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Biographies



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Ms. Rola Dashti

Dr. Rola Dashti, is the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. She is a leading Kuwaiti economist and long-time champion of women's rights, gender equality and democratic reform. She served as member of the Supreme Planning Council in Kuwait. From 2012 to 2014, she was Minister for Planning and Development and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs. In May 2009, she and three others became the first women to be elected to the Kuwait parliament. Dr. Dashti holds a doctorate degree in population dynamics from Johns Hopkins University.



Mr. António Vitorino



Since October 2018, António Vitorino has been serving as the Director General of the International Organization for Migration. Prior to leading IOM, he has over 27 years of international and national political and academic experience, including serving as European Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs, Deputy Prime Minister of Portugal, State Secretary for Parliamentary Affairs. For more than 25 years, he also served as Assistant Professor and Professor of Constitutional Law, International Human Rights Law, European Union Law on Justice and Home Affairs at the Lisbon Law School and Lisbon Nova University.

António Vitorino has also contributed to the work of think tanks and foundations including Notre Europe/Jacques Delors Institute, Migration Policy Institute, International Migration Initiative, and the Gulbenkian Foundation Forum on Migration and the Civil Society Platform for the Integration of Migrants. António Vitorino holds a Master's degree in Law and Political Science from the Lisbon Law School (1986).

Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit

Ahmed Aboul Gheit has been the Secretary General of the League of Arab States since 2016. He joined the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1965 and served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt from 2004 – 2011. He also assumed numerous diplomatic functions as Egypt's Ambassador in Italy/Macedonia/San Marino/Cyprus/Russian Federation, and as Representative of Egypt to the United Nations.

Mr. Ahmet Aboul Gheit respectively occupied the positions of political adviser and the Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, followed by serving twice as the Head of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Cabinet.



Mr. Nasser Bourita



H.E. Nasser Bourita was designated by His Majesty the King Mohammed VI, as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, on April 5th, 2017. His Majesty the King renewed His trust in the Minister on October 9th, 2019 by appointing him Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates.

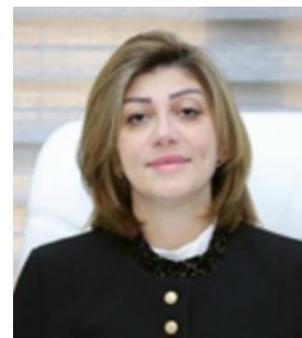
Mr. BOURITA has assumed different diplomatic positions, followed by years of service within the ministry in Rabat. Mr. BOURITA respectively occupied the positions of head of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Cabinet, Ambassador, general director of Multilateral Relations and Global Cooperation, Secretary-general of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and as a delegate minister to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Ms. Evan Faeq Gabbro

Minister of the Ministry of Immigration and Displacement – Iraq

Ms. Gabbro holds a BA in Microbiology, a Diploma in Psychology, as well as a Diploma in Philosophy and Theology. She has worked in many humanitarian and volunteer fields, including the empowerment of women and civil society organizations.

Ms. Gabbro's professional experience includes working a member of the Chaldean League, the Chairman of the Women's Advisory Council, Director of the Minority Women Forum in Iraq, as well as Counselor for the Children and Women Committee, and she currently serves as the Minister of Immigration and Displacement for the state of Iraq.



Ms. Sara Badr



Sarah Badr is the MENA regional focal point based in Egypt, for the Migration Working Group of the UN Major Group for Children and Youth. Through this role, Sarah has been engaged in the first Global Compact on Migration consultations in the Arab region and participated in the Global Forum on Migration and Development in 2021. Prior to this role, Sarah was the World Youth Forum's official spokeswoman and member of the organizing committee since 2017. The forum is a platform designed for youth to recommend views on pressing global challenges with an inaugural space dedicated to migration issues.

Dr. Ayman Zohry



Ayman Zohry (Ph.D. University of Sussex) is an Expert on Population and Migration Studies based in Cairo, Egypt. He is the founding president of The Egyptian Society for Migration Studies (EGYMIG). Dr. Zohry is also an Adjunct Professor in the American University in Cairo (AUC). Dr. Zohry is the chair of the Scientific Panel on Migration, Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) and former chair of the Scientific Panel on International Migration, the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) 2011-2014. Dr. Zohry served as a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies, 2005 - 2013. Currently, he serves as a member of the editorial board of the International Migration Review (IMR).

Scene Setting

Dr. Tamirace Fakhoury



Dr. Tamirace Fakhoury is an associate professor in Political Science and International Affairs in the Department of Social Sciences at the Lebanese American University, and the associate director of the Institute of Social Justice and Conflict Resolution (ISJCR).

Her core research and publication areas are: the theory and practice of power sharing in divided societies, migration dynamics and governance, Arab states' coping mechanisms with forced migration, and the role of immigrant communities and diasporas in democratization, and conflict transformation. She is member of the core coordination team of the Global Migration Policy Associates in Geneva.

Dr. Amira Ahmed

Dr. Amira Ahmed teaches courses on social anthropology and community development at the American University in Cairo (AUC). Amira obtained a PhD from University of East London (UEL) and an MA from AUC. Both her Masters and PhD focus on the nexus between migration & gender, while her PhD researched the vulnerabilities of women domestic workers in Egypt. She held positions at Clark & Northeastern University in the US; AUC in Egypt; and Roehampton and UEL in the UK. She also worked as a practitioner with several organizations including IOM in Jordan and Egypt and IFRC in Switzerland.



