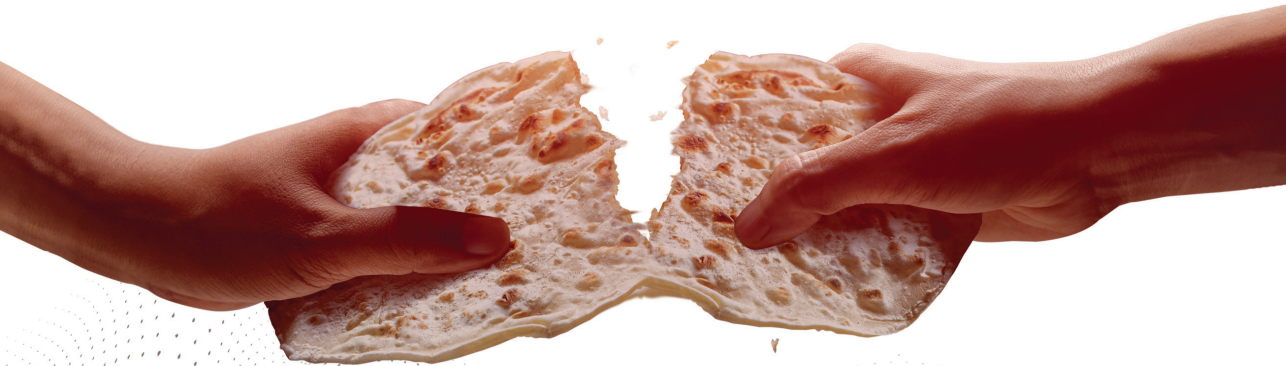




The International Conference on  
**FOOD JUSTICE**  
FROM A HUMAN RIGHT PERSPECTIVE  
Challenges of Reality .. and Future Stakes

6 - 7th February - The Ritz Carlton Hotel - Doha



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## Background

It has been shown that the global food crisis does not stem from a shortage of food resources, but rather from a crisis of access to food resources - a matter highlighted by the United Nations Secretary-General in 2021, the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights in 2023, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to food, as well as a number of international and regional organizations concerned with food systems which have reported that hunger and famine are not the result of decreased productivity, but rather a man-made problem. More specifically, structural and systematic violence and armed conflict remain the two main reasons behind food insecurity and violations of the right to food. In addition, the global food system attributes inequality in access to food to a number of additional factors including the international economic slowdown, global inflation and unprecedented debt accumulation. Other reasons include the global warming, climate change, and loss of biodiversity, the COVID 19 pandemic and its consequences, the wars, conflicts, and natural and humanitarian disasters the planet is going through. All of this has undermined the respect for and the protection and fulfillment of the right to food and has also exposed a wide range of interconnected human rights to violations; including the rights to life, the highest attainable standard of health, the right to be free from poverty, to work and social protection. Children, women, the elderly, persons with disabilities, minorities, indigenous peoples, refugees, displaced persons, occupied peoples, people living in poverty and other vulnerable groups are often the most affected.

Given the importance of the issue at the regional and international levels, in particular the fact that 2024 marks the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food, and considering the efforts of the State of Qatar to promote the sectors of food production by ranking first among the Arab countries and twenty-fourth globally in the 2021 Global Food Security Index, as well as the country's international humanitarian aid to address hunger and food shortages by cooperating with the United Nations system due to its commitment to its humanitarian responsibility to respond to famine and food insecurity, and while being aware of how this contributes to preserving world peace and addressing the causes of conflicts, and as a follow-up to these commendable efforts, Qatar hosted and organized the International Horticultural Exhibition which is being held for the very first time in the Arab region under the title "Expo 2023 Doha" with the theme being "Green Desert, Better Environment" and for a duration of 179 days with more than 80 countries and numerous international governmental and non-governmental organizations participating in it. The aim is to explore and adopt innovative solutions to mitigate the effects of desertification at the international level and to promote sustainable innovations, modern farming and environmental awareness.

In this context, and under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, the National Human Rights Committee of the State of Qatar (NHRC) is organizing The International Conference in collaboration with the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States.

The International Conference on "Food Justice from a Human Rights Perspective: Challenges of Reality and Future Stakes" as one of the most important global human rights concerns that have appeared on the international agenda during the past few years.

## Aims and Objectives

### Aims:

This international conference is being organized to: provide a platform for discussions, analysis, and exchange of knowledge, experiences and good practices; to review legislation, policies, plans and programs related to the realization of the right to food at the international and national levels in order to build a systematic response to understanding the global food crisis from a human rights perspective; to propose mechanisms and tools that would urge governments and international companies to work with a human rights-based approach to realize the right to food by enabling all people to have access to safe, nutritious and adequate food throughout the year in accordance with governed and effective mechanisms that enhance the resilience of people, societies and ecosystems as a key factor in achieving sustainable farming; to strengthen the capacity of stakeholders to monitor and follow up on the extent to which all parties are committed to their obligations in this regard; and to develop a plan for connectivity and cooperation between them. Achieving these aims will be through the following objectives:

### The Objectives:

The organizers of the International Conference on "Food Justice from a Human Rights Perspective: "Challenges of Reality and Future Stakes" look forward to achieving **the following objectives:**

- Urging the international community, "countries, organizations and the private sector" to deal with recurring global food crises in accordance with a human rights-based approach to establish global food systems that direct their focus to matters of accessibility, adequacy and sustainability instead of remaining solely focused on producing more food.
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- Promoting international solidarity to implement the right to food that should be sufficient, adequate, available and affordable for all human beings, by addressing economic and social inequalities and developing a generous and fair global and national food policy that provides the conditions for the establishment of a fair and stable market that does not give profit any priority over human rights.
- Urging concerned parties to cooperate in promoting and protecting the right to food and food justice in conflict zones and in the face of climate change, to reduce environmental degradation and global warming, and to fulfill their main responsibilities to ensure that every person under their jurisdiction has physical and economic access at all times to adequate food or the means of its purchase.
- Strengthening work on Goal 2 of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, with a focus on protecting the weak and vulnerable and dedicating a place for them at the heart of the global response in a way that ensures States hearing and addressing their demands.
- Promoting the rights of future generations to redress, equality, accountability and governance and to providing sustainable solutions beyond the current emphasis placed on science, technology, markets and investments which have failed to solve food crises.

## Partners and Participants:

### Organizing Partners:

The NHRC of the State of Qatar is organizing this international conference in collaboration with GANHRI, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the United Nations Development Programme UNDP, and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights OHCHR, and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States.

### 300-400 Male and Female Participants:

More than 300 governmental and non-governmental organizations with experience at the international and regional levels will be invited to participate in the Conference, along with a number of human rights defenders, relevant special rapporteurs, heads of contractual and regional human rights mechanisms, policymakers, national human rights institutions, media outlets, academia, social media influencers, research centers, companies, businesses, international and regional organizations, and national stakeholders involved in the Conference's subject, in addition to the United Nations and a large number of experts and academics concerned with the food issue at the international, regional and national levels.

