.

"I knew Si Tarek Chkioua "Allah Yarahmou" for four years. He was a great friend with great values full of love for his family, friends and our beloved country Tunisia. TTU lost one of her best cofounders and Champions in setting up and building the Association. Si Tarek will be remembered for his great passion, drive, commitment, positive altitude, remarkable energy and joyful behavior with a smiling face that radiates happiness." Mr. Neijib Zaafrani,

"Tarek was a kind, hardworking professional, his love and commitment to Tunisia was a tremendous inspiration to me." Aida Araissi, Board Member, USA Ambassador

"I really lost a good friend and professional collaborator. He was also great at building and maintaining the professional network. He knows who to select for a specific role within a committee. His proposals were all the time soft and valuable. He was all the time enthusiastic about his volunteering in associations and thinking big about what we have to achieve." Raoudha Ben Jemia, TTU Member



Tarek Chkioua
(1965-2018)

New plans for a better future: the Tarek Chkioua fund

In order to honor the memory of the lost TTU co-founder Mr Tarek Chkioua, TTU will attribute his name to the "Tarek Chkioua Fund" for sponsoring young Tunisian Talents and potential Leaders to contribute to a brighter future for Tunisia. The fund will support a selection of talented Tunisian undergraduates and young graduates to participate in international internships and workshops and help them achieve their dreams and reach the excellence.

Overview of TTU activities around the world in the year 2018

The 2nd TTU Forum - Marseille, France. 24th November 2018

TTU's ambassador in Europe and Co-founder, Mr Nabil Faleh with the support of TTU team, with great passion and dedication, he brought together successfully, TTU members from several parts of the world. In order to discuss and explore the possibilities of changes in the Tunisian culture and mindset, i.e. through turning destructive criticisms into constructive proposals within civil society and state as well as private companies. Participants of the 2nd TTU forum came from Tunisia, USA, Europe and Middle East. The organizers were praised by the participants for the high quality of the Forum's speakers, program and logistics arrangements.

An informative keynote talk was given by Prof. Jean Marie LOCHET, Philosopher and former Director of Ecole Normale superieur, AIX-En-Provence, who gave his philosophic vision on what it takes to create a well-balanced society.

The event included 2 panel discussions around the following themes: « Driving cultural changes – breakthrough leadership skills » and « Transformational Leadership », and was followed by 2 parallel brainstorming workshops to create new ideas and suggestions around the following topics: “Culture change challenges and opportunities, Breakthrough leadership skills to drive change”, and “Innovative solutions for Tunisia to excel again, Vision and outlook of Tunisia for a brighter future”. To learn more about the event please check our press release available under this link: <http://tunisiantalents.org/2nd-forum-press-release-marseille-nov-23-2018/>



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The 1st TTU Joint Forum – 2018 Entrepreneurship, in partnership with the US-Arab Bilateral chamber of commerce - Houston, USA. 5th - 6th July 2018

Thanks to the organizational efforts of TTU co-founder, Mrs Aida Araissi, Chief Executive Officer and founder of the Bilateral US-Arab Chamber and her Team in Houston, with the support of TTU Team in Tunis, TTU members were exposed to the US best practices on entrepreneurship and got a chance to engage with US entities. The guest of honor was His Excellency Slim Feriani, Tunisian Minister of Industry and SMEs, who met with the Mayor of Houston, Honorable Sylvester Turner, and selected private sector companies in Texas – USA, to discuss investment opportunities available in Tunisia, as well as leveraging the country as a hub for accessing the African markets.