Plenary Session 2

Enas El Fergany

Moderator during Plenary Session 2

Director, Refugees, Expatriates and Migration Affairs Department, League of Arab States

Ms Enas El Fergany is the Director of the Refugees, Expatriates and Migration Affairs Department at the League of Arab States (LAS) since January 2013. She is a graduate of the American University in Cairo, Economics Major. She joined the League of Arab States in 2004, where she worked on Migration issues since then. Her work involved communicating with Arab Expatriates and coordinating with Ministries and bodies concerned with Migration in Arab Member states. She has contributed to establishing a number of policy mechanisms to facilitate LAS work in Migration and Displacement, including the Arab regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP), the Working Group on International Migration in the Arab Region later transformed to Issue based coalition on migration in the Arab region, and the Africa Arab Technical Coordination Committee on Migration (TCCM).

Plenary Session 4

Dr. Maysa Ayoub

Moderator during Plenary Session 4



Maysa Ayoub is the Associate Director of the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies at the American University in Cairo. She has over 15 years of research and teaching experiences in the field of migration and refugee studies. She researched and published in the field on issues related to asylum policies, livelihoods of refugees, and public opinion and media attitude towards refugees and immigrants. Her PhD on Euro-Mediterranean issues is from the faculty of Economics and Political Science of Cairo University and her MA in Sociology is from the American University in Cairo.

Mr. Filipe Gonzales Morales

Panellist during Plenary Session 4

Professor González was appointed by the Human Rights Council in June 2017 as the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants. He is a Professor of International Law at the Diego Portales University, in Santiago, Chile, where he is also the Director of a Master in International Human Rights Law. He was a Commissioner and the Rapporteur on Migrants between 2008 and 2015 at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, where he was President between 2010-2011. He holds a Doctorate and a Master in Advanced Human Rights from University Carlos III and an LL.M. in International Legal Studies.



Ms. Nourhan Abdel Aziz

Panellist during Plenary Session 4



Nourhan Abdel Aziz is the North Africa advocacy advisor in Save the Children International where she is leading on the migration and displacement portfolio from an advocacy and policy perspective. She previously worked as the Children on the Move and System Strengthening Consultant in UNICEF. She also worked as a researcher in the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies for 7 years where she led various research projects on migrants and refugees in the MENA region. Abdel Aziz has an LL.M in international and comparative law as well as an MA in migration and refugee studies.

Ms. Sara Al-Khatib

Panellist during Plenary Session 4

Ms Al-Khatib works on labor issues with a focus on labor migration. She also works with several partners in the region, including trade unions, national and international NGOs, migrant workers communities and national and regional networks on improving the work conditions for migrant workers through advocacy, capacity building, awareness raising, and building workers' power and workers agency.



Ms. Susanne Mikhail

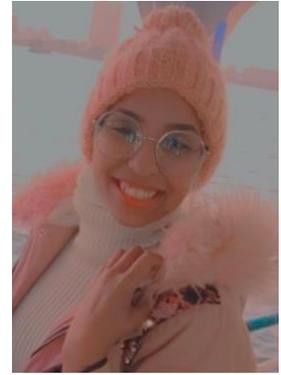
Speaker during Plenary Session 4



Ms Susanne Mikhail (Egypt/Sweden) is the Regional Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) for the Arab States. She leads UN Women's normative, programme and coordination work in the Middle East and North Africa. Susanne brings with her over 20 years of experience in development and humanitarian work in the Middle East, Asia and Africa. She was the Head of Humanitarian Aid at the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), covering over 25 countries. Susanne holds a Master of Arts Degree in Political Science from the Uppsala University of Sweden.

Ms. Marj Emad Ibrahim
Speaker during Plenary Session 4

Marj Emad Ibrahim is a 20-year-old young migrant living in Egypt. She is Sudanese but born in Damascus, Syria. She moved to Egypt in 2004 with her mother and siblings. Marj is currently studying at a university in Egypt and is due to graduate next year.



Round Table 1

Mr. Khalil Buhaza
Moderator Round table 1



Mr. Khalil Buhazaa, Labour affairs manager at the Executive Bureau of the Council of Ministers of Labour in GCC and Coordinator of the GCC states group in the travaux preparatoires of the ILO Protocol on Forced Labour. He is a PhD researcher in Modern Slavery specialised in Forced Labour. He graduates, with an LLM degree from Liverpool John Moors University. Fellow researcher and editor in the Gulf centre for Development policies and member of the ILO Migration Advisory Group (MAG). Buhazaa worked for Al-Waqt newspaper for 5 years as a labour

Mrs. Sheikha Mohammad Al Khater
Panellist during Round Table 1

Mrs. Sheikha Mohammad Al Khater is an extremely accomplished director of international labor relations department at the ministry of administrative development, labor, and social affairs. Mrs. Sheikha has 12 years of extensive experience in promoting and strengthening labor standards and principles in coordination with international organizations. Mrs. Sheikha works in cooperation with the International Labor Organization to developing, raising awareness, and implementing the new labor reforms in Qatar. Mrs. Sheikha received her B.S in business administration from the university of Qatar.