### Date, Venue, Format and Methodology:

The conference will be held in person on February 6-7, 2024 in Doha at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. On the first day, the conference will consist of an opening session followed by three sessions; as for the second day, it will consist of three workshops, a fourth session for "outcomes," and then the closing session. Each session and workshop will have its own chair and rapporteur, and a statement will be made at the end of the Conference regarding the issues that were discussed and the summary of the good practices, initiatives and final recommendations of the participating entities.

After the end of the Conference, the organizers will also work to combine the working papers with the recommendations, background and program into an electronic and a printed document to be circulated to the participants, published on the websites of the organizing bodies, and sent to the international, regional and United Nations bodies that are concerned with promoting and protecting the right to food while urging them to take them into account when working to address the food crisis.

**Day 1: February 6, 2024**

Timing	Subject	Remarks
<b>08:00 - 09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>Opening session</b>		
<b>09:00 - 10:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>H.E. Mrs. Maryam bint Abdullah Al-Attiyah</b>, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) of the State of Qatar and President of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI).</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Mr. Abdullah bin Hamad bin Abdullah Al-Attiyah</b>, the Minister of Municipality of the State of Qatar.</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Mr. Jassim Bin Mohammed Al Budaiwi</b>, Secretary General of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Ms. Nada Al-Nashif</b>, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights.</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Ambassador Haifa Abu Ghazaleh</b>, Deputy Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Mr. Biplove choudhary</b>, Technical representative and head of office of the United Nations Development Program in the State of Qatar.</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Dr. Michael Fakhri</b>, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food. (Video)</li> </ul>	<b>5 minutes per speech</b>
<b>Screening of a film about the right to food</b>		
<b>10:00 - 10:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	
The General rapporteur of the conference Mr. Ghaffar Al-Ali, The Legal consultant for The Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions		
The Conference's Organizing Committee announces the names of the Drafting Committee		
<b>10:30 - 12:00</b>	<b>First session</b>	
	<b>Entitled</b> <b>International and Regional Instruments and Their Effectiveness in Accessing the Right to Food and Food Justice.</b>	
	<b>Chair of the Session: Mr. Mohammad ALNSOUR</b> , Chief of the Middle East and North Africa Section at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. <b>Rapporteur of the Session: Ms. Mays Al-Atiyat</b> , United Nations Development Programme.	

<b>10:30 - 12:00</b>	<p><b>Working Papers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working paper on instruments related to the right to food, <b>Mr. Chafik Ben Rouen</b>, Human Rights Officer, Economic and Social Rights Section, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.</li> <li>- Working paper General Secretariat of the League of Arab States on “Diplomacy to implement the right to food and achieve food justice in Arab countries: challenges and opportunities”, Minister Plenipotentiary <b>Ms. Zoubida Ziani</b>, Deputy Director of the Human Rights Department.</li> <li>- Working paper: on Right to Food and Justice: Intersectionality and Human Rights Perspectives. <b>PhD. Kaosar Afsana</b>, Professor at James P. Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Bangladesh.</li> <li>- Working paper: on instruments related to international and internal armed conflicts and occupation, <b>Ms. Basma Tabaja</b>, Head of Mission at International Committee of the Red Cross</li> <li>- Working paper on the role of international, regional and national mechanisms in promoting food justice, <b>Mr. Joseph Schechla</b>, Coordinator at Housing and Land Rights Network, Habitat International Coalition.</li> </ul>	<p>The duration of each paper is 10 minutes</p> <p>Discussion and Questions 30 minutes</p>
<b>12:00 - 12:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>12:30 - 13:30</b>	<b>Second session</b>	
<b>12:30 - 13:30</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Entitled</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Efforts of the State of Qatar to Promote the Sectors of Food Production and Respond to Famine and Food Insecurity, and Shedding Light on the International Horticultural Exhibition (Expo 2023 Doha- “Green Desert, Better Environment”</b></p> <p><b>Chair of the Session: H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Saif Al Kuwari</b>, Vice Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee in Qatar.  <b>Rapporteur of the Session: Mr. Wahid Kamel Ibrahim</b>, Human Rights Specialist - Human Rights Department, General Secretariat of the League of Arab States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working paper: on Expo 2023 Doha “Expectations, results and proposals”, <b>H.E. Mr. Mohamed Bin Ali Alkhori</b>, Secretary General of Expo 2023.</li> <li>- Working paper: on highlighting the effective policies of the State of Qatar (global role) in achieving food justice and food security (best experiences and practices),</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Dr. Turki bin Abdullah Zaid Al Mahmoud</b>, Director of the Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</li> <li>- Working paper: on the efforts of the State of Qatar to advance the food production sectors (best experiences and practices) <b>Ms. Fatima Bint Yousef Al-Obaidli</b>, Sustainable development expert in the Office of the Head of the Planning and Statistics Authority.</li> </ul>	<p>The duration of each paper is 10 minutes</p> <p>Discussion and Questions 30 minutes</p>

<b>13:30 - 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	
<b>14:30 - 16:00</b>	<b>Third Session</b>	
<b>14:30 - 16:00</b>	<p>Entitled The Role of the United Nations Mechanisms, Organizations, Programmes, Agencies and the League of Arab States in Implementing the Human Rights-Based Right to Food. (Best practices)</p> <p><b>Chair of the Session: H.E. Professor Alena Douhan</b>, UN Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights <b>Rapporteur of the Session: Mr. Eric Alter</b>, Lawyer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working paper of <b>Ambassador Dr. Mohamed Ezzeldine Abdel-Moneim</b>, member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.</li> <li>- Working paper, Navigating UN Special Procedures: Unveiling UN Independent Mandates for Safeguarding the Right to Food: <b>Ms. Lilit Nikoghosyan</b>, Human Rights Officer, Special Procedures Branch. OHCHR</li> <li>- Working paper: Counselor <b>Khamis Al-Bouzidi</b>, Director of the Civil Society Organizations Department, General Secretariat of the League of Arab States.</li> <li>- Working paper: "Gaps in the fulfillment of the Right to Food and the role of international organizations in addressing the challenges, the role of UNDP" <b>Mr. Fekadu Terefe Dama</b>, Programme Specialist-Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development. UNDP</li> <li>- Working paper: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia "ESCWA", <b>Mrs. Bryony Katharine Alice Steyn</b>, Economic Affairs Officer.</li> </ul>	<p>The duration of each paper is 10 minutes</p> <p>Discussion and Questions 30 minutes</p>
	<p><b>16:00-18:00</b></p> <p>Meeting of the Drafting Committee</p>	
<b>18:00</b>	A Visit to Expo 2023 Doha	
<b>21:00</b>	Dinner	

