# Lara Kloumian

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**Education and Qualifications** 

2016-2019 Lebanese American University Bachelor of Science in Economics

2013-2016 **Armenian Evangelical College** Lebanese Baccalaureate (Life Science)

Certification

2021 **Erasmus University Rotterdam** Innovation Management

2019 University of Helsinki Elements of Artificial Intelligence

# Work Experience

#### Nov-22- Present Berytech

Beirut, Lebanon

Business Development & Support Senior Officer (EMEA Markets)

- Managing stakeholder engagement including donors, industry professional and diaspora members to support local innovation and economic development in Lebanon.
- Creating the strategy for the first open innovation program in the Levant focused on the sustainable textile sector.
- Designing the Lebanese Industrial Research Program's Accelerator and Incubator frameworks.
- Setting up the criteria and strategic goals for the first Knowledge and Innovation Community in the Agrifood, Healthcare, and ICT sectors.
- Leading the training for 45 community members, focusing on measuring growth in their sectors by establishing key performance indicators
- Organizing co-creation workshops with diaspora professionals for knowledge transfer and mentorship.
- Directing the innovation team, analyzing market trends to shape our growth strategy.
- Crafting strategies for product development for four sustainable textile industry startups.
- Overseeing the expansion strategies for 22 EMEA startups in textiles and sustainability.
- Assisting in training 48 green and circular startups during PepsiCo's Arab Youth Hackathon.
- Producing reports evaluating startup and SME performance against set goals.
- Managing communication with partners and donors

#### Oct-23 - Sep-24 Qima

Beirut, Lebanon

Strategic Advisor

- Directing strategic initiatives including market positioning, expansion and strategy.
- Providing creative direction for social media to enhance event visibility and user engagement
- Advising on outreach and communication strategy with speakers, panelists and VIP members

# Augt-21 - Present

# Startupstalk MENA

Beirut, Lebanon

Founder

- Identifying and outreaching ecosystem partners in the MENA region
- Launching a business page focused on innovation and economic trend analysis.
- Conducting exclusive market research and prepared reports across diverse industries.
- Handling social media strategies and online campaigns

### Dec-19 - Oct-22

### **UK Lebanon Tech Hub- Nucleus Ventures**

Beirut, Lebanon -London, UK

Program Lead

- Designing and managing UNDP Energy Innovation Hub's acceleration and incubation activities.
- Advising startups across EMEA with the World Bank
- Supporting 21 green SMEs with their initial ideas and market entry strategies
- Handling client relationships and set clear goals and performance indicators
- Providing ideation and market entry guidance to over 50 startups
- Assisting top universities with technology readiness and bringing research to market
- Researching technology trends and market growth opportunities.
- Managing startup fund allocation
- Producing assessment reports to track program KPIS and progress

# Dec-17 - Aug-18

# **ShARE Global Think Tank**

Beirut, Lebanon

President

- Launching the Lebanese section of ShARE Global Think Tank
- Developing training material focused on consultancy principles
- Conducting training sessions for a team of eight individuals.
- Tracking and reporting on program outcomes based on client goals and plans
- Providing progress reports on program advancement in alignment with client-defined KPIs and implementation plan.

# **Projects**

Nov-2022 "The Middle Eastern Century: A Forecasted Future or Utopia?" Startupstalk MENA

May-2023 "Smart cities, a solution for the 8 billion population." Startupstalk MENA

### Languages

English (native), Arabic (native), Armenian (native), French (Moderate)