



**H.E. Suzanne Mubarak**  
**First Lady of the Arab Republic of**  
**Egypt**  
**Founder and President of the Suzanne**  
**Mubarak Women's International Peace**  
**Movement (SMWIPM)**

**Personal Data:**

- A sociologist born in Menya, Egypt.
- Married and has two sons and two grandsons.

**Education:**

- Master's degree in Sociology of Education.  
Topic of Thesis: "Social Action Research in Urban Egypt": "A case study of primary school upgrading in Bulaq" - American university in Cairo, 1982.
- B.A in Political Science, American University in Cairo 1977
- High School Diploma, St. Claire School Heliopolis, Cairo.

**International and Regional**  
**Activities:**

*Keynote Speaker and Head of the Egyptian delegation to:*

- The United Nation World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development, and Peace, held in Nairobi, Kenya, 1985.

- The International Symposium on Children's Books, held in Cairo, November 1986, Honorary Chairperson of the Symposium.
- The Arab Regional Meeting on the establishment of the Arab Council for Children and Development, Amman, Jordan, April 1987.
  
- The Conference on the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy, September 1987.
- The 23<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the International Publishers Association, London, June 1988.
- The Conference on the Future United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Alexandria, November 1988.
- UNICEF Executive Board, 1989 session, New York, April 1989.
- Symposium on Women and Social Development: Past, Present and Future, organized by the American National Council of Negro Women, Cairo, July 1989.
- Fourth African Regional Conference on Women and Development, Nigeria, November 1989.
- The World Conference on Preparing for Climate Change, Cairo, December 1989.
- The International Committee for the Revival of Alexandria Library, Aswan, February 1990, Alexandria, April 1992, Chairperson of the Committee.
- The International Conference of the Board on books for Young People (IBBY) Williamsburg, Virginia, September 1990.
- The World Summit for Children, UN, New York, September 1990
- WHO International Seminar on Health as a Condition for Economic Development, Accra, December 1991.
- The Summit on Economic Advancement of Rural Women, UN, Geneva, February 1992.
- Second Session of the Special High-Level UN Council in charge of studying ways and means to prevent natural disasters, New York, January 1993.
- Cairo Africa First Ladies Seminar on the Status of Women and Children in Africa, Cairo, June 1993, Chairperson of the Seminar.
- WHO Task Force on Health and Development Policies, Geneva, June 1994.
- UN International Conference on Population and Development NGO Forum, Cairo, September 1994
- Soka University Celebration, Tokyo, April 1995.
- UN University Meeting, Tokyo, April 1995.
- Rotary International Annual General Conference, Nice, June 1995.
- UN Fourth International Conference on Women, Beijing, September 1995.
- Lectured at St. Antony's College, Oxford University on "Peace, Development and Women in Egypt."
- NGO's Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration on HR. Venue: UN Headquarters NY, September 1998

- UN General Assembly Special Session Entitled “Women 2000 –Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” – (Beijing+5) Venue: UN Headquarters NY, June 2000.
- The African Conference on the Future of Childhood, Cairo, may 2001.
  
- The Arab Conference on the Rights of the Child, The Arab League of Nations, July 2001.
- The Extraordinary Summit for Arab Women, Cairo, November 2001.
- The Meeting on the establishment of the Arab Council for Children’s Books, February 2002.
- UN Special Session for Child, UN, New York, May 2002.
- Youth Employment Summit, Alexandria, September 2002.
- The Conference on Women for Peace, Sharm El-Sheikh, September 2002. (was the chairperson of the Conference)
- The Summit for Arab Women, Amman, Jordan, November 2002.
- The meeting on the establishment of the Women for Peace Association, Genera, June 2003.
- The African Arab Conference on Female Circumcision, June 2003.
- The Regional Conference on TEMPUS programme and its role in encouraging the cultural dialogue among Mediterranean countries, October 2003.
- The second annual conference on the Arab International forum for Women, London, October 2003.
- The Conference on World Declaration for UNICEF report on the status of children in the year 2004, December 2003.
- The International Forum for Arab Women, the Arab League of Nations, June 2004.
- Women Defending Peace Conference, Geneva November 2004.
- International Forum for Women and Media, Syria, May 2005
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Arab Women Organization’s Higher Council, Bahrain, June 2005
- Regional Conference on Violence against Children, Cairo, June 2005
- Regional Workshop on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, Cairo, December 2005.
- IOM Business Advisory Board, May 2006
- World Economic Forum, Middle East (Human Trafficking and Youth as a Catalyst for Peace sessions), Sharm El Sheikh Egypt, May 2006
- Global Summit of Women, Cairo, June 2006
- Global Forum for Health Research, Cairo, October 2006.
- Regional Seminar on Institutionalizing UNSC Resolution 1325: National Action Plans, Peace Networks and Engaging Youth in a Culture of Peace, Cairo, November 2006.