## Day 2: February 7, 2024

Timing	Subject	Remarks
09:00 - 09:30	Registration for the Workshops	09:00 - 09:30
09:30 - 12:30	<p>The duration of each working paper is 10 minutes; this applies to all workshops.</p> <p>The working paper must include recommendations regarding the topic covered by the paper</p> <p>At the end of each workshop, there will be a 50-minute discussion and questions</p>	30-minute break 11:00-11:30
09:30 - 13:00	The First working group	
09:30 - 13:00	<p>Entitled</p> <p>Food Justice as a Global and National Response to Build Food Systems Based on a Human Rights Based Approach to Achieve Equality and Enable Everyone to Access Adequate and Sustainable Food</p> <p>Chair of the Session: H.E. Ms. Ashwini K.P, UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism.</p> <p>Rapporteur of the Session: Mr. William Law, Editor, Arab Digest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sub-theme 1:</b> The Role of Sustainable Development Goals in Building Globally and Nationally Fair Food Systems, and the Extent to which the Principle of Leaving No One behind Is Achieved.</li> <li>- Working paper on the role of accountability mechanisms in ensuring the right to food and preventing bias Food systems, <b>Mr. Khalil Ibrahim Al Hamadani</b>, Expert of the Arab Human Rights Committee "Charter Committee" "the League of Arab States".</li> <li>- Working paper on Food Justice: Meeting Extraterritorial Obligations through SDGs and Effective Food systems. <b>Mr. JUSTUS OKOKO</b>, UNDP.</li> <li>- Working paper on relief work as a tool for food justice, including relief in conflicts., <b>Mr. Abdullah Mohammed Fouda</b>, Qatar Red Crescent, Relations Expert, Relief and International Development Division.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Sub-theme 2:</b> Labor Conditions in the Agricultural and Food Fields and the Problems of Protecting Them from the Perspective of the International Labor Organization (ILO) - <b>Ms. Néfissa Lakhoua</b> International Labor Organization “ILO”.</p> <p><b>Sub-theme 3:</b> Proposals to reduce agriculture based on the profit-oriented economic model and the Production of a Third of Anthropogenic Emissions of Greenhouse Gases, Thus Contributing to Supporting efforts to address climate change at the national and international levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working paper of <b>Ms. Rina Amanda Kuusipalo</b>, Human Rights Officer-OHCHR.</li> <li>- Working paper on Food-Energy-Water &amp; Waste Nexus for Climate Change Mitigation and Food Security; <b>Dr. Serpil Guran</b>, Director, UNIVERSITY The ECOCOMPLEX.</li> <li>- Working paper on “Agricultural Production Adhering to Standards of Human Health, Environmental Safety, and the Right to Health” <b>Dr. Rayana Bou Haqqa</b>, World Health Organization at the United Nations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sub-theme 4:</b> The Rights of Marginalized Groups to Food Justice, Especially When They Are Exposed to Natural and Humanitarian Disasters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>H.E. Ms. Ashwini K.P.</b>, UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism.</li> <li>- Working paper on “The Right to Food and Food Security Under Occupation “Palestine as a Model” <b>H.E. Mr. Issam Arouri</b>, High Commissioner of Palestinian Independent Commission for Human Rights.</li> <li>- Working paper on “The right to food in the Gaza Strip in light of the aggression” <b>H.E. Mr. Issam Younis</b>, Director of Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>09:30 - 12:30</b></p>	<p>The Second working group</p>	
<p><b>09:30 - 12:30</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Entitled Towards Building an International Trading System Geared to Implementing Food Justice</b></p> <p><b>Chair of the Session:</b> <b>Ms. Najia Hashemee</b>, Regional Advisor for Inclusive Institutions and Processes in Arab States, (UNDP) <b>Rapporteur of the Session:</b> <b>Mr. Victor Jonathan Willi</b>, Executive director, Middle East institute Switzerland.</p>	

	<p><b>Sub-theme1:</b> The Right to Food in the Context of International Trade Law, International Trade Policy and Intellectual Property Rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working paper of <b>Ms. Mercy Obonyo</b>, Programme Officer - Business and Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals at the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions.</li> <li>- Working paper of <b>Mr. Stephan Backes</b>, Program Coordinator FIAN International (for the right to food and nutrition).</li> </ul> <p><b>Sub-theme 2:</b> Global Governance Directed Towards Protecting the Right to Food, Streamlining Global Markets, Understanding Shocks, Controlling the Influences of Global Companies and Holding Them Accountable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working paper of <b>H.E. Professor Alena Douhan</b>, UN Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights</li> <li>- Working paper of <b>Mr. Abdel Bagi Mohamed</b>, a scientist and expert.</li> <li>- Working paper of <b>Professor Rattan Lal</b>, Director, CFAES Rattan Lal Center for Carbon Management and Sequestration University, Professor of Soil Science.</li> <li>- <b>Dr. Nizam Assaf</b>, Director of the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sub-theme 3:</b> International and National Investments and Building Agricultural and Food Systems That Respect Human Rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working paper of <b>Ms. Maria Paola Lia</b>, Executive Director of the Global Pollution Alliance, working paper on building human rights-sensitive agricultural and food systems.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sub-theme 4:</b> Food Justice in Social Protection Programs as a Means to Empower the Marginalized and Implement Their Rights as a Result of Austerity and Structural Readjustment Policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working paper of <b>Mr. Anthony MacDonald</b>, Head of Doha Office Senior Programme Manager, UNICEF</li> <li>- Working paper of <b>H.E. Ms. Maya Saheli</b>, Member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, former Special Rapporteur on Coercive Measures.</li> <li>- Working paper of <b>Ms. Irmina Pacho</b>, Climate Justice Specialist, international Development Law Organization.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>09:30-13:00</b></p>	<p><b>The Third working group</b></p>	
	<p><b>Entitled</b> <b>The Role of National Human Rights Institutions, Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society and Stakeholders in Implementing the Right to Food and Food Justice According to a Human Rights-Based Approach</b></p>	

