

Mohamed Ali Alhakim

Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA

Thirty-seven years of experience in government and diplomatic positions, with deep knowledge of the United Nations, the private sector, partnerships, finance, management, mergers and acquisitions, and development.

Government positions in Iraq

Fourteen years of government experience.

- Director of the Arab, European, International Organizations and Policy Planning departments at the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2006-2010)
- Advisor on economic and social affairs to the Vice-President of Iraq (2004-2010)
- Member of the Iraq National Assembly and Foreign Relations Subcommittee (2005-2006)
- Minister of Telecommunications (2004-2005)
- Acting Minister of Finance (2004-2005)
- Coordinator of Ministry of Planning (May-September 2003)
- Deputy Secretary-General of the Iraq Governing Council (July 2003-May 2004)

Foreign service

Twelve years of experience as Ambassador and director of major departments at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Duties included supervising more than 500 diplomats in some 50 embassies and relations with foreign embassies in Baghdad.

- Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations, New York (2013-2017)
- Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations, Geneva (2010-2013)
- Chairman of the Arab Council of Ministers of Telecommunications and Information, League of Arab States (2004-2005)
- Director of the following departments at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2006-2010):
 - European Department: managed 28 embassies and consulates
 - Arab Department: managed 22 embassies and consulates, and activities with the League of Arab States and intergovernmental organizations such as ESCWA and the World Health Organization Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (WHO-EMRO)
 - Policy Planning Department: oversaw research, development and follow-up on international issues
 - International Organizations Department: managed activities of the permanent missions of Iraq to the United Nations and its agencies
- Chairman of the Credentials Committee of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Meeting (2015)
- Member of the Code of Conduct Group
- As Chair of the United Nations Meeting of Arab Ambassadors, he proposed a draft resolution on raising the Palestinian flag at the United Nations, which was adopted by the General Assembly

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- Worked with Germany and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on the adoption of a resolution on preserving Iraqi heritage by the UN General Assembly (2015)

United Nations

Ten years of experience working with the main bodies of the United Nations and many of its agencies, including United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), and intergovernmental groups, such as the G77 and China.

- Coordinated with United Nations agencies on implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals, including the development of programmes for Iraq
- Sponsored events on cultural heritage, human rights, demining, gender equality, counter-terrorism and conflict prevention

Donors and partnerships

Fourteen years of experience working with donor countries in Iraq.

- Established strong working relationships with European Union countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Kuwait, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America
- Worked with the German mission to the United Nations to sponsor a \$15 million project on demining in Iraq with the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)
- Worked with the Japanese mission to the United Nations to pledge more than \$100 million to assist Iraq in rebuilding cities after defeating ISIS
- Worked with the Italian mission to the United Nations on sponsoring Iraqi heritage digitization projects, police force training, and repair work on the Mosul Dam

Private sector

Fifteen years of experience working in the private sector as an entrepreneur, manager and technology consultant in small, medium and large companies. Areas of interest include mergers and acquisitions, research and development, technology development and marketing.

Finance and budgeting

Experience in finance and budgeting as a minister, ambassador and head of government departments, and in the private sector.

- As Iraqi Minister of Communications, he managed and developed annual budgets for three major divisions, 22,000 employees, and more than 55 simultaneous projects with annual budgets totalling \$400 million
- Managed a budget of \$50 million with four Iraqi ministries to rebuild the city of Najaf: renovating school buildings and the University of Kufa, restoring electric power and land and mobile telephone lines, and rehabilitating hospitals

Meetings and conferences

Thirty years of experience participating in meetings and conferences, including as a member of Iraqi delegations to high-level meetings and summits. He has chaired various United Nations committees and ambassadorial meetings, and been a keynote speaker, panellist and participant at a wide range of events, including donor conferences on Iraq. He has been selected twice by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) to address diplomats from 193 States on General Assembly agendas.

Academia and research

Eight years of experience in academia and research.

- Delivered courses on management, software development and mathematics (Northeastern University, Massachusetts, United States of America)
- Forged partnerships with private sector companies to sponsor students, research and development, and training
- Lectured at the Foreign Ministry diplomatic institute in Baghdad on political, security and economic topics
- Supervised diplomats' research projects
- Published articles on the United Nations and Iraq's political and economic issues in Arabic

Education

- Doctorate in Management of Engineering, University of Southern California, United States of America
- Master of Science and Technology, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom
- Bachelor of Arts in Education and Statistics, Al-Mustansiriya University, Iraq

Personal information

- Born in Iraq in 1952