- Honorary Board meeting of the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC), Paris, January 2007
- Intellectual Property Rights Conference, Cairo, January 2007
  
- Third Regional Conference for Mideast and North African Countries On Violence Against Children and the launch of the Arabic Version of the Study by the UN Secretary-General on the need to end violence against children, Cairo, June 2007
- International Youth Forum “Youth Speak- We Listen” organized by the Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement, Egypt, Sept 2007.
- Youth Forum on Communication and International Technology, Geneva Sept 2007
- 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Oct 2007
- Second Pan - African Forum On Children:. Mid-Term Review. (Cairo+5), Cairo, Nov 2007
- Vienna Forum to Combat Human Trafficking (UNGIFT), Vienna, Austria, Feb 2008.
- Women Stabilizing an Insecure World Conference, Brussels, Belgium, March 2008.
- World Economic Forum, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, May 2008
- 12th Pre Summit Consultative Meeting on Gender Mainstreaming in the African Union, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, Jun 2008
- 6th General Assembly of the Organization of First Ladies Against HIV/AIDS (OAFLA), Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, June 2008
- Women as Architects of Peace and Human Security, A Roundtable Discussion between Africa’s First Ladies, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, Jul 2008
- Inauguration of the Pharaonic "Queens of Egypt" exhibition, Monte Carlo, Monaco, Jul 2008
- Salzburg Trilogue “Global Visions: Are Speaking a Common Language?”, Salzburg, Austria, Aug 2008
- 4<sup>th</sup> Youth Employment Summit (YES), Baku, Azerbaijan, Sept 2008
- World Food Day, FAO headquarter, Rome, Italy, Oct 2008
- Seventh General Assembly/International Conference of Inter African Committee (IAC) on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children, Cairo, Egypt, Oct 2008
- Arab Women Organization 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference on “Arab Women in Human Security’s Concept : regional and international perspectives”, Abu Dhabi, UAE, Nov 2008
- The second Ministerial Conference on Women’s Role in the Development of OIC Member States, Cairo, Nov 2008

## International Awards:

- The 1989 UNICEF Executive Board decide to confer upon Mrs. Mubarak its highest honor, “the Maurice Pate Award”, in recognition of her dedication and efforts for child survival, protection and development.
- Given the Highest Award in 1989 by the Rehabilitation International Center fir her outstanding services and support to disabled children.
- Given the Honorary Fulbright Award, 1992, in recognition of her efforts in the field of child development and education.
- The “Together for Peace Foundation” bestowed upon Mrs. Mubarak “The 1992 Enrique de la Mata International Prize for Peace” in recognition of her dedication in promoting child development and alleviating the suffering of victims of natural disasters.
- The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International named Mrs. Mubarak in 1992 a Paul Harris Fellow in appreciation of the tangible and significant for the furthering of better understanding and friendly relations between people of the world.
- “The Health for All Gold Medal”, the highest distinction awarded by the World Health Organization was conferred upon Mrs. Mubarak, in June 1994, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to improving the quality of life of the women and children of Egypt and her personal commitment to international efforts aimed at integrating health in development process.
- Mrs. Mubarak received the “International Book Committee, International Book Award” in April 1995, in recognition of her outstanding efforts to promote reading in Egypt.
- Soka University bestowed upon Mrs. Mubarak its Award of highest Honour in April 1995.
- Westminster College, New Wilmington, honored Mrs. Mubarak with the degree of Doctors of Laws in recognition of her outstanding achievement for the people of Egypt and in causes highly valued by the international community.
- The American World Book Association for Publication Award, in recognition of her role in the publication of books and her efforts in supporting the campaign “Reading for All”.
- Award of the Arab Publishers Federation in recognition of her effort in promoting Arab literature, Cairo 1996.
- “The Avicenne Medal”, UNESCO’s highest award, in recognition of her role in promoting cultural activities in Egypt, 1997.
- “Prize of Tolerance”, European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Salzburg, 1998.
- “The degree of Professor Counselor”, Shanghai University, April 1999.