<p><b>09:30-13:00</b></p>	<p><b>Chair of the Session: H.E. Dr. Rashid bin Hamad Al Balushi,</b> Chairman of the Omani Human Rights Commission. <b>Rapporteur of the Session: Mr. Siddiq Al-Khalidi,</b> General Director of the High Commission for Human Rights in Tunisia.</p>	<p><b>7 Minutes per Experience</b></p>
	<p><b>Sub-theme 1:</b> Sub-theme 1: Cooperating with Contractual and Non-Contractual Human Rights Mechanisms and Regional Mechanisms. Developing the Role of National Human Rights Institutions and Civil Society Organizations as Actors in Addressing the Food Crisis Through Monitoring, Documentation, Reporting, Advising, Implementation Follow-up, and Interaction with the International System in this Regard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experience 1: NHRI in Egypt, <b>H.E. Ambassador Moushira Khattab,</b> Chairperson of the National Council for Human Rights.</li> <li>- Experience 2: NHRI in Oman, <b>H.E. Dr. Rashid bin Hamad Al Balushi,</b> Chairman of the Omani Human Rights Commission.</li> <li>- Experience 3: NHRI in Jordan, <b>H.E. Mr. Jamal Al-Shamayleh -</b> General Commissioner, National Center for Human Rights.</li> <li>- Experience 4: Morocco, <b>Mr. Adi Sibai,</b> member of the National Council for Human Rights.</li> <li>- Experience 5: Nepal, <b>Dr. Surya Dhungel,</b> Human Rights Commissioner of National Human Rights Commission.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Sub-theme 2:</b> Presenting the Experiences of National Institutions and Civil Society in Reviewing, Implementing and following up on the Implementation of Legislation, Policies, Plans and Programs Aimed at Promoting the Enjoyment of the Right to Food and Presenting Lessons and Best Practices from Experiences Concerned with the Impact of Natural and Humanitarian Disasters on the Right to Food, Based on the Experience of COVID-19 and International Conflicts and Their Impact on the Right to Food.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Experience 1: NHRI in Mauritania, H.E. Dr. Ahmed Salem Bouhabini,</b> Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee</li> <li>- <b>Experience 2: NHRI in Turkey, H.E. Mr. Seref Malkoç,</b> Chief of Ombudsman</li> <li>- <b>Experience 3: Mr. Nasser Marzouq Sultan Al-Marri,</b> The National Human Rights Committee</li> <li>- <b>Experience 4: NHRI in Palestine, H.E. Dr. Ammar Dwiek,</b> Director General of the Independent Commission for Human Rights</li> <li>- <b>Experience 5: Uzbekistan, H.E. Dr. Ikmal Saidov,</b> First Deputy Chairman of the Legislative Chamber of the Supreme Council (Parliament) of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Head of the National Center for Human Rights.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Sub-theme 3:</b> Proposals to Provide a Framework for Cooperation, Coordination and Information Exchange Among Stakeholders to Integrate Human Rights into Food Laws and Policies in a Way That Meets Food Justice to Achieve Greater Equity and Efficiency Between and Within Countries to Enjoy the Right to Food.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working paper of <b>H.E. Dr. Ziad Abdel Samad,</b> Director of the Arab Network for Development.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Sub-theme 4:</b> How to Promote a Human Rights-Based Approach to Implement the Right to Food Justice. "Practical opinions and proposals" implementing a road map that includes recommendations that will guide stakeholders to protect human rights, especially fragile and vulnerable groups, in confronting the impact of the food crisis and addressing hunger around the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working paper: <b>H.E. Mr. Joseph Whittal</b>, President of the African Network of National Human Rights Institutions.</li> <li>- Working paper of <b>H.E. Mr. Michael Windfuhr</b>, member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. working paper titled: "The Importance of the Right to adequate food in the context of food Systems Transformation ". (Video)</li> </ul>	
<b>13:00 - 13:30</b>	Break	
<b>13:30 - 14:30</b>	The Fourth Session	
<b>13:30 - 14:30</b>	<p><b>Chair of the Session:</b> <b>H.E. Mr. Sultan bin Hassan Al Jamali</b> - Secretary General of the National Human Rights Committee of the State of Qatar.</p> <p><b>Rapporteur of the Session:</b> <b>Mr. Ghaffar Al-Ali</b>, Rapporteur-General of the Conference.</p> <p>(The Rapporteurs of the Three Workshops Present the Results and Recommendations of the Workshops) General Discussion, Suggestions, and Participants' Visions</p>	In the main conference hall
<b>14:30 - 16:00</b>	Lunch	
<b>14:30 - 16:00</b>	Meeting of the Drafting Committee and the Rapporteur-General of the Conference	
<b>16:00 - 16:30</b>	Closing Session	
<b>16:00 - 16:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Chair of the Session H.E. Mrs. Maryam bint Abdullah Al-Attayah</b> Chairperson of the National Human Rights Committee of the State of Qatar and President of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions - "President of the Conference"</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Mr. Sultan bin Hassan Al Jamali</b> - Secretary General of the National Human Rights Committee of the State of Qatar. "Reading the Conference Statement and Recommendations"</li> <li>- On the Podium "A Representative of Each Entity That was a Partner in Organizing the Conference"</li> <li>- Adopting the Statement and Recommendations</li> </ul>	
<b>16:30 - 17:00</b>	<p><b>Press Conference</b></p> <p>To Present the Results and Recommendations of the Conference and the Action Plan Emerging From it, with the Participation of Representatives of the Conference Organizers</p>	



## Biographies of Speakers and Paper Work Presenters

## Opening Session



### **H.E. Maryam bint Abdullah Al-Attiyah**

Chairperson of the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) in Qatar, President of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)

Maryam was born on 1 July 1975.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Arts and Education - Qatar University, 2000.

Maryam started working in the National Committee for Human Rights (NHRC) since its inception, and then she has moved up the career ladder in series of various positions and job roles. In 2004, she started as a social researcher in the NHRC. Afterwards, she was appointed as the Director of the Relations and Media Unit, and then the Director of the Programs and Education Department. After six years of experience and achievements in activating the

NHRC's programs aiming to spread a human rights culture, educate the community about human rights and raise awareness among members of society, she was appointed as the Secretary-General of the National Human Rights Committee on October 7, 2009.

As such achievements unfold, and thanks to her executive supervision of the work of the committee, she was selected as a member of the National Human Rights Committee since 2015.

On 27 October 2021, Her Excellency Maryam Abdullah Al-Attiyah was elected Chairperson of the National Human Rights Committee.



## His Excellency Abdullah bin Hamad bin Abdullah Al Attiya

The Minister of Municipality of the State of Qatar

### Biography

His Excellency Abdullah bin Hamad bin Abdullah Al Attiya was appointed as Minister of Municipality on 8 January 2024.

### Career

Since September 2018, His Excellency worked as Vice Chairman of the Barwa Real Estate Company Board of Directors, where he was promoted to Chairman in 2023. In March 2021, His Excellency was appointed as Deputy Chairman of Katara Hospitality, where he also served on the board. In March 2022, he joined the Board of Directors of both the United Development Company and the Qatar Free Zones Authority. Drawing on his extensive managerial experience, His Excellency has spearheaded development across multiple sectors in the State of Qatar, supporting the country's National Vision 2030.

His Excellency is also Vice President of the Board of Directors at Al Saad Sports Club.

In January 2017, His Excellency was named to the Board of Qatari Diar Real Estate Investment Company, later becoming CEO in July 2018. During the same year, His Excellency joined the VINCI SA Board of Directors as a member.

Previously, His Excellency held several positions at the Public Works Authority (Ashghal), eventually assuming the post of Vice President until 2018. He was then appointed as Vice Chairman of the Qatar Primary Materials Company, where he was voted as Acting CEO by the Board, until early May 2018.

In 2014, His Excellency took on a new role as Acting Executive Director of the Programme Management Office of Qatar's Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy. He then served as Director of the Technical Office at Ashghal in 2015.

His Excellency has an extensive and accomplished career working across sectors in Qatar, which began with him working as an Operations Engineer at Qatar Petroleum until 2011, later becoming a Project Engineer and then an Onshore Development and Planning Manager at RasGas in 2012.

### Education

His Excellency Abdullah bin Hamad bin Abdullah Al Attiya holds an MSc in Chemical Engineering from the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, and a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cardiff University, United Kingdom.