Mr. Mustapha Tlili

Panellist during Round Table 1



Mr. Mustapha Tlili received the MBA degree in Political Science from university of Geneva and in International Public Law from the university of Tunisia. He is a former lawyer in Tunis Bar Association. He was a Tunisian Diplomat and a Member of the Permanent Mission of Tunisia in Geneva in charge of the relations with the International Labor Organization (ILO). Executive Director of the Maghreb Trade Union Confederation (USTMA) and later Advisor of the General Secretary of Arab Maghreb Union (UMA). He is currently the Director of the European Commission Project on Social Dialogue in the implementation in Morocco, Tunisia and Jordan. Since 2007, he was the Regional Director for the Arab countries in the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), and elected in 2014 as Executive Secretary of Arab Trade Union Confederation (ATUC). He was in 2011 a member of the National Tunisian Committee for the

achievement of the objective of the revolution.

Mr. El Syed Torky

Panellist during Round Table 1

Mr. El Sayed Torky is currently senior adviser at the Federation of Egyptian Industries since Nov. 2017. He was senior adviser at WISE/USAID project from Feb. 2018 till July 2019. He was national coordinator for employers' organizations at International Labor Organization Cairo Office from 2012 till 2018. El Sayed was adviser to the Minister of Investment for Corporate Social Responsibility and Managing Director of the Egyptian Corporate Responsibility Center from 2009 till 2012. Prior to that, he was advisor to the Egyptian Minister of Investment for international relations from November 2004 till December 2009. He assumed functions as Senior Regional Advisor to the OECD, and advisor for International Relations to the Director General of the Arab Labor Organization earlier. Mr. El Sayed Torky also worked in the academic environment as a Board member of the French University in Cairo and as professor of law at the French University in Cairo.

Mr. Frank Hagemann

Speaker during Round Table 1

Frank Hagemann is the ILO's Deputy Regional Director for the Arab States. He also heads the ILO's Decent Work Technical Support Team for the region. Prior to his current assignment, he was Chief of Policy and Research at the ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) in Geneva. Before joining ILO in 1997, he headed the entrepreneurship and employment promotion division of a large development consulting firm in Germany. A political scientist and development economist by training, he read at the Université de Montréal and Freie Universität Berlin and is also a graduate of the German Development Institute.



Ms. Monica Goracci

Speaker during Round Table 1



Monica Goracci is currently the Director of the Department of Migration Management of IOM in Geneva. She had been Chief of Mission of IOM in Germany for almost four years, after having headed the Donor Relations Division at IOM Headquarters in Geneva for six years. She joined IOM in 1999 in Kosovo after having worked for almost three years in WHO Headquarters in the Division of Violence and Injury Prevention. In 2002 she moved to Rome, first working on an EU funded integration project and subsequently took over the functions of Regional Programme Development officer covering the Mediterranean. She also undertook several missions to the Balkans during the time in Rome. In December 2004 she moved to Portugal where she served as Chief of Mission for IOM until 2010. She holds a University degree in neurological and psychomotor rehabilitation in children from the University of Rome La Sapienza and has worked in hospitals in Italy and in Ethiopia prior to joining WHO in 1996. .

Mr. Wassim Rifi

Speaker during Round Table 1

Wassim Rifi, currently BWI MENA project Coordinator, Based in Beirut. In 2008, Wassim began working with the Building and Wood Workers International (BWI). He develops and coordinates projects aiming at building strong unions, building capacities of workers in a rapidly changing social and economic environment, and helping trade unions in the BWI family to organize local, migrant and refugee workers into trade unions. Wassim has previously worked for many years as a teacher in both the private and the public sector. He has an experience in working with NGOs for 20 years on many subjects such as communication and conflict. Resolution.



Ms. Ellene Sana

Speaker during Round Table 1



Executive Director, Center for Migrant Advocacy (CMA, centerformigrantadvocacy.com; FB: Center for Migrant Advocacy) – a Philippine-based non-government organization that works for the rights and welfare of Filipino migrant workers and their families through policy advocacy, facilitating assistance to distressed migrants, capacity building, networking, research, education, information work. Areas of Competency: Advocacy and Lobby Work at local, national, regional and international forums; Training and Capacity Building on Migrants Rights; Serves as CMA's principal resource person and representative on migration-related forums and activities in the Philippines and abroad.

Mr. Hamada Abu Nijmeh

Speaker during Round Table 1

A lawyer and researcher in law and labor affairs, CEO and Co-Founder of the non-profit Workers House Center specialized in studies of labor market affairs, labor legislation, workers' rights and special groups of workers (women, immigrants, youth, children and people with disabilities). Member of the Legal Experts Committee of the Arab Labor Organization, and board member of the Workers Center association and its former president, dedicated to improving the quality of workers life in the garment industry. Former Secretary General of the Ministry of Labor in Jordan (2012 - 2016), former legal advisor to the Ministry, and Chairman of the Wages Authority.



Ms. Rima Kalush

Speaker during Round Table 1



Rima Kalush is the program director of Migrant-Rights.org. Her research interests include international migration, labour migration, and human rights. Her work has been referenced by institutions such as the International Labour Organisation, Jadaliyya, Gender Across Borders, and the Institute for Global Labour and Human Rights. She holds a Masters of Philosophy in Middle Eastern Area Studies from the University of Oxford.

Mr. Zied Charfi

Speaker during Round Table 1

Mr. Charfi is firmly integrated in the Tunisian Confederation of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts (UTICA) since 2002, and currently works as administrator in the Central Social Affairs department as of 2012. He also served as secretary general of the National Federation of Building and Public Works Contractors and of the National small trades federation. Mr. Charfi has also been charged of relations with African countries and has been responsible in textile federation.

Mr. Charfi is also a member of the steering committee as representative of UTICA of several ILO projects in Tunisia, notably projects concerning migration IRAM, FAIR and THAMM.



