



# BIOGRAPHIES



**Mounir Tabet** is currently the Acting Executive Secretary of ESCWA. He was appointed as the Deputy Executive Secretary for Programme at UNESCWA in September 2018. Mr. Tabet brings extensive experience in development and political affairs with the UN. He has worked closely on issues of public policy, globalization and international trade, macro-economics, competitiveness, management, leadership and knowledge management. Prior to his appointment at ESCWA, he was Country Director for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Iraq, where he focused primarily on the stabilization of recently liberated areas, security sector reform, community reconciliation, anti-corruption and sustainable development including livelihoods, job creation as well as Agenda 2030 the Sustainable Development Goals. Prior to his assignment in Iraq, Mr. Tabet served as Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System and Resident Representative of UNDP in Tunis, as well as various positions with the UN in Egypt, New York and Saudi Arabia. Mr. Tabet holds a Master Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University.



**Mahmoud Mohieldin** is the World Bank Group Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships. Before joining the World Bank, Mr. Mohieldin was the Minister of Investment of the Arab Republic of Egypt from 2004 until 2010. He also served on several boards of directors, including the Central Bank of Egypt and the banking and corporate sector. He was a member of the Commission on Growth and Development and selected a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum. Mr. Mohieldin is a professor of economics and finance at Cairo University, an honorary professor at Durham University and a member of the Advisory Board of the Durham Business School. He also held leading positions in national and regional research centers and think tanks. He has authored numerous publications and articles in leading journals in the fields of international finance, economics, and development in English and Arabic. He received his Doctorate in Economics from the University of Warwick, M.Sc. in Economic and Social Policy Analysis from the University of York, and B.Sc. in Economics, first in the order of merit, from Cairo University.



**Mukhisa Kituyi** is the Secretary-General of UNCTAD. Dr. Kituyi has an extensive background as an elected official, an academic, and a holder of high government office. He also has wide-ranging experience in trade negotiations, and in African and broader international economics and diplomacy. Mr. Kituyi studied political science and international relations at the University of Nairobi and at Makerere University. He

earned an MPhil and a doctorate from the University of Bergen. Dr. Kituyi served as a researcher at Norway's Christian Michelsen Institute and as Programme Director of the African Centre for Technology Studies in Nairobi. He was elected to the Kenyan Parliament and was also Kenya's Minister of Trade and Industry. Dr. Kituyi chaired the Council of Ministers of COMESA and the African Trade Ministers' Council. He was also the chairman of the Council of Ministers of the ACP lead negotiator for Eastern and Southern African ministers during the Economic Partnership Agreement negotiations with the EU. Dr. Kituyi was a member of a team of experts advising the presidents of the nations of the East African Community and was a consultant for the African Union Commission. Dr. Kituyi also served as a non-resident fellow of the Africa Growth Initiative of the Brookings Institution.



**Mohamed Maait** is the Minister of Finance of the Arab Republic of Egypt. Prior to his appointment as Minister, he held the position Vice Minister of Finance for Public Treasury Affairs and Head of the Economic Justice Unit. In addition, he served as First Deputy Minister of Finance, Deputy to the Minister of Finance for Pension and Social Insurance and First Deputy Minister of Health & Population. Over his career of 33 years, he held many positions including Vice Chairman of the Egyptian Financial Supervisory Authority, Chairman of the Egyptian Governmental Actuarial Department (EGAD), Vice Chairman of the National Organization for Social Insurance, and Senior Advisor to the Minister of Finance. He was also appointed as the Executive Director of the Egyptian Insurance Institute. He also worked as a senior lecturer and has more than 30 years of teaching and researching experience. Dr. Maait holds a BSc degree in Insurance and Mathematics from Cairo University and an MPhil in Insurance from Cairo University, he also got a Diploma, an MSc in Actuarial Science, and a PhD degree in Actuarial Science from City University.



