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Career Talk: "Women in Aviation" as Part of Women Empowerment

This is the subject I enjoyed writing about the most: "women empowerment." Yesterday, the Aviation Department at the College of Engineering at **Abu Dhabi University** (ADU) hosted a career talk titled "Women in Aviation." The European Union Delegation to the United Arab Emirates, in partnership with **Etihad Airways** and Abu Dhabi University, collaborated on this groundbreaking event.

Held at Abu Dhabi University, the event brought together leading female aviation professionals, including Ms. Samia Adil Othman, Engineer; Mrs. Valentina Leone, Pilot; and Ms. Shaikha Hasan Nawab, Pilot, to inspire and empower female students to pursue careers in the aviation industry. Our professional speakers participated in a panel discussion moderated by my esteemed colleague, Dr. **Nadia Mounajjed**. The panelists shared their experiences and insights about working in the aviation industry.

This is the fourth session in the EU Career Talk series, aimed at broadening career prospects for young women in higher education by exposing them to diverse professional experiences. The "Women in Aviation" Career Talk challenged the perception of aviation as a male-dominated field, encouraged female leadership, and highlighted the contributions of EU and UAE women in shaping the future of global aviation. The initiative reaffirmed the commitment of the EU Delegation to the UAE, Etihad Airways, and Abu Dhabi University to advancing gender equality and expanding career opportunities for women in aviation and beyond.

Her Excellency **Lucie Berger**, EU Ambassador to the UAE, delivered an inspirational speech about women's empowerment in the aviation industry.

This is the fourth event hosted by ADU to support the European Union Delegation to the UAE's initiative on women's empowerment in the region. The first was a roundtable, the second focused on women's empowerment in the military, the third took place at our international conference on advancing sustainable futures, and the last was about women in aviation. All events were attended by Her Excellency Ambassador Lucie Berger.

Many thanks to Dean **Hamdi Mustafa Sheibani**, Head of Department **Prof. Dr. Oliver Lehmann**, **Prof. sherine Farouk**, Ms. Aya Karina Rachdi, and our wonderful student MC, Walah (her proud father was also in attendance).

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