Mr. Leon Isaacs

Speaker during Round Table 1



Leon is Founder and Chief Executive Officer of DMA Global, the specialist international development company that he founded in 2007. He is a seasoned expert and business leader in the payments and international development fields with a particular expertise in migrant remittances. He has over 30 years hands-on experience. Leon was Managing Director of the International Association of Money Transfer Networks, a member of the UK Government's Remittances Task Force, an observer to the G20 Consultative Committee of the Private-Public Sector Partnership on Remittances and has spoken at numerous international conferences on remittances including at the World Bank, the UN and the G8. Before establishing DMAG he was intrinsically involved with two successful start-up remittance businesses. Leon, is an economist by training and is currently based in France.

Summary of Day 1

Mr. Othman Belbeisi

Mr. Othman Belbeisi joined the IOM in 2003. A varied 16 year IOM career spans across the MENA region, notwithstanding representations in numerous locations across Europe and Africa. He has served as IOM Senior Crisis Coordinator and was appointed numerous assignments within the MENA region, including Syria, Tunisia, Yemen, Lebanon and Libya. Mr. Belbeisi's experiences have afforded him opportunities in research and contribution to migration policies. These include publications relating to socio-economic indicators for vulnerable populations in Lebanon and the policy framework for the protection of foreign workers in the Arab region. He has also published a study looking at the needs and status of Lebanese returnees who fled the crisis in Syria.



Recap of Day 1

Ms. Kristina Mejo



Kristina Mejo is the Senior Regional Liaison and Policy Officer and Deputy Regional Director for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) in Cairo, Egypt. Her portfolio covers migration policy, the UN Reform, and supporting the IOM missions and presence in the MENA region. Kristina has worked over 16 years with IOM serving in Belgium, Colombia, Bangladesh, Thailand and Burundi. She has a Masters in International Relations from the University of Kent at Canterbury, and a Bachelors of Arts in Government and French Studies from Smith College in Massachusetts, USA.

Round Table 2

Dr. Zeina Mohanna

Moderator during Round Table 2



Dr. Zeina Mohanna – Board Member of Amel Association International. Her work includes service provision, awareness, and policy advocacy in the support to migrants, counter-trafficking, support to refugees, youth leadership, and women’s empowerment programmes, among others. She also teaches at the Political Sciences and Public Administration Department at the American University of Beirut (AUB). She has a PhD in Political Studies on ‘Citizenship and Human Rights in Lebanon’, and received a scholarship for a programme on forced migration from Oxford University in 2015. Zeina is also a founding member of the NGO Ibtissama, and the President of the Middle Eastern Chapter of the

Stars Foundation.

Mr. Ali Abdul Rahman Hadi Al-Jumaili

Panellist during Round Table 2

Human rights pioneer, Ali Abdul Rahman Hadi Al-Jumaili. Mr. Al-Jumaili started working as an officer in the Ministry of Interior - the Legal Department since 2009 in the field of international agreements, treaties and memoranda of understanding. He is currently the Assistant Director of the Department of International Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding and holds a Bachelor’s degree in Law.



Ms. Rania Ahmed

Panellist during Round Table 2



Rania Ahmed, the current Deputy Regional Director, IFRC, MENA, brings more than twenty years of extensive hands-on experience in the design and development of large-scale programmes in complex emergency and developing country contexts in the Middle East and North Africa. Prior to the current post, Rania held the post of Chief, Child Protection, at UNICEF in Libya. Prior to that, she held leadership positions in different countries, including, Deputy Regional Director, MENA; Head of Mission, North Africa; Regional Operations Director, MENA; and other key posts with the Danish Refugee Council, Save the Children and other organizations such as Care International, UNOPS, and USAID.

Ms. Cristina Albertin

Speaker during Round Table 2

Ms. Cristina Albertin is the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Regional Representative for the Middle East and North Africa. She has been working for the United Nations for the last 30 years in different capacities around the world including WFP Bolivia and UNODC in HQ, Latin America, Asia and Africa. Since 2007 she has been serving as UNODC Representative for Bolivia, South Asia (based in India), Nigeria and now MENA (based in Egypt). In her work she focusses on the comprehensive implementation of all UNODC mandates across the region under a people-centered, inclusive, rule-of-law and human rights based approach delivering justice for all with a special interest on victims of organized crimes, such as human trafficking and smuggling of migrants.



Ms. Ana Belén Anguita

Speaker during Round Table 2



Ms. Belén Anguita is Senior Community Protection Officer and Mixed Movements Focal point at UNHCR’s MENA Regional Bureau, Amman, Jordan. Previous UNHCR’s assignments included Senior Child and Gender Officer at the Regional Legal Unit /Americas Bureau, Protection WG Coordinator in Jordan and Libya, and Head of Protection in Somaliland and Cambodia. Before joining UNHCR, Ms. Anguita was migration and asylum lawyer in Europe, in collaboration with ECRE and advocating for safe and sensitive screening and referral procedures. In the last years, Ms. Anguita represented UNHCR in the Regional Conference on Migration (Americas), and the IBC and the UN Migration Network (MENA) . Ms. Anguita holds a Master Degree on Immigration and Asylum Law, a Post-graduate degree on International Cooperation, and an Diploma of Advance Studies (Doctor of Philosophy) on Political Science, Peace and International Security.