### Responsibilities

As Minister of Municipality, His Excellency oversees all matters concerning the Ministry, including:

- Preparing the country's urban plan
- Land surveying and division
- Temporary expropriation and seizure of real estate for public benefit



## H.E. Mr. Jassim Bin Mohammed Al Budaiwi

Secretary General of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf

### Qualifications:

- Diploma in Diplomatic Studies from Oxford University - England.
- Bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of Utah - USA.

### Practical experiences:

- Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the United States of America (August 2022 - 2023).
  - Non-resident Ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (October 2017 - 2022).
  - Head of the Mission of the State of Kuwait to the European Union (February 2017 - 2022).
  - Head of the State of Kuwait's mission to NATO (December 2016 - 2022).
  - Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the Kingdom of Belgium (November 2016 - 2022).
  - Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the Republic of Korea (November 2013 - 2016).
  - Deputy Director of the Undersecretary's Office Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2012 - 2013).
  - Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the State of Kuwait to the United States of America (October 2011).
  - Promotion to the rank of counselor during service at the Embassy of the State of Kuwait to the United States of America (May 2007).
  - Appointed to the Embassy of the State of Kuwait to the United States of America (June 2001).
  - He was appointed to the Embassy of the State of Kuwait to Austria and the Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations in Vienna (1997 - 2001).
  - He was appointed to the Embassy of the State of Kuwait to Japan (1993 - 1997).
  - He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the rank of diplomatic attaché in the office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait (1992).
- Honor:
- Awarded the 2014 Excellence Award from the Asian Society Korea Center (2015).
  - He was awarded the Best Ambassador Award from the Korean Parliament (2014).



## H.E. Ms. Nada Al-Nashif

United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

Appointed United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights in 2019, Nada Al-Nashif has over 30 years of experience within the UN as an economist and development practitioner. Ms. Al-Nashif served as Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences at UNESCO (Paris), as Regional Director of the International Labour Organization's Regional Office for Arab States (Beirut) and at the United Nations Development Programme in various headquarters and field assignments. She holds a B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University and a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard University.



## H.E. Mr. Biplove Choudhary

Technical representative and head of office of the United Nations Development Program in the State of Qatar

Biplove has over 25 years of development policy and programming experience in Asia-Pacific and Africa regions including in complex crisis and fragile country contexts. He has been Senior advisor to governments and key stakeholders in 14 countries in Asia and Africa and has been widely acknowledged as a thought leader and a Policy Innovator.

Published widely, Biplove is an Economist with a doctorate degree in International Trade and Investment from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. He has successfully completed the Cambridge Advanced Programme on Rethinking Development Economics, University of Cambridge, UK.

He has been working with UNDP since 2007 and is currently serving as UNDP's Representative in Qatar in Doha since 2021.



## H.E. Ambassador Haifa Abu Ghazaleh

Deputy Secretary-General of the League of Arab States

Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh is a leader, motivator and advocate for gender equality for women, for human rights, peace and security, and youth empowerment, as well as poverty alleviation and inclusive governance. Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh is the Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the Social Affairs Sector at the League of Arab States from August 2018 Until now. She had previously been appointed Assistant Secretary-General of the League of Arab States and Head of the Media and Communication Sector from 2013 - 2018, she has won many prestigious international and regional leadership awards and honors, having published more than 100 research papers, publications, and newspaper articles based on her knowledge and experience. Dr. Abu Ghazaleh was nominated in 2005 for

the Nobel Peace Prize after being named by the international organization "One Thousand Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005."

In 2007, Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh was a special envoy of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States for civil society, Jordan's representative to the Arab Women's Organization, and a member of the organization's Executive Council from (2007 - 2013) and a member of the Jordanian Senate from (2007 - 2011), until a royal order was issued by His Majesty the King Abdullah II appointed her as Minister of Tourism and Antiquities in 2011. During the period from 2007 - 2010, she was appointed by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah II as Secretary-General of the National Council for Family Affairs. For more than twelve years, Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh has done pioneering work during her tenure as Regional Director of UN Women, formerly known as UNIFEM - Regional Office for Arab States.

It has published many books and studies in Arabic and English on the topics of human rights, gender, development, administration, education, and educational guidance. It has also prepared many strategies at the national and regional levels, most notably the regional strategy to combat violence against women, the regional strategy for women, security and peace, and the regional framework for protecting women from violence, and is a member of many national and international organizations.

Among the most notable achievements of Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, during her position as Assistant Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, formulated the Arab Network for Early Warning and Crisis Response through the joint program between the League of Arab States, the European Union, and the United Nations Development Program to respond to political, social, economic, and environmental crises. She also participated in formulating the Arab Women Network for Mediation (ANWM) as part of the Global Alliance of Women Peace Mediators Network. Formulating the regional strategy: protecting Arab women, security and peace. She also participated in supervising the Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Asylum (ARCP).

In the period from 2014 to 2015, she chaired the Arab League mission committee to monitor the Egyptian presidential, parliamentary, and constitutional elections.

For more than three decades, Dr. Abu Ghazaleh played a major pivotal role at the level of the Arab region in the process of political and legislative reform, analysis of gender issues, strategic planning, development, human rights, security and peace.

Also, Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh holds two doctorate degrees in psychology and education, and a master's degree in educational counseling, and is fluent in Arabic and English.



## H.E. Dr. Michael Fakhri

### Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

Mr. Fakhri is a professor at the University of Oregon School of Law where he teaches courses on human rights, food law, development, and commercial law. He is also the director of the Food Resiliency Project in the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center. He holds a Doctorate from the University of Toronto, Masters from Harvard Law School, Bachelor of Laws from Queen's University, and a Bachelor of Science in Ecology from Western University.

He has taught courses on the right to food at Harvard Law School, European University Institute, and the University of Arizona Indigenous Governance Program. He has delivered lectures on international human rights and development topics at universities in places such as South Africa, Egypt, Lebanon, Qatar, Singapore, Italy, Switzerland, Iceland, the United States, and the United Kingdom. He has also led public dialogues on human rights and development with peasant organizations, labor unions, and human rights activists in the Arab region and North America, and at international organizations such as the WTO Ministerial Conference.

During his practice as a lawyer, Mr. Fakhri fought for the rights of people who were indigent and incarcerated in a psychiatric institution. More recently, his book *Bandung, Global History, and International Law* (co-edited with Vasuki Nesiah and Luis Eslava) was cited by the International Court of Justice. He was appointed Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food by the Human Rights Council in March 2020 and assumed his functions on 1 May 2020.

## Day 1, First Session



### Mr. Mohammad Ali Alnsour

#### Chair of the Session

Chief of the Middle East and North Africa Section at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Mohammad Ali ALNSOUR is currently the Chief of the Middle East and North Africa Section at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. He has also served as adviser to the High Commissioner for Human Rights (2014-15). Prior to that, he held the posts of Director at the Legal Department of the Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2013), Human Rights Advisor to the Jordanian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York (2009-13) and Senior Officer in the cabinet of the Jordanian Minister of Foreign Affairs (2008-9). He served at the Jordanian Permanent Mission to the League of Arab States in Cairo, Egypt (2003-8) where he participated in the drafting of the Arab Charter on Human Rights and served as an elected member of the Charter's committee. He also worked as legal researcher in the Office of the Prime Minister from 1998 to 2001. He is a

lawyer and member of the Jordanian Bar Association. He holds a Master's degree in International Law and Human Rights, Master's degree in Conflict Resolution, Higher diploma in Diplomacy, and BA in Law. He is a Jordanian national, married with three children.