**Ali Hassan Khalil** is the Minister of Finance in Lebanon since 2014. He served as the Minister of Public Health and as the Minister of Agriculture in Lebanon. He was elected as a Member of the Lebanese Parliament several times and chaired several parliamentary committees including the Finance and Budget Committee, the National Defense Committee, and the Justice and Administration Committee. In addition to his career as a diplomat, Mr. Khalil holds a Bachelor Degree in Law from the Lebanese University. He is an Appeal Lawyer. Mr. Khalil has been the President of the Lebanese Youth Union and the President of the Alumni of the Faculty of Law, Administrative and Political Sciences for more than 20 years.



**Counselor Ahmed Said Khalil** is the Vice President of the Court of Cassation and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Egyptian Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Combating Unit. Throughout his career, Mr. Khalil has contributed to the drafting of many laws and legislations related to combatting money laundering and terrorist financing. To achieve local coordination in these fields, within the broader realm of combatting corruption and the recovery of stolen assets, Mr. Khalil serves as a member in several high-level national committees including, the National Council for Payments chaired by the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the National Coordinating Committee for Combatting Corruption, the National Coordination Committee for Recovery of Stolen Funds and Assets. Mr. Khalil also

heads the National Council for Combatting Money Laundering, which comprises all national stakeholders concerned with combatting money laundering.



**Mohamed Fathi Ahmed Edrees** is the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations in New York. Prior to that, Mr. Edrees was the Assistant Foreign Minister in charge of African Affairs. He served as the Egyptian Ambassador to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union and to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Ambassador Edrees was appointed as Minister Plenipotentiary to the United Nations in New York, and Deputy Assistant Minister for Arab Affairs. Prior to his diplomatic service, Mr. Edrees was a resident doctor with the Ministry of Health of the Arab Republic of Egypt. Mr. Edrees holds a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of London and a Bachelor of Science in medicine and surgery from Cairo University.



**Lamia Moubayed Bissat** heads the Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan. Ms. Moubayed has more than 20 years multidisciplinary experience within national and international institutions. She teaches public management at the Institute of Political Studies of the Université Saint Joseph, Beirut. She has been nominated by the United Nations Secretary-General to serve on the Committee of Experts in Public Administration (CEPA) for a four-year term beginning January 2018. She is also a member of the board of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA). Ms. Bissat is a founding member of the MENAPAR network of Researchers in public administration. She authored and contributed to more than 41 publications including reports, manuals and citizen guides and founded the semi-peer reviewed journal “Assadissa”-Journal of Public Finance and State Building. Ms. Moubayed was awarded many honors including the highest French distinction of “Légion d’Honneur” (2015) and the prestigious “Chevalier de l’Ordre National du Mérite” (2004) for her significant contributions to the development of cooperation ties between France, Lebanon and the MENA region.



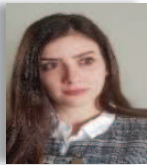
**Amr Nour** is the Director of the United Nations Regional Commissions’ Office in New York. He is responsible for providing strategic policy advice on a broad array of economic and social development issues on the global agenda with a bearing on the work undertaken by the Regional Commissions. Before assuming his current functions, Mr. Nour worked as a research and evaluation officer at the United Nations. Prior to joining the UN, Mr. Nour worked as a delegate to the Security Council and diplomat advising the Government of Egypt on foreign policy, political economy of energy, trade-related issues and negotiations, as well as the sustainable development agenda. Mr. Nour carries a Masters in Public Administration from Syracuse University, a Masters in Political Science from the University of Sorbonne. He also carries post-graduate certificates in international law and Middle-Eastern studies.



**Marwan S. Barakat** is the Group Chief Economist and Head of Research at Bank Audi s.a.l. He headed the Research Department of the Bank since the mid-1990s. Dr. Barakat holds BBA and MBA degrees from the American University of Beirut and a PhD Degree in Economics from the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom. He is a lecturer at the Lebanese American University and the American University of Beirut.