Mr. Mohamed Wajdi Aydi

Speaker during Round Table 2

Mohamed Wajdi Aydi is a Deputy Mayor of the City of Sfax in Tunisia, member of the municipal council in charge of decentralized cooperation and external relations. He is in charge of the migration portfolio within the municipality and Focal Point of the MC2CM project in Sfax. He is also a member of the “Right to the City” Policy Council at UGLG (United Cities and Local governments) and a Lawyer at the Court of Cassation as well as a University Lecturer of International Law in Sfax.



Mr. Hamdi Abdulbaqi Barwary

Speaker during Round Table 2

Mr. Barwary is a lawyer, counselor and director of the Human Rights Organization in Kurdistan -Dohuk. He has defended a number of invitations and cases for citizens and widows with limited income as a volunteer lawyer and participated in many international conferences in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and Italy, and also participated in many TOT courses on human rights and supervised many humanitarian projects to provide aid to the displaced, the displaced and the refugees and provided many Lectures and seminars for human rights and participation to establish networks and coalitions of civil society organizations.



Ms. Linda Al Kalash

Speaker during Round Table 2



Linda Al Kalash is the Founder and the Executive Director of Tamkeen for Legal Aid and Human Rights. The organisation was established in 2007. Tamkeen's mandate focuses on topics related to: labour rights, migration and combatting the crime of human trafficking. As the Director, she leads a team that consists of lawyers, researchers and field officers as they work on implementing the various programs implemented by the organisation. Linda has also represented Tamkeen in a number of national, regional and international conferences and events that focus on Labour issues, Migrant Workers and Migration, Legal Aid and Human Trafficking. Due to these efforts, Linda was named as a "Hero in the Fight against Modern Slavery" by the US Department of State. Additionally, In November 26th, 2011, Tamkeen was chosen as one of five NGOs that won the prestigious French Republic Human Rights Prize and in 2020, Tamkeen was awarded the Thomson Reuters Stop Slavery Impact Award.

Round Table 3

Dr. Paul Tabar

Moderator during Round Table 3

Paul Tabar is the director of the Institute for Migration Studies and a Professor in Sociology/Anthropology at the Lebanese American University, Beirut campus. He is the author of Migration and the Formation of Political Elite in Lebanon (Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies) and Arab Communities in Australia (Arab Centre for Arab Unity Studies, 2013). He is also the co-author of On Being Lebanese in Australia: Identity, Racism and the Ethnic Field (Institute for Migration Studies, LAU, 2010), Bin Laden in the Suburbs: Criminalizing the Arab Other (Institute of Criminology, 2004) and Kebabs, Kids, Cops and Crime: Youth, Ethnicity and Crime (Pluto Australia, 2000). He is the editor of a book series on Migrant Studies in collaboration with Professor Anton Escher, Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany.



Mr. Salim Korkmaz

Panellist during Round Table 3

Salim Korkmaz was born in Adana, Turkey on 4th of December, 1984. He received his undergraduate degree on American Culture and Literature at Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey. He is currently studying for his MA degree at the Local Government, Urban and Environmental Studies program at Istanbul University. He started his professional career at Turkish Handball Federation, in the international relations department, and subsequently served as the Coordinator of International Relations, until 2010. Between 2010 and 2012, he took up an academic position as a lecturer in the Applied English-Turkish Translation department at Cappadocia Vocational College, Nevşehir, Turkey. Since 2013, he has been working at UCLG-MEWA, following up international development agendas and coordinating relations of the Organization with other international organizations. He is currently the General Coordinator of UCLG-MEWA.



Dr. Ahmed Al Mandhari

Speaker during Round Table 3



Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari has been WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean since June 2018. Prior to that, he was a senior hospital manager in his native Oman and also served as head of the Quality Assurance Centre at Oman's Ministry of Health. A specialist in family and community medicine, he studied at the Sultan Qaboos University in Oman and the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine in the United Kingdom. As Regional Director, his overriding aim is to ensure that the Organization responds to its Member States and works closely with them to address priority health issues and challenges.

Mr. Javier Aguilar

Speaker during Round Table 3

Mr. Aguilar is the Regional Child Protection Adviser for UNICEF MENA. He holds a PhD Clinical Psychology from Lyon University, France and an MSc Public Policy from SOAS University of London. Mr. Javier has 23 years of international experience in child protection and adolescent development. Javier has been UNICEF's Chief of Child Protection in Sri Lanka, Egypt and India. He has also worked in France, Peru and the Democratic Republic of Congo as a researcher, university lecturer and designing child protection programmes.



Mr. Pedro De Vasconcelos

Speaker during Round Table 3



Pedro de Vasconcelos is Manager of IFAD’s Financing Facility for Remittances and Senior Technical Specialist on remittances, migration and inclusive finance. He is an internationally recognized expert and contributes to national, regional and global policy agendas (G7/20, GFMD, UN Network on Migration). He is the lead author of the Sending Money Home reports, and originator and coordinator of IFAD’s International Day of Family Remittances and the Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development. His areas of expertise range from inclusive finance, remittance, payments systems, investments, migration, entrepreneurship, SME development and finance.

Ms. Vian Ahmed

Speaker during Round Table 3

Vian Ahmed Sadiq, is an Iraqi- Kurdish activist and Humanitarian leader with 6 years experiences in humanitarian leadership and women empowerment. Currently working as the Regional Director at the Lotus Flower ngo that empowers women and girls particularly within Internally displaced people and refugee communities. Throughout life experiences, she has taken the role of managing and leading various humanitarian staff members to give a direct response to humanitarian crisis in the region starting from the ISIS invasion in Iraq 2014 and Syrian war that ended up in the displacement of thousand Syrian refugee to Iraq and the late outbreaks of COVID-19 in the country. While providing any kind of interventions anywhere, she ensure that her team is striving for a world where women and girls are dignified, safe, have access to education and empowered to participate in their communities, and are able to drive social and economic changes.



