

Estelle Youssouffa

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Estelle Youssouffa is an independent bilingual broadcast journalist, TV reporter and news presenter.

Since January 2014, she is a news anchor on BFM TV, the leading and most-viewed French 24-hour news network. Estelle is also an investigative reporter working for the French leading public television network France 2's foreign affairs programme "Un Oeil sur la Planète" since 2011. Estelle Youssouffa started her career in the French news network LCI and climbed the ladder from producer to news anchor during her 6 years in the channel. She joined the global news network Al Jazeera English when it launched in 2006, first in the London news centre and then as its Paris Correspondent for 3 years. She then went for the global network TV5 Monde as its international news anchor for 4 years. She also investigated terror networks in Europe to produce long-formats reports for the Arabic news channel Al Arabiya.

Estelle Youssouffa is teaching journalism and TV broadcast seminars at the Institut Pratique de Journalisme in Paris (Université Paris Dauphine) since 2010. She's regularly asked as a speaker on International Affairs and leadership but also to host international events and moderate discussions for closed-doors-meetings for international companies.

In May 2009 she was invited to sit as a member on the Yazid Sabeg Commission on Diversity in the Media asked by French President Nicolas Sarkozy. The Sabeg Commission's work pushed 18 French national media outlets to sign a Diversity Charter to promote inclusion and fairness.

Estelle is an alumna of the Young Leaders programme of the French-American Foundation (class 2011-2012). In 2013, the German Marshall Fund of the United States selected Estelle as an Emerging Leader for The Atlantic Dialogues. Estelle also joined the Africa Leadership Network in 2015.

In June 2013, Estelle launched a Young Leaders initiative, "Arab countries in transition: the next phase of economic growth in the context of an African renaissance". The seminar brought together 40 French, American and Moroccan together for 4 days in Marrakech, continuing the sort of global dialogue Estelle's engaged in.

Estelle Youssouffa graduated in 1998 with a degree in journalism studies in Tours, France, before studying international relations and political studies at Quebec University of Montréal (Canada). She was born in 1978; she is a French citizen and lives in Paris.