### Ms. Mays Al Atiyat

#### Rapporteur of the Session

United Nations Development Programme

Regional Electoral Analyst

12 years of experience working with the UN and UNDP on management and planning of various governance and electoral programs in the Arab Region in addition to serving as Political Affairs Officer in the UN Secretariat in New York.

Areas of expertise: programme management, operations and financial management, monitoring and evaluation, partnership and donor coordination, political participation, providing technical support to counterparts, governance/electoral trainer.



## Mr. Chafik Ben Rouen

Human Rights Officer, Economic and Social Rights Section, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Chafik BEN ROUIN is a Human Rights Officer responsible of the right to food mandate at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.



## Ms. Zoubida Ziani

Deputy Director of the Human Rights Department

Zoubida Ziani has been the Deputy Director of the Human Rights Department of the League of Arab States since 2022, after spending two years working on the counter-terrorism file. Between 2018 and 2020, she was Director of the Department of the Arabian Gulf and Yemen; between 2016 and 2018, Deputy Observer Delegate of the League of Arab States and Acting Observer Delegate to the United Nations in Geneva.

Before moving to Geneva, she worked in the Department of Disarmament and Arms Control. She joined the Geneva negotiation team to hold the postponed conference on freeing the Middle East from nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction. Afterwards, she worked as an advisor

in the Office of the Secretary-General, in charge of the Arab Mashreq, the Arab Gulf States and Yemen.

Ms. Zoubida Ziani joined the League of Arab States 17 years ago, in the Office of the Secretary-General, and then moved to work in the League of Arab States Mission to the Kingdom of Belgium, the European Union and Luxembourg. She worked in several fields, namely Arab affairs, human rights, migration and refugees, counter-terrorism, disarmament, Arab-European cooperation and support for the Palestinian cause.

Zoubida Ziani holds a Law degree from the Sorbonne University, Paris, and a postgraduate degree in Political Science, as well as a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Engineering. She speaks Arabic, French and English.



## **P.H.D Kaosar Afsana**

### **Rapporteur of the Session**

**Professor at James P. Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Bangladesh.**

Kaosar Afsana is a Professor of Public Health at James P. Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University. She has over three decades of experience in public health and nutrition embracing research, implementation, and policy-influencing. She is an MD with an MPH from Harvard University, USA and PhD from Edith Cown University, Australia. Her research includes wide areas of health, nutrition, climate change and humanitarian crises. She represents many international and local organizations in diverse health and nutrition arenas. She authored books and widely published papers in journals and books. She has been awarded for her academic and professional excellence.



## **Ms. Basma Tabaja**

**Head of Mission at International Committee of the Red Cross**

Ms. Basma Tabaja is the Head of Delegation for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Doha, Qatar.

She previously occupied the position of Deputy Head of Delegation in Lebanon and served as Political Advisor and Communication Officer at the ICRC. Prior to the ICRC, Tabaja was a broadcast journalist for 5 years covering Lebanon and Syria. She holds a BA in Political Studies and an MA in Media Studies from the American University of Beirut.



## **Mr. Joseph Schechla**

**Coordinator at Housing and Land Rights Network, Habitat International Coalition**

Joseph Schechla is a founder of the Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN), the thematic structure of Habitat International Coalition (HIC) dedicated to creating knowledge, building capacity and advocating for HIC members to support and develop human rights standards related to habitat: housing, water and livelihoods and related process in international bodies and forums. Foremost among them is the United Nations human rights system. As a United Nations official, he has served as a representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Palestine and Tunisia, and has served as an

advisor to the International Labor Organization and the United Nations Support Mission in Libya. Born in the USA, Joseph has an academic background in international relations (foreign policy vs. international law) and has taught in the US and Germany. He has also served as an adjunct professor in the Department of Law at the American University in Cairo. He specializes in the Middle East/North Africa region, where he has lived for 25 years.

## Day 1, Second Session



### **H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Saif Al Kuwari** **Chair of the Session**

Vice Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee in Qatar

Dr. Mohammad got a PhD in Civil Engineering in 1997 from Cairo University. In 2010, Dr. Mohammad was selected as a member of the National Human Rights Committee in the State of Qatar. In 2019, he was chosen as Vice-Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee. In 2018, Dr. Mohammad was selected as a member of the Council of Elders of the Asia Pacific Forum (APF); Then this membership was renewed in 2020.

In 2014, the Regional Network for Social Responsibility awarded Dr. Mohammad the title of "International Ambassador for Social Responsibility and the UN Commissioner for the Promotion of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for the 2016 and 2018."

Dr. Mohammad has authored 16 books in the scientific, environmental, human rights and sustainable development fields, and has prepared 12 scientific and technical research papers in the fields of the environment and sustainable development, sustainable green urban cities, building and construction specifications, and some general fields. He also gave more than 40 lectures and presentations in social, interdisciplinary, artistic and general fields.



### **Mr. Wahid Kamel Ibrahim**

#### **Rapporteur of the Session**

Human Rights Specialist - Human Rights Department, General Secretariat of the League of Arab States.

He has been working in the human rights department for 23 years and has been an active witness to the most prominent events that accompanied the development of the Arab Human Rights system. He worked on the most important Arab Human Rights files, foremost of which is the Arab Charter for Human Rights in its first and updated version, and discussed the periodic reports of the countries that ratified it, as well as the Arab Committee for Human Rights on its topics related to human rights education, Israeli violations, human trafficking and other files. He participated in many conferences and workshops in the field of human rights and joined the Arab League in 1997, and holds a bachelor's degree in law.



## H.E. Mr. Mohamed Bin Ali Alkhori

Secretary General of Expo 2023

He holds a Master of Science degree in environmental sciences from Qatar University in 2018

He wrote many books, including:

- 1- Qatar trees
- 2- Qatar flowers
- 3- Agricultural calendar
- 4- Qatar Gardens
- 5- Katara trees
- 6- The mention of animals in the Holy Quran
- 7- He contributed to the preparation of the Encyclopedia of Plants of the Eastern Arabian Peninsula in cooperation with the Gulf Organization for Research and Development (GORD).

### He held many positions:

- 1- President of the Qatari International Agricultural Exhibition
- 2- Commissioner-General of the State of Qatar's pavilion participating in Expo Floriade in the Netherlands
- 3- Commissioner General of the State of Qatar Pavilion participating in Expo Beijing - China
- 4- Commissioner General of the State of Qatar's Pavilion participating in Expo Antalya - Türkiye
- 5- Commissioner General of the State of Qatar's Pavilion participating in the Flower Expo - France
- 6- Honorary President of the International Flower and Garden Exhibition in the State of Qatar



## H.E. Dr. Turki bin Abdullah Zaid Al Mahmoud

Director of the Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Dr. Turki is currently the Director of the Human Rights Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In addition, he is the Vice-Chairman of the National Committee for Combating Human Trafficking, and the Vice-Chairman of the National Committee for International Humanitarian Law. He is also a member of the National Human Rights Committee and the National Committee for Women, Children, the Elderly and People with Disabilities. Dr. Turki is also a member of the Independent Permanent Commission for Human Rights of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Dr. Turki holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering from Qatar University (QU), and holds 3 master's degrees in Leadership from Qatar University (QU), Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Colorado, and in International Law and Foreign Affairs from HBKU. He also holds a PhD in Education Policy from the University of Southern California (USC). Dr. Turki also obtained the Executive Leadership Program from the University of Oxford and the Executive Leadership Program at the Qatar Leadership Center.