**Hisham Taha** joined the United Nations as the Strategic Policy Advisor to the Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and currently serves as Economic Advisor for UNESCWA leading the Financing for Development Office. Mr. Taha is a career diplomat with 25 years of experience in international economic relations, trade disciplines and development policy. Prior to joining the United Nations, Mr. Taha was the Economic Advisor to the Foreign Minister of Egypt, Coordinator of the Arab and African Groups and lead multilateral economic and trade negotiator at the World Trade Organization, UNCTAD and other major UN conferences and summits. He was appointed as the Secretary of the EU-Egypt Ministerial Association Council and served as the Special Assistant to the Under Secretary in charge of the United Nations and Specialized Agencies. Mr. Taha led the Economic, Trade and Investment Sections at both the Permanent Missions of Egypt to the United Nations (Geneva) and the European Union and NATO (Brussels). He holds postgraduate degrees in economics, political economy and international trade law.



**Angelic Salha** joined the UNESCWA as a Researcher in the Financing for Development Office in 2016. Ms. Salha holds a Bachelor's degree of Science in Mathematics and a postgraduate degree in Business Administration with emphasis in Finance. With extensive experience in Economic research, Ms. Salha is a contributing author to several UNESCWA reports, including the first edition of "The State of Financing Development in the Arab Region" and the first UNESCWA report tackling "Illicit Financial Flows in the Arab Region". Prior to joining the United Nations, Ms. Salha co-authored "The Bias in the Long Run Relation between the Prices of Brent and WTI crude oils" published by the International Journal of Energy Economics and Policy. She held positions at Haigazian University, the USAID office in Haigazian University, and the Capital Finance Company.



**Stefano Prato** is the Managing Director of the Society for International Development (SID) and the Editor of SID's Quarterly Journal "Development". He is the coordinator of the Civil Society Financing for Development Group and member of the Editing Team of the annual Spotlight Report on Sustainable Development. He served as one of the Advisors to the UN Secretary General's High-Level Panel of Eminent Personalities for the Post-2015 Development Agenda. He is also the co-coordinator of the global Nutrition Civil Society Group and member of the Editorial Board of the Right to Food Watch. He is an active participant of the Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) of the Committee on World Food Security and co-facilitates the CSM Working Groups on Nutrition, Sustainable Agriculture & Livestock and SDGs. His most recent areas of interest address the democratization of global economic governance, the architecture of governance, the corporate capture of food, agriculture and nutrition, and the political economies of inequalities, particularly in the African context. Before joining SID, he was actively engaged in several Italian development cooperation NGOs as well as social development volunteer-based organizations.



**Tove Maria Ryding** is the Senior Policy Analyst and Advocacy Manager for Tax Justice at the European Network on Debt and Development (Eurodad), and member of the coordinating committees of the Financial Transparency Coalition (FTC) and the Global Alliance for Tax Justice (GATJ). She co-authored several reports on issues related to

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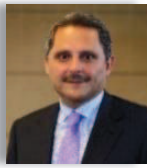
**Jessy Trad** is the Head of the Business and Economy News Department at the national television channel MTV Lebanon where she produces and presents the Business segment that she created. Ms. Trade is also known for her financial reports on raising awareness and fighting corruption. As a professional in the Financial media field with over 10 years of experience, Jessy is also highly skilled in financial Research and Analysis in addition to Business Development combined to Media production. Ms. Trade is a university Lecturer at Saint Joseph University (USJ) since 2013 and holds consultative and media advisory positions to Lebanese and Arab institutions where she provides business and financial strategies in addition to Strategic Media planning. Ms. Trade has been a moderator and speaker in several Conferences and Forums in the MENA region.