- “Honorary Doctor Degree”, Iwa University, Seoul, Korea, for her efforts to promote women’s education and social development in Egypt, April 1999.
- “The Rotary Award” for her efforts in combating Polio, June 1999.
- Honorary Doctor Degree for humane letters, American University in Cairo, February 2000.
- Honorary Doctor Degree, American University in Spain, in recognition of her distinctive efforts in the social field in Egypt, February 2000.
- The National Library of China Award in appreciation of her efforts in the promotion of the Egyptian libraries and reading. January 2002.
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Award, June 2000.
- International Association for Women Solidarity Award, December 2001.
- Duggan Award, Institute of International Education, USA, March 2002.
- “Order of Honour”, Berlin Free University, February 2003.
- “Key of Athens” from mayor of Athens, Greece, June 2003.
- Italian Mediterranean Association Prize, September 2003.
- Leadership Award, Johns Hopkins University, January 2004.
- IEARN Award, June 2004.
- Iran Association Prize, June 2004
- Arab First Lady Award, Arab League of Nations, April 2005
- International Marriot Tourism Leadership Award, Cairo January 2006
- East John P. Wallach Peacemaker Award from Seeds of Peace, May 2006
- 2006 Global Women's Leadership Award at the Global Summit of Women, Cairo, June 2006.
- “Orange Pip” Prize Award, by COPPEM for her efforts in promoting peace and prosperity, Italy, November 2006
- Rainer Hildebrandt Medal for Human Rights, Berlin, December 2006
- Sheikh Rashid Award for the Humanitarian Personality of 2006, Dubai, May 2007
- The Grand Cross of the Order of the Phoenix by the Greek President, Athens, July 2007
- The Marisa Bellisario Foundation Award, Rome, Italy, June 2008.
- Illustrious Guide of the Activities of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome, Italy, October 2008.

## **Social Services:**

- Founder and Chairperson of the Integrated Care Society established in 1977, a nonprofit organization with the main objective of providing social, cultural and health care to school children. The Integrated Care Society has various types of activities:
  - A. Cultural and Educational Activities for Children and Young people:
    - Foremost among this category of activities is the establishment of children’s libraries throughout Egypt. It is also assisting and supporting governmental school libraries and owns mobile and portable libraries.
    - An intensive training programme for the staff managing the libraries and related activities was launched in 1985 and carried out by

national and international experts trained in children's library science.

- Mrs. Mubarak, in June 1991, launched a vigorous campaign on "Reading for All" that has stimulated a national movement focused on young and adult readers. The long term goals of this project are to introduce and to develop the habit of lifetime reading.

