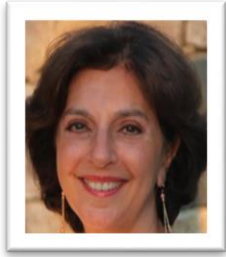


Simone Amber



Simone Amber is the founder/CEO of Fab Lab Connect. She is Senior Advisor at Schlumberger and serves on the Fab Foundation board created by Professor Gershenfeld from MIT. She is part of a movement initiated at MIT and driven by a community of 800 Fab Labs in 77 countries sharing technology, innovation, and fast prototyping to address global issues and locally fabricate solutions.

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Fab Lab Connect offers comprehensive solutions to create new Fab Labs, operate them and accelerate cross border knowledge transfer; it is launching a new program focused on schools.

Simone as Vice-President at Schlumberger held leadership positions over 28 years in finance, investor relations, corporate social responsibility, stakeholder relations, and employee engagement as experts and mentors.

She also works across sectors: Governments, NGOs, international organizations, corporations, academia, and local communities.

She is the architect of a unique, innovative and technology-focused STEM educational program called Schlumberger Excellence in Education Development (SEED):

- 23 years experience in Education: Founder and CEO of SEED, a standalone corporate social responsibility arm of Schlumberger
- Worked closely since 1993 with the MIT Media Lab, originally with Professor Seymour Papert, then with his students and colleagues
- Served a network of 1,000 schools in 45 developing countries of which 300 received grants, this effort was supported by employees and volunteers from 115 countries
- Focused on issues like water and climate change and provided teacher training around STEM and robotics

Born in Beirut, Lebanon Simone graduated from l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Paris) and subsequently received her MBA from INSEAD, a European business school. She then moved to New York City.

“SEED was born out of a deep sense of the increasing interdependence of all people.” Simone wanted to create opportunities for youth, especially in the most disadvantaged parts of the world. Education combined with technology made it possible to provide powerful tools, training as well as collaboration with youth from different parts of the world. “What better way to give individuals more opportunities and to create more tolerance?”

Simone was an active member of the Steering Group of the Society for Organizational Sustainability Consortium founded by Peter Senge from 2000 to 2010.