Roundtable participants provided company backgrounds and explained their interests in initiating dialogue so as to engage in establishing or expanding their operations in Tunisia. Among the key Participants were present:

- Faycal Gouia, Ambassador of Tunisia to the USA
- Sylvester Turner, Mayor, City of Houston, USA
- Adel Chaouch, honorary consul of Tunisia in Houston
- Bill Bigelow, President & Chief Executive Officer, Porta-Kamp Manufacturing Company
- Samira Salman, Chief Executive Officer, Salman Solutions LLC
- Kemal Farid, Managing Director, BlueVine Ventures & Farid Ventures
- Oise Ihonde, Director, MODEC
- Don Hamilton, Director - Strategic Accounts EPC, Schneider-Electric
- Joseph Kummer, Vice President of Operations, Morganti
- Fred Lucha, Vice President - Energy, Government & Construction, United Parcel Service (UPS)



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TTU encouraged and supported its members from Tunisia and around the world to participate in this first international joint forum and enabled young Tunisian entrepreneurs to network and communicate with international corporations. **Many thanks** to the forum sponsors: Mr Nizar Chemingui, Department Manager - Seismic Imaging Petroleum Geo-Services, Mr Belgacem Chariag, Former Chief Global Operations Officer, Baker Hughes, a GE Company, and Mr Adel Chaouch, Director-MENA, Member, Bilateral Chamber Board of Director, Marathon Oil Corporation. Also thanks to two of our TTU Cofounders, Mr. Nejib Zaafrani, International Senior Executive Advisor, and Mr. Fathi Ben Grira, Menacorp CEO, Dubai – UAE, for sponsoring three young Tunisian Talents to travel to Houston and actively participate to the joint Forum.

To know more about the TTU joint forum on entrepreneurship in Houston, please visit our webpage: <http://tunisiatalents.org/entrepreneurship-forum-july-2018/>

The 2nd TTU workshop – Tunis, Tunisia. 26th January 2018

Under the theme “Human Capital & Leadership”, this workshop brought together world class speakers on Human Capital, Leadership and Entrepreneurship with international and local experience across different sectors. Our guest speakers were senior leaders and experts in Leadership, Entrepreneurship and coaching from overseas and Tunisia. The participants include high profile leaders, successful entrepreneurs, Young Tunisian Talents and promising potential future leaders. This event was first of its kind in Tunisia. It raised awareness on the best practices of Human Capital and Leadership Management. <http://tunisiatalents.org/2nd-workshop/>. To know more about TTU activities and future plans, please visit our page: tunisiatalents.org.



2nd TTU workshop on Human Capital, Leadership and Entrepreneurship – Tunis, Tunisia. 26th January 2018

National and international social activities of TTU





Wonderful TTU moments captured in Tunis, Dubai, and Marseille. More can be found in the gallery on our website tunisian Talents.org.

Tunisian Talents United



**Building a Country
of Leaders**

TTU Events

June 2019

3rd TTU workshop

Before end 2019

3rd TTU forum

Important announcements

If you are a Tunisian talent resident in Tunisia or any country in the world and you would like to join TTU, please send your CV and a short description of your career to:

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If you would like to receive our newsletter, join our LinkedIn group: Tunisian Talents United (TTU):



In addition to the numerous workshops and forums organized by TTU, our lead members give a huge importance to socialization and networking events. Several social events took place last year between Marseille, Dubai and Tunisia:

- TTU Dinner Gathering in Tunis, 13th December, 2018, organized by Miss Manel Harrathi
- TTU Social Day in Marseille 24th December, 2018, Organized by Mr Nabil Faleh
- Keynote by Mr Nejib Zaafrani "21st Century Leadership" at Wall Street English Tunisia, 19th November, 2018
- Lunch Gathering in Abu Dhabi, 14th November, 2018, Organized by Mr Nejib Zaafrani with the TTU Community in the UAE in Honor of Mrs Aida Araissi visiting Abu Dhabi for ADIPEC
- TTU Dinner Gathering in Gammarth Grand Blue, 16th August 2018. Organized by Mrs Boutheina Tlili
- TTU Dinner Gathering in Sidi Bou Said – Dar Zarouk, 28th April, 2018. Organised by Si Ahmed Basslah
- TTU Family Day in the UAE – Yacht Tour of Dubai Coastline. 13th January, 2018. Organised by Mr. Nejib Zaafrani

What's next?

The third TTU workshop: Summer 2019.

The third TTU forum: Fall 2019.



TTU gathering with Mr Tarek Chkioua, Gammarth Grand Blue, 16th August 2018

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