Dr. Moez Cherif

Speaker during Round Table 3



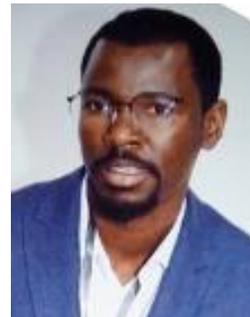
Founding President of the ATDDE
Author of several articles and reports on children's rights

Involved in the defense of the rights of migrant children since the migratory movements following the Libyan crisis, I cooperate with the government, health, education, law and media professionals and constitutional (HAICA, INPT), national (CSDHLF, INPT) and international (CSDHLF, INPT) authorities to defend the rights of children in the political, community and media arenas. I produce and facilitate on RTCI a section on children's rights and involve leaders and influential politicians, associations and international leaders.

Mr. Mamadou Bhoie Diallo

Speaker during Round Table 3

Mr. Diallo is a Human Rights activist, Lawyer, Consultant, Migration and Development Expert, community actor, Legal Advisor on asylum in Morocco. He is also the General Coordinator of « Collectif des Communautés Subsahariennes au Maroc (CCSM) » and General Coordinator of “Plateforme des Associations et Communautés Subsahariennes au Maroc (ASCOMS)”. He has led several advocacy campaigns in favor of the integration of migrants in Morocco, including the regularization of 2014 and 2016, the modification of the Circular on the Education of Migrant Children, the recognition of Civil Status and Equal Access to Health and Justice.



Ms. Alia Hindawi

Speaker during Round Table 3



Alia Hindawi has been working in the field of migration for over a decade, with experience covering emergency, transit, and development contexts. She is the Acting Country Director and Programme Manager in Jordan and Lebanon at the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre. She worked for the International Labour Organization as a project manager, handling the migration profile in Jordan including working on the livelihood cluster of the UN response plan for the Syrian refugee crisis. Ms. Hindawi worked at the Iraq Programme in the Danish Refugee Council remote management office in Amman, assisting in the management of 12 field offices in Iraq. Prior to that, she worked at the US Resettlement Programme in the International Organization for Migration then moved to the Technical Cooperation Department to support the Government of Jordan in Migration and Border Management. Her academic and professional interests include migration, labour markets, international relations, and economics.

Ms. Najwa Hanna

Speaker during Round Table 3

Najwa Hanna is the sub regional secretary for Arab countries at Public Services International - PSI, a Global Union Federation that represents workers in the public services, defends their rights and advocates for access to quality public services for all. Holding a master's degree in administration, as well as a specialization in gender mainstreaming.



A trade union activist with over 25 years of experience in the fields of administration, project coordination and trade union strategies. Her role within PSI consists on enhancing the capacities of Public Services trade union in the Arab countries union to defend workers' rights, to ensure quality public services and to adopt human rights based approach in dealing with all the workers including migrants and refugee.

Round Table 4

Dr. Amani El Jack

Moderator during Round Table 4



Dr. El Jack is an Associate Professor/the Chair of the Women and Gender Studies department at University of Massachusetts Boston. Between 2014-19, she worked as a Research Coordinator of Social & Cultural Issues at the Gulf Studies Center; as well as a professor at the Gulf Studies Graduate Program at Qatar University. Her research and teaching traverse socio-economic, political, and cultural interrogation of the gendered fields of transnational migration; globalization; militarization/war; and post-conflict reconstruction processes in Africa and the Middle East.

Ms. Siham Mourabit

Panellist during Round Table 4

Ms. Siham Mourabit, is a Moroccan career diplomat, born in Rabat/Morocco, with the grade of Minister Plenipotentiary. Throughout her career, Ms Mourabit, assumed several responsibilities at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where she holds, currently and since 2017, the position of Head of Division of Human rights, Humanitarian and social affairs at the African Directorate. With this position, she has been designated to lead the team that had worked in bringing into shape the African Observatory on Migration, as proposed by His Majesty Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, and Leader of the African Union on Migration, in his report “for an African Agenda on Migration” to the 30th AU Summit. Ms Mourabit, speaks Arabic, French, English and have notions in Portuguese and Russian.



Mr. Issam Younis

Panellist during Round Table 4



A Palestinian human Rights Defender who has made an exceptional contribution to the protection and promotion of human rights and the rule of law in Palestine. He is the Commissioner General of the independent commission for Human Rights since April 2018, The Director General of Al Mezan Center for Human Rights in Gaza, The President of the Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ANNHRI). He is also a member of the Palestinian Higher Education Council. Winner of 2008 Weimar Human Rights Award and 2020 laureate of the Franco-German Prize for Human Rights.

Ms. Khadija Elbab

Panellist during Round Table 4

I am Khadija Elbab, Moroccan journalist, radio show producer and winner of the "Migration Media Awards 2019". I have more than 30 years of experience in the fields of print and audiovisual media and I have been interested in all current national and international issues, focusing mainly on areas that have always been of particular interest to me, namely: migration and women's rights. I had the opportunity to cover several events including the CPD2015 in New York, the "icpd+25" in Nairobi and the Intergovernmental Conference on the GCM in Marrakesh.



