

FARAH NAZ

CEng FCIBSE; LEED AP (BD+C); WELL AP

Author: Mission Zero (2023), Net Zero City (2021), Past CIBSE UAE Chair

SOCIAL MEDIA

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AWARDS:

- **2024- Most Influential woman of the Year, Khaleej times, UAE.**
- **2023 Sustainability Leader of the Year,**
- **2023 CIBSE Presidents Award**, for exceptional service to CIBSE UAE chapter.
- **2022 Sustainability Leaders of the Year, Gulf Awards,** <https://gulfsustainabilityawards.com/winners-and-finalists-2021>
- **2023 CIBSE Presidents Award** for exceptional service to CIBSE UAE chapter.
- **2021 Zayed Inspirer**
- <https://www.instagram.com/reel/CkpwQdOjCB7/?hl=en>
- **Innovation Leader 2022**, Hadarat Global, UAE.
- **Tau Alpha Pi Honours Award, 2003, USA**

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Dubai-based chartered engineer with 20 years' Gulf and international work experience, last 10 years spent in the Middle East. Involved in various sustainability and built environment projects, and the First Zero Carbon Building in UK. Worked as city policy advisor for city of Copenhagen; as well as author of sustainability and livability framework for new upcoming cities.

Author of "Mission Zero", Children's book on Climate change, launched in Blue Zone during COP28, UAE (2023) and "NetZeroCity Book" (2021) regions first book addressing this Global Climate Emergency. www.netzerocitybook.com

At present holding the visionary role as the director for ESG and Innovation for AECOM Middle East and Africa. As a **changemaker** and cross-disciplinary thinker, merging sustainability principles with practical experience to provide solution-based approach for clients, governmental agencies, non-profit and private organizations. Advising on Integrated Innovation Strategies and Five Capital Model with a focus on Climate Resiliency, Adaptation and sustainability for the built environment.

KEY EXPERTISE

Working in three different scales: Buildings, Masterplans and Cities.

- **Climate Change Advisory- Building Scale:** This work is mostly focussed on building level decarbonization advisory service, with an evidence based technical approach. Energy efficiency to liveability and environmental assessment: LEED, BREEAM, ESTIDAMA, LEED, Mostadam, SITES, DGNB, WELL Being Assessments.
- Setting up of Innovation strategy framework
- Disruptive Asset Optimisation Advisory.
- **Climate Advisory Masterplan & City Scale:**
- Develop master plan level, sustainability & liveability guidelines, Framework & Phased Implementation plan.
- Smart Digital planning framework set up using Inclusive Integrated innovation Approach to human centric design.

VALUE ADD

- **A unique understanding of cross-disciplinary interfaces** allows me to provide evidence-based approach to problem solving for buildings, cities and Infrastructure.
- **A broad knowledge and a strong project-based background.**
- **Understanding of cities and built environments:** I thrive on multidisciplinary leadership roles, managing teams as well as stakeholders establishing implementation framework for value driven outcomes. **Lead Multidisciplinary teams both in ASIA, UK and ME for sustainability and specialist services.**

EDUCATION

- 2006-2008: Masters in Architecture in Sustainable Environment Design: Architectural Association (AA), School of Architecture, London, UK
- 1997-2002: BSc, Architectural Engineering: Wentworth Institute of Technology (WIT), Boston (MA) – USA
- Fellow CIBSE
- Licensed Engineer (UK Engineering Council and UAE Society of Engineers)

ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS:

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

- Member Society of Engineers UAE.
- Estidama PQP Assessor (UAE);
- Dubai Future Foundation Verified Research Contributor, DFF UAE.
- Board Member- Advancing NetZero Volunteering Team, supported by Supreme Council of Energy, Dubai, UAE 2022 – present.
- Advisory Board Member American University Dubai, Birmingham University Dubai

- Heriot Watt University UK and UAE Campus
- Board Member CIBSE UAE Chapter.
- Past Board Member UAE Green Building Council (EGBC), UAE.
- Past Chair CIBSE UAE Chapter. (2021- 2022)

United Kingdom (UK)

- Member UK Engineering Council.
- Board Member – Nomination Committee, CIBSE (UK)
- Member of ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites), UK
- Code for Sustainable Home Assessor, UK;
- Past Board Member of UK Green building Council, UK
- Past Board Member- Women in Sustainable Construction and Properties (WSCP),UK
- Past Committee Member- Association for Consulting & Engineers (ACE), UK
- Past Vice Chair – WIBSE UK

United States of America (USA)

- Member GBCI (Green Building Certification Institute)
- Member International WELL Building Institute (IWBI), USA
- Associate Member of American institute of Architects (AIA), USA
- Member of the Tau Alpha Pi Honors Society, USA



POSITIONS HELD

June 2021- present	Director of ESG & Innovation	AECOM MEA	Dubai, UAE
Jun 2020 -June 2021	Head of Innovation & Sustainable Solutions	BuroHappold	Dubai, UAE
2017- Jun 2020	Sustainability & Innovation Lead	BuroHappold	Dubai, UAE
2015 – 2017	Sustainability Team Leader	BuroHappold	Dubai, UAE
2012- 2014	Sustainability Consultant	Ramboll	UK & DK
2008- 2012	Sustainability Engineer	Gifford	London, UK
2003-2006	Lead Consultant & Project Manager	Shatota Design Inc.,SAA DESIGN, Inc	Southeast Asia
2002 2003	Graduate Consultant	Rothman Partners Inc.	Boston, USA.
2000-2001	Internships (9 months)	KallMann, McKinnell &Wood	Boston, USA