Dr. Turki also has extensive knowledge in the fields of international law, public policy, international and human rights issues, education, leadership, and mass communication. Dr. Turki focuses on the importance of communication, capacity building and awareness raising as a united mechanism for communication on all issues raised.



## Ms. Fatima Bint Yusef Al-Obaidli

Sustainable development expert in the Office of the Head of the Planning and Statistics Authority

Fatima Bint Youssef Al-Obaidli, an expert at the Office of His Excellency the President of the Planning and Statistics Authority, holds a Master's degree in "Sustainable Development" from the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom, and a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Qatar University. Before joining the President's office, she served as the Assistant Director of the Strategy Implementation Monitoring Department. At the beginning of her professional career, she worked at the Supreme Council for Family Affairs. During her tenure at the Council, she held several positions until she assumed the position of Acting Director of the Family Policy Management Department.

The mentioned individual has participated in numerous national events related to national development strategies. Additionally, she has been involved in various committees and forums at the regional and international levels, including the Arab League, the United Nations, and other international organizations in the fields of child rights, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.

## Day 1, Third Session



### **H.E. Professor Alena Douhan**

#### **Chair of the Session**

#### **UN Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human right**

Professor Alena Douhan, Dr. Dr. hab. (Belarus) took up her functions on 25 March 2020. She is a professor of International Law at the Belarusian State University (Belarus) and Associated member of the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict at Ruhr University Bochum.

Teaching and research interests are in the fields of international law, sanctions and human rights law, international security law, law of international organizations, international dispute settlement, and international environmental law. She has authored over 180 publications on various aspects of international law.

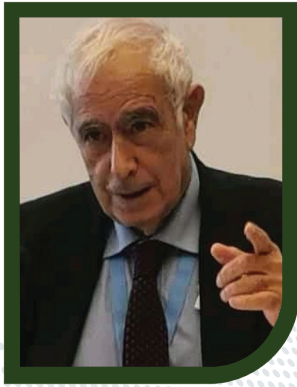


### **Mr. Eric Alter**

#### **Rapporteur of the Session**

#### **Lawyer**

Affiliate professor of law and diplomacy at SciencesPo (PSIA) and attorney-at-law (Paris Bar). A former United Nations (FAO) civil servant and a senior consultant/team leader with various international organizations (WTO, the World Bank, IFC, UNDP, UNEP and FAO, Prof. Eric Canal Forgue has worked with embassies in an advisory capacity, in particular in Aden, Beirut and Cairo. He received his PhD from Paris I Pantheon Sorbonne and has an LLM from Southwestern Law School (Los Angeles). He was a scholar at the University of Michigan Law School and a senior research fellow at the Georgetown Law School Center



## Ambassador Dr. Mohamed Ezzeldine Abdel-Moneim

Member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Ambassador Dr. Mohamed Ezzeldine Abdel-Moneim is current Member and former Chair and Vice-Chair of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. He was focal point of the Committee on Human Rights Defenders. He represented the Committee at the meetings of Human Rights Treaty Bodies on reform of the treaty body system as well as meetings with General Assembly Third Committee and ECOSOC in New York in 2022 and 2023. He was rapporteur on several period reports of State Parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. He is Member of the CESCR's Working Group on Communications upon the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR.

Dr. Mohamed Ezzeldine Abdel-Moneim is teaching international law and international Organizations at Port-Said University on Suez Canal. He taught International Law and Human Rights at Al-Azhar University in Cairo and International Negotiations at Faculty of Economics and Political Science at Cairo University.

Dr. Abdel-Moneim was Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral Affairs and Member of delegation to sessions of UN General Assembly. He contributed to the drafting of Human Rights provisions in NAM and OIC conferences. He was Chair of the Expert Group of Islamic States which laid the OIC Convention on Combating International Terrorism; he also chaired the OIC Expert Group on the Definition of an Islamic State.

Dr. Abdel-Moneim contributed to various relevant courses, seminars and symposiums including the human rights symposium in Doha, Qatar in ..... where he made a statement under the title "Six Pillars of Wisdom: Human Rights in the Arab Region".



## Ms. Lilit Nikoghosyan

Human Rights Officer, Special Procedures Branch OHCHR

Lilit Nikoghosyan is a human rights officer at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, providing substantive support to the implementation of the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food. With two decades of experience in international organizations dedicated to advancing human rights, her expertise lies in awareness raising, monitoring, and promoting human rights standards. In the recent years her work has been focused on the right to food and interconnected rights. Lilit is delighted to participate in the conference, eager to share insights and engage with fellow professionals on these critical issues.



## Khamis Al-Bouzidi

Director of the Civil Society Organizations Department,  
General Secretariat of the League of Arab States.

Mr. Counselor Khamis Al-Bouzidi, Director of the Department of Civil Society Organizations - League of Arab States Counselor Khamis Al-Bouzidi, a Tunisian diplomat, has been Director of the Civil Society Organizations Department at the League of Arab States since 2022. He served as Deputy Representative of the Republic of Tunisia to the League of Arab States, and Assistant Director of Arab Organizations at the Tunisian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He also held the position of Consul of the Republic of Tunisia in Dubai and the Northern Emirates, and Chargé d'Affairs of the Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia in Doha. He joined the Tunisian diplomatic corps in 2002. He worked on several files, the most important of which are civil society, human rights, Arab political affairs, intra-Arab relations, the Arab Maghreb Union, and Arab economic and social cooperation. He holds a bachelor's degree in media, specializing in political science, a master's degree in human rights and democracy from the University of Malta, and a graduate certificate in diplomatic studies from the Diplomatic Academy in London, University of Westminster. He speaks Arabic, French and English.



## Mr. Fekadu Terefe Dama

Programme Specialist-Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development  
UNDP

He is an economist and development planner with more than 25 years of experience in policy advisory and programmatic support on national development planning, SDGs mainstreaming and reporting, poverty reduction, food security, social protection, rural development, gender mainstreaming, and public finance management. He is currently working as Programme Specialist on Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development at UNDP Regional Hub in Amman. His work focuses on poverty analysis, food security, social protection, rural development, and local economic development.

He has MSc in International Economic Policy and Analysis, MSc in Development Planning and Management and BSc in Agricultural Economics



## Mrs. Bryony Katharine Alice Steyn

Economic Affairs Officer

Bryony is currently an Economic Affairs Officer at ESCWA, where she leads the organisations substantive work on inequality. Recent achievements include developing a multidimensional inequality framework for the Arab region and developing the Inequality Solutions portal, to support policymakers in identifying progressive policies to reduce inequality in all its forms.

