

2018 GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD



DR. ALAA MURABIT was born in Saskatoon on October 26, 1989. She completed high school at the age of 15 and moved to Zawia, Libya in 2005 where she enrolled in medical school at the University of Zawia and founded “The Voice of Libyan Women” at the age of 21. She went on to complete her Masters in International Strategy and Diplomacy with Distinction at the London School of Economics.

Dr. Murabit is an UN High-Level Commissioner on Health Employment & Economic Growth, one of 17 Global Sustainable Development Goal Advocates appointed by the UN Secretary General, and has most recently been appointed the Executive Director of the Phase Minus 1

team, which provides thought leadership in conflict resolution, inclusive security, peace building, sustainable development and security cooperation.

Dr. Murabit’s TED Talk, “What my religion really says about women”, was released in July 2015 and was selected as the TED Talk of the Day and one of four moving TED Talks you should watch right now by *The New York Times*. She is an MIT Media Lab Director’s Fellow and International Deliver For Good Influencer, and serves as a trustee for The Malala Fund International Alert, Malaria No More and Keeping Children Safe. In 2016, she founded a global Mentorship Programme for emerging leaders and co-founded The Omnis Institute.

Dr. Murabit has recently been recognized in Forbes 30 Under 30, Aspen Institute “Spotlight Scholar”, and Bay Street Bull Canada’s 30x30. Her leadership in global policy and in elevating the role of women – particularly young, minority women – on global platforms was recognized by Harvard Law, who named her the youngest 2017 “Woman Inspiring Change”.