**Sarah-Jayne Clifton** is the Director of Jubilee Debt Campaign, working to end poverty caused by unjust debt through education, research and campaigning. She has extensive experience in economic justice campaigning, policy and advocacy at the UK and international level, as well as coalition- and alliance-building. Sarah joined Jubilee Debt Campaign in November 2013. Prior to that she worked for 8 years as part of Friends of the Earth International (FoEI). She coordinated FoEI's Climate Justice & Energy programme, including the network's activities around the UN climate negotiations, served on FoEI's Executive Committee, and before that worked as a campaigner on corporate accountability and trade for Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland. In this capacity, she led on the Corporate Responsibility (CORE) coalition's successful campaign on corporate reporting and duties for company directors, which secured changes to UK company law. Sarah has a BA Hons degree in geography from the University of Oxford, and an MSc in International Politics from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London.



**Nassib Ghobril** is the Chief Economist and Head of the Economic Research and Analysis Department at Byblos Bank. Mr. Ghobril is a member of the World Economic Association, the Research & Studies Committee at the Association of Banks in Lebanon, and a founding board member of the Institute of Directors, as well as a member of the Advisory Board of the Lebanese American University's School of Business, and board member of the Levant Institute for Strategic Affairs. He is a board member of several civic and charitable organizations. He is the recipient of the World Lebanese League's award for "Best Economist in Lebanon and the Diaspora for 2009", Data Invest & Consult's award for "Best Sovereign Risk Analyst of 2010", Data Invest & Consult's award for "Most Innovative Research in 2012", and the "2013 Excellence in Economic Research Award". Mr. Ghobril holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies & Economics, an MA in International Relations and a Master in International Management.



**Samir Hammoud** is the Chairman of the Banking Control Commission of Lebanon. He is also a member of the Capital Market Authority (CMA) and the Special Investigation Committee (SIC) at the Central Bank of Lebanon. From 1974 to 2015, Mr. Hammoud held several banking positions at several banks in Lebanon and the Arab region, namely Rif Bank, Bank of Beirut & Arab Countries, Commercial Bank of Kuwait-Kuwait, BankMed. He also acted as Chairman/G. Manager of Future TV. Mr. Hammoud published a number of studies and articles in Lebanese newspapers and magazines related monetary, financial and banking situation and issued a book in 1993 entitled “Credit Analysis”. He has a long academic career where he taught in Haigazian, AUB, LAU and USJ for 14 years. He holds a BBA from Haigazian College, an MBA from American University of Beirut, and a B.A. in Law from the Lebanese University. Mr. Hammoud was appointed by the Council of Ministers as Committee member for restructuring Bank Euromed. He was a member in Association of Banks in Lebanon / Banking Studies Committee. Mr. Hammoud is currently a member of B.O.D of Al Riyadi Club, a member of Board of Trustees of Makassed Islamic Philanthropic Association, and President of Hammoud Association in Lebanon.



**Ms. Naoko UEDA** took up her duties as Deputy Director at the OECD’s Development Centre in 2016. As one of two Deputy Directors, Ms. Ueda supports the Director in establishing the strategic directions and implementing the Programme of Work of the Development Centre, ensuring that the Centre’s analysis and advice remain at the forefront of policy thinking and produce results. As a member of the OECD senior management team, Ms. Ueda works towards the achievement of the Strategic Orientations of the Secretary-General. Ms. UEDA is responsible to provide leadership to strengthen the Centre’s engagement and impact with Asia, as well as in several thematic areas such as social cohesion, gender, production transformation, and assisting developing countries in their efforts to achieve the SDGs.



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**DR. IBRAHIM ABDEL GELIL** has more than 40 years of professional experience both at the national, regional, and international levels in the fields of energy and environment with a particular emphasis on policy formulation and analysis, strategic planning and program development and management. He is the Senior Adviser to Arab Forum for Environment and Development (AFED), Adjunct professor of Environment at the Arabian Gulf University (AGU) in Bahrain. He was also the CEO of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), and Chairman of the Egyptian Organization for Energy Planning (OEP). Dr. Abdel Gelil authored and co-authored around 70 publications on energy and environment. He was the co-author of the annual series of AFED reports on the State Arab Environment (2008-2018).