#### B. Community Service:

- The Society promotes community services based on people's participation. Among these are the multi-health centers located in depressed and deprived areas, which extended health services, including family planning combined with functional literacy programmes, pre-school education and other activities.
- Another type of community activities are children's clubs and cultural and recreational activities for children and young people.
- After the 1992 earthquake, the Society sponsored a pilot community development project in Ein Helwan, bringing assistance and support to the earthquake victims.
- The Society sponsored, with the assistance of WHO and UNICEF, a community development project in a deprived area the work focused on health of vulnerable groups, functional literacy programmes for women and income generating activities. This project was based on people's participation to bring about a change in the community and to contribute to a better quality of life.
- Another international project is the Society's interest in cooperating with the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY). Egypt has established a national chapter chaired by Mrs. Mubarak. This chapter has been actively supporting the writing of children's books and the translation of the master international books for children. It has also sponsored a National Symposium on Books for Children assisted by IBBY, UNESCO and UNICEF.

#### C. Services to people with special needs:

- The society has taken the pioneering interest in promoting and/or ameliorating activities for the people with special needs, particularly those with sensory impairments and mentally handicapped children. It has established a Center for Children with Disabilities (assessment, family counseling and referral).
- Chairperson for the Technical Consultancy Committee of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood established in 1988
- Founder and Chairperson for the Association for the Development of Services in the Community of Heliopolis. The society has upgraded a public hospital, established several public libraries for adults and for children, and contributed to the establishment of the "Suzanne Mubarak Museum for Children" in Egypt.
- Founder and Chairperson of the Egyptian Society for Childhood and Development, a nongovernmental organization mainly established to promote the participation of the private sector in the field of child

development. After the October 1992 earthquake, the society launched a wide campaign earmarked to reconstruct, restore and renovate damaged schools, 'The One hundred New Schools Project', National programme reform being among its main objectives, the Society sponsored in February 1993, with the Ministry of Education, the first symposium in this field.

- Initiator and founder of the Egyptian Children's Literature Center for Documentation, Research and Information, the first reference center for children's literature in the Arab region. The primary purpose of the center is the collection of all materials related to children literature in Egypt and internationally, particularly regarding information, documentation and reference services.
- Founder of the National History Museum for Children in Egypt, "The Suzanne Mubarak Museum for Children" inaugurated in June 1996. It is an educational and recreational center providing information and services that complement formal school education. The museum aims at acquainting Egyptian children with natural historic phenomena, as they relate to the Egyptian natural and cultural environment. It also aims at generating in its visitors and understanding and love of nature with a deep concern for its protection and preservation.
- President of the Advisory Board to the National Council on Childhood and Motherhood since 2000.
- Member of the Honorary Board of the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC)
- President of the Egyptian National Women Committee, and President of the first and second National Conference on Women (June 1994 – April 1996).
- Initiator of the unified law on children (March 1996), which is basically a codification of all relevant issues in national law regarding the Egyptian child. It is a comprehensive bill of rights of all children, particularly street children, homeless, abused and exploited children.
- President of the Egyptian section of the International Board of Books for Young People (IBBY), working for the enhancement of the quality of literature and improvement of publications for young generations.
- President of the Egyptian Red Crescent Society and Initiator of the national campaign for safe blood transfusion (targeting the most vulnerable strata of the society) and the National Program on Combating HIV AIDS. The Society is also providing humanitarian assistance at local and international levels (ex.: to Sudan, Turkey, Bosnia: the children's orphanage and library at Moaster, August 1999; Peace March in Rafah, April 2002, Humanitarian Assistance to Rafah & Darfur 2004)
- Vice President of COMEST
- President of the National Council for women established in February 2000.
- Founder and Chairperson of "Suzanne Mubarak's International Women Movement for Peace", held its first regional conference in May 2004.
- Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.
- Chairperson of the Board Members of the Institute for Peace Studies.
- Called for the First & Second Roundtables of the Brainstorming Session on "Building a Protective Environment for Civilians in Armed Conflicts" in



response to the Israeli military aggression on Lebanon and Palestine (Paris, September 2006 and Alexandria, January 2007).

- Launched Adopt A School Project in October 2006 aiming at upgrading more than 100 schools in the most unprivileged areas. Various partners are involved including members of the communities themselves. (The second phase of the project is now undergoing in the Giza Governorate with another 100 schools in the most deprived areas)
- Launched the Campaign “Beginning of the End” to combat and bring to an end FGM in Egypt.