Ms. Roueida Adel El Hage

Speaker during Round Table 4



Roueida El Hage assumed her functions as Regional Representative for Human Rights in MENA region as of 1 October 2018. She has over 20 years of experience in human rights and extensive knowledge of international law and political affairs with the United Nations, in particular in conflict context in MENA, Asia and Africa. El Hage was deployed in Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Iraq, Libya, Yemen, the Philippines and Lebanon. Prior to this appointment, El Hage served as Coordinator of the Secretariat of the Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen, deputy Director of the Human Rights Component (UNAMI) in Iraq and Chief of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) Human Rights Regional Office in Northern Iraq, Acting Chief of MENA Section at OHCHR in Geneva, among other functions including with international and regional NGOs.

Ms. Rebecca Lamade

Speaker during Round Table 4

Rebecca Lamade is the Regional Senior Programme & Policy Adviser (Head of Programme) in the WFP Regional Bureau Cairo. In this function Rebecca led the development of WFP's Regional Strategy (2017-2021) and provides oversight and support to 14 countries in the Middle East and North Africa. She has also served in WFP's Headquarters in Rome as well as in Cambodia and Mozambique, where she joined WFP in 2000 as Emergency Coordinator. Prior to joining WFP Rebecca has worked with an Austrian NGO, coordinating a European Commission funded project for Vocational Integration of Bosnian Refugees. Rebecca Lamade is a German national and holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Vienna/Austria.



Mrs. Atyab Alshatti

Speaker during Round Table 4

A lawyer, a journalist , and an author but most importantly migrant workers' rights activist , through the experience gained by practicing several fields I worked on implementing migrants workers right through the previous channels , as I reported on migrants rights violation on alqabas dialy newspaper , alanbaa and arabtimes dialy .. As a lawyer I went in depth with serious cases of injustice, violations and discrimination against migrants in Kuwait on legal, social and economic bases . participated in several GCM consultations in Beirut, Turkey and dubai.



Dr. Mohamed Saib Musette

Speaker during Round Table 4



Dr. Mohamed Saib Musette is a sociologist, researcher, and team leader of the "Migration and Mobility" team at the Centre de Recherche en Economie Appliquée pour le Développement (CREAD) in Algiers (Algeria). He is an expert consultant to the Algerian government, the European Union and the United Nations in the fields of youth, labor markets and international migration at the Maghreb level. He has given hundreds of lectures in universities in Africa and Europe. He has produced around ten collective works and published some fifty articles in national and international scientific journals.

Dr. Alaa Alqudah (TBC)

Speaker during Round Table 4

Alaa Alqudah is an assistant professor in accounting and the deputy director of the Refugees, Displaced Persons and Forced Migration Studies Center at Yarmouk University. He joined the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences in 2017. He has a Ph.D. (University of Southampton 2017), a master degree (Yarmouk University-2011) and a bachelor degree (Yarmouk University-2009). Dr. Alqudah's teaching interests cut across Financial Accounting, International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), Accounting Theory and Managerial Accounting. He has continued research interests in financial accounting, earnings management, corporate governance, performance, International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and IFRS area. Finally, he is supervising several MSc theses.



Mr. William Gois

Moderator during Plenary Session 5



William Gois is the current regional coordinator of Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA), a regional network of grassroots organizations, trade unions, faith-based groups, migrants and their families and individual advocates in Asia working together for social justice for migrant workers and members of their families represented in 26 countries in Asia and the Middle East. Mr. Gois is the former chairperson of the Global Coalition for Migration (GCM), a coalition of regional and international networks of migrant associations, migrants rights organizations and advocates, trade unions, faith groups and academia, covering every region around the world. He was the co-chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Civil Society Days (CSD) in 2011. He is also a member of the World Bank led Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD), a global hub of knowledge and policy expertise on migration and development issues. At the regional level, Mr. Gois represents MFA in the Abu Dhabi Dialogue Steering Committee on the Comprehensive Information Orientation (CIOP) and the thematic working groups of the Colombo Process.

Ms. Hamida Rais

Panellist during Plenary Session 5

Ms. Rais is Director General for International Cooperation on Migration in the Ministry of Social Affairs. In 2013, she was appointed Director of International and Bilateral Cooperation in the field of migration at the Secretariat of State for Migration and Tunisians Abroad. She has worked as a professor of labour law at the National Institute of Labour and Social Studies in Tunis. Ms. Hamida Rais has a master's degree in Private Law from the Faculty of Law and Political Science of Tunis and a diploma from the National School of Administration (ENA).



Mr. Jonathan Prentice

Panellist during Plenary Session 5



Jonathan Prentice has worked in varied positions at the United Nations, which he joined in 1994. These include postings in Baghdad, Dili, Geneva, Jakarta, New York, and Phnom Penh. In 2010-2016, he worked for International Crisis Group as director of policy and overseeing the London office. In 2017-2018, he was chief of office for the Secretary-General's special representative for international migration. Since January 2019, he has been responsible for setting up and heading the secretariat for the new United Nations Network on Migration.

Mr. Ibrahim Awad

Panellist during Plenary Session 5



Ibrahim Awad is a Professor of Global Affairs and Director, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, at the American University in Cairo. He holds a BA degree in political science from Cairo University and a PhD degree in political science from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, University of Geneva, Switzerland. He has worked for the League of Arab States, the United Nations and the International Labour Organization, holding positions of Secretary of the Commission, UN-ESCWA, Director, ILO Sub-regional Office for North Africa and Director, ILO International Migration Programme. His research interests encompass international migration, employment, human rights, Middle East politics, international relations and global governance.