**Stefan Brunnhuber** is a professor at the European Academy of Science and Arts, World Academy of Science Sustainability & Psychology. He holds over 12 international guest professorships in Medicine, Finance and Sustainability. Mr. Brunnhuber was the Vice-chairman of the European Institute of Medicine for over 10 years and Medical Director and Chief Medical Officer in Germany (Saxony). He is a Senator (elected in 2015) of the European Academy of Science and Arts and a member of several international working groups including the Club of Rome, European Academy of Science and Arts. He is a founding member of Alma Mater European. Mr. Brunnhuber has over 300 publications. He is a renowned international lecturer and co-author of the Club of Rome report (Money and Sustainability 2014) and one of the bestselling textbooks in Germany of the last 25 years and author of 'The Art of Financial Transformation'. Mr. Brunnhuber received the following awards: "International Scientist of the Year 2003"; "Living Science Award 2004"; "International Peace Prize 2004"; and Scientific Advisor to the EU-Commission.



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**Bhumika Muchhala** is a policy researcher, analyst, and advocate with twenty years of experience in global economic governance, international political economy and sustainable development. Her focus has been on the perspectives and priorities of developing countries in international organizations as well as that of marginalized communities in developing countries. For the past 10 years, she was a senior policy analyst for Third World Network (TWN), where she advised G77 developing country negotiators in the UN, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Financing for Development, Rio+20 Conference, and the UN Economic and Social Council. Previously, she was based in Washington, D.C., where she coordinated the IMF Program at the Bank Information Centre, the Asia Program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the Women's Rights program at Global Rights. Bhumika is currently a consultant with the Right to Development division in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Ms. Muchhala holds a Masters in Development Economics from the London School of Economics, a Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature and a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Carnegie Mellon University.



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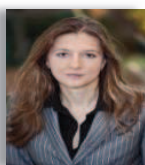
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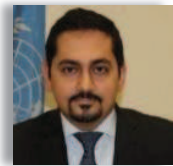


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**Kinda Hattar** works with Transparency International (TI) since 2012 as the Regional Advisor for MENA. Ms. Hattar provides relevant expertise, capacity building content and related information to support different regional efforts in fighting corruption, liaising with local, regional and global stakeholders. She provides political and content analysis of the corruption scene in the MENA region, and advises on the different ways to fight corruption and ensure good governance and transparency in theory and practice according to TI principles and practices. Ms. Hattar joined TI from UNDP working on Enhancing Capacity of the Ministry for Political Development and Political Parties in Jordan. She also worked with youth, women and people with disabilities as the Governance Project Manager with British Council. She has worked as a Programme Coordinator and Trainer at the National Centre for Human Rights after which she has worked as Community Services Officer with Care International in refugees' camps on the Jordanian-Iraqi borders. Ms. Hattar holds a Masters in International Human Rights Law from Nottingham University -UK and BA in Communication and Journalism from Yarmouk University- Jordan.



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**Alex Cobham** is the Chief Executive of the Tax Justice Network and a visiting fellow at King's College, London. His work focuses on illicit financial flows, effective taxation for development, and inequality. He has been a researcher at Oxford University, Christian Aid, Save the Children, and has been consulted widely, including by the Economic Commission for Africa, DFID, and the World Bank. Mr. Cobham was a research fellow at the Center for Global Development in Europe (CGD). He was previously at

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**Richard Murphy** is a chartered accountant who after a career as a partner in practice became a founder of the Tax Justice Network in 2003. As a technical adviser to that group, he created country-by-country reporting, which is now in use for tax reporting around the world. He was engaged in negotiating the OECD's Base Erosion and Profits Shifting programme on behalf of civil society organisations. He has also promoted the study of the tax gap as a way of appraising risk in the economy, and this is the focus of much of his recent work. Now a Professor of Practice in International Political Economy at City, University of London, his ideas have been used by many UK politicians, including David Cameron, Caroline Lucas, Vince Cable and Jeremy Corbyn. Richard was rated the ninth most influential person in worldwide tax by International Tax Review in 2017.



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