Mr. Khaled Abdel Shafi

Speaker during Plenary Session 5

Khaled Abdel Shafi is currently serving as the Director of the UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States in Amman, and Deputy Director a.i. of the Regional Bureau for Arab States. Prior to that, he served in different senior positions at UNDP Headquarters in New York in the Regional Bureau for Arab States (Chief Country Operations Division 2014-2015, Chief of Staff 2012-2013, Senior Program Advisor and Special Advisor 2009-2011). He headed the UNDP Gaza Office for many years (1995-2008), leading the UN development work in close partnership with the newly established Palestinian Authority and Civil Society. He also played a leading role in the UN’s efforts for the reconstruction and recovery of the Gaza Strip. Khaled also served as a member of the Gaza City Council 1995-2002 on a voluntary basis, heading the Gaza Municipal Committee for the City Development. Khaled is an economist by training and served as a member of Governing Boards of some Civil Society Organizations in Palestine.



Ms. Lala Arabian

Speaker during Plenary Session 5



Lala Arabian is the executive manager at INSAN Association in Lebanon and part of CCRM secretariat, she is a lawyer and a human rights advocate with over 20 years of experience in working on human rights issues in general and migrant and refugee rights in particular, in Lebanon and in the region.

Mrs. Shaikha Al Hashem

Speaker during Plenary Session 5

Shaikha Al-Hashem is an independent researcher from Kuwait and a PhD student at The European Graduate School. Shaikha’s most recent research focuses on issues related to migrant workers in Kuwait having published on the topic on the LSE Middle East Blog and Gulf International Forum. Shaikha also has professional experience in both the public and private sectors in Kuwait and is the Public Relations and Communications Officer for Soroptimist Kuwait.



Ms. Samira El Abed

Speaker during Plenary Session 5



Ms. Al-Abed is an international expert accredited by the International Experts Authority in Geneva, and holds an international arbitrator certificate, a certificate of competence in concluding international contracts and major projects, and a master's degree in international migration.

Ms. Al-Abed currently works as director within the Ministry of Social Affairs in Tunisia for more than 20 years, managing a multidisciplinary team working on social defense and support to vulnerable groups, and formulate individual projects for social, psychological and professional integration. Ms. Al-Abed holds a PhD researcher in the field of migration.

Mr. Abdelslam Amakhtari

Speaker during Plenary Session 5

Mr. Abdelslam Amakhtari, is a Moroccan expert and consultant, has experience in the field of migration, field development and interculturalism, which he accumulated through years of work. His legal education and training and his participation in national, regional and international seminars, formations and forums enabled him to acquire skills and tools in preparing training materials and providing training and advice. He participated in a group of international and regional forums on human rights (World Forum for Human Rights) and on migration and asylum (Global Forum on Urban Violence and Education for Coexistence and Peace in Madrid) (Global Forum for Migration and Development in Marrakech). He also contributed to a group of research papers and studies in this field that belongs to a set of civic dynamics around the protection and advancement of migrants' rights.





Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh

A passionate, humanitarian driven, motivator leader and a women's rights advocate, Her Excellency Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh is the Assistant Secretary General - Head of Social Sector at the League of Arab States (LAS) on August 2018 and previously headed the Media and Communication Sector from 2013 to 2018. Her Excellency Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005 following her nomination selection for the '1000 women for Noble Peace Prize 2005'. While serving at the Arab Women Organization, Dr. Abu Ghazaleh was appointed by His Majesty King Abdullah II as a Minister of Tourism and Antiquities in 2011 and a Senator to the Jordanian Upper House of Parliament in 2009. During the period of 2007 – 2011, Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah II appointed Dr. Abu Ghazaleh as a Secretary-General at the National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA). Among Her Excellency Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh's most remarkable achievements as the Assistant Secretary-General - Head of Media and Communication at the League of Arab States, was the formulation of Pan Arab Network for Early Warning and Crisis Responses through joint LAS-EU-UNDP programme to respond to political, social, economic and environmental crises. For more than three decades, Dr. Abu Ghazaleh has been heavily involved and active at the Global Regional and National level in the areas of policy and legislative reform, gender mainstreaming, strategic planning, human rights, peace and security, Media & Communication and Early warning. Her Excellency Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh is a champion for the rights of women and gender equality. Dr. Abu Ghazaleh holds two Ph.Ds in Education & Psychology, an MA in Educational Counseling and a BA in Psychology and Sociology.

Mrs. Carmela Godeau

Mrs. Carmela Godeau is the IOM Regional Director for Middle East and North Africa, based in Cairo, Egypt. Prior to this appointment, she was Regional Director for West and central Africa, Regional Programme Development Officer/Deputy Regional Representative in Rome Mission with Regional Functions and Chief of Mission in Syria. She started her career with IOM in Cairo in 1994 as Chief of Mission and before that served two years with UNRWA in Gaza Strip, Palestinian Occupied Territories, from 1989 to 1992. Mrs. Godeau studied Islamology at Pontificio Istituto d'Islamologia in Rome – Italy and holds a Master Degree in Oriental Languages from Istituto Universitario Orientale in Naples, Italy.



Dr. Mehrinaz El Awady

Mehrinaz El Awady is the Director, of the Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development Cluster at UN ESCWA. Previously, she was ESCWA Director for the Centre for Women. She has a long record in development organization and management at the grassroots and the policy levels. Prior to her career as an International Civil Servant, she was the Youth and Women Regional Advisor for Save the Children. El Awady also worked for several international development organizations such as Education Development Center and Care International. She holds a PhD in Politics and International Studies from the University of Leeds, UK.