Before ESCWA, Bryony was the Economist in the Resident Coordinator's Office in Lesotho, the Economic Advisor to the Director General at the East African Development Bank, a Steering Committee Member of the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Center (RCC) Kampala, and the Head of Global Economic Developments at the Bank of Uganda.

## Day 2: February 7, 202 Workshops

### The First working group



### H.E. Ms. Ashwini K.P

#### Chair of the Session

UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism

Ms. Ashwini K.P. is the sixth Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. She was appointed by the Human Rights Council in October 2022 and took up her functions as Special Rapporteur on 1 November 2022.

Ms. Ashwini K.P. served as an assistant professor in India. She is also a co-founder of Zariya: Women's Alliance for Dignity and Equality. As part of her research and activism, she has focused on policies related to marginalised communities, in particular to support their livelihood and access to education. She has focused on social exclusion, particularly descent and occupation based discrimination in South Asia.

Ms. Ashwini K.P. has represented Indian Dalit women in various civil society groups helping them in strategizing on how to ensure that women from marginalised communities are empowered and are in decision-making roles in activism and mainstream social movements.

Ms. Ashwini K.P. has previously worked as a researcher with Project Mukti, a research organization. She worked as a Senior Campaigner on Business and Human Rights with Amnesty International India, as a guest faculty member of the Department of Political Science at Mount Carmel College, and as Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science of St. Joseph's College in India.

Ms. Ashwini K.P. has authored several publications on the issues of discrimination, including "International Dimension of Caste-Based Discrimination: A Global Perspective of Dalit Human Rights, Vol. 7 Issue, 6 June, 2021" and "Mapping Social Exclusion in Higher Education: Experiences of Dalit students" (2017), in Ambrose Pinto (ed.) Politics of Caste Dynamics. Ms. Ashwini K.P. earned her Bachelor's Degree in History, Economics and Political Science from Mount Carmel College, India. She holds a Master's Degree in Political Science from St. Joseph's College, India and MPhil and Ph.D. in South Asian Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.



### Mr. William Law

#### Rapporteur of the Session

Editor, Arab Digest

William (Bill) Law is the editor of arabdigest.org. and presenter of the weekly Arab Digest podcast. An award-winning journalist and documentary maker, he reported extensively from the Middle East and North Africa for the BBC. He has also reported from the Americas, Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Before leaving the BBC in 2014, Mr. Law was the corporation's Gulf analyst. He has contributed to Al Jazeera, Sky News, Monocle Radio, Middle East Eye, Gulf State Analytics, the BBC, Al Araby and Middle East Monitor. @BillLaw49

## Sub-theme 1



### Mr. Khalil Ibrahim AL Hamadani

Expert of the Arab Human Rights Committee "Charter Committee" "the League of Arab States"

An expert in the field of human rights in the Human Rights Department /League of Arab States, in the technical secretariat of the Arab Human Rights Committee concerned with following up the implementation of the States parties to the Arab Charter for Human Rights.

He has more than 50 studies, articles and research papers in the field of human rights. He worked in the Iraqi Ministry of Human Rights and contributed to writing the periodic reports of Iraq for seven of the treaty mechanisms as well as the reports of the universal periodic review for two rounds. He also contributed to writing the national plan for human rights. He represented the Republic of Iraq on several related occasions.



### Mr. Justus Okoko

Programme Specialist (SDG Integration) in Arab States region

Justus Kweya Okoko is United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP's) Specialist (SDG Integration) in the Arab States region. Justus supports knowledge around Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), related capacity building and mapping national development response in advancing localization. For his past 17 years of work with UNDP, three years were spent at UNHQ in New York as a Livelihoods and Recovery Specialist. Prior to joining UNDP, Justus worked for UN-Centre for Regional Development, Saferworld and Action Aid International with a focus on rights-based development. His earlier research focused on mine action, agriculture, and development, especially opening of markets for increased agricultural production.



## Mr. Abdullah Mohammed Fouda

**Qatar Red Crescent, Donor Relations Expert, Relief and International Development Division**

He has more than 10 years of experience in development and relief work in a number of different institutions, in which he contributed in various fields of humanitarian work, including partnerships, media, programs and capacity building. He also participated in a number of different relief missions, and has various training and scientific contributions in a number of international conferences. About humanitarian work, sustainable development, and skills related to managing development programs and humanitarian media. It is also a specialized course in food security affairs.

### Sub-theme 2



## Ms. Néfissa Lakhoua

**International Labor Organization "ILO"**

Mrs. Néfissa Lakhoua is the Technical Specialist for Operations at the ILO Project Office for the State of Qatar.

Over the past 4 years Ms Lakhoua served as the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director-General for Field Operations and Partnerships dealing with policies, administrative procedures and practices. In this role, she was part of the team that helped setup this new portfolio at the ILO. Previous to that, in the Office of Director General, she served as assistant to the Special Advisor of

the Director General for Africa and Arab States. She was also a member of the Task Force on the Arab countries after the popular uprising, in this capacity she also supported the Director-General's mission in 2013 to Tunisia where he attended the Ceremony of signing the Social Contract between the Tunisian Government and the Social partners.

She holds a Master's Degree in Political Sciences from the Université de Genève and a Certificate in "Advanced Studies on Entrepreneurship and business development" from Hautes Ecoles Commerciales - HEC- Genève.

She is a native Speaker of French and Arabic and also speaks English and Italian.

## Sub-theme 3



### **Ms. Rina Amanda Kuusipalo**

Human Rights Officer-OHCHR

Rina Kuusipalo is a Human Rights Officer in the Environment and Climate Change Team of the UN Human Rights Office, working on various matters relating to the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment and the triple planetary crisis, including climate change. She has previously worked at UNEP, UNRWA, the UN Office of Legal Affairs, and the International Court of Justice, on topics relating to public international law, environment, and human rights.



### **Dr. Serpil Guran**

Director, University The Eco Complex

Dr. Serpil Guran is the Director of Rutgers Eco Complex “Clean Energy Innovation Center and business incubator”. She also manages various clean energy accelerator programs. She specializes in research, development and assessment of sustainable biofuel and waste recycling technologies, and life cycle analysis of clean energy systems and alternative fuel production systems. Currently, she is working on Food-Energy-Water Nexus and Waste synergy by promoting integration of waste materials into Circular Carbon Economy in achieving Environmental Sustainability including Climate Change mitigation, Economic Sustainability and Social Justice. She teaches at Rutgers University’s Plant Biology Program and Department of Resource Economics.



## Dr. Rayana Bou Haqqa

### World Health Organization at the United Nations

Dr. Rayana Ahmed Bou Haka was appointed as the WHO Representative in Qatar in June 2022. Dr. Rayana Bou Haka is a pediatrician with over 10 years of clinical experience in private practice in Beirut from 1990 to 2000. She also spent 6 years as an Emergency Unit Physician at the American University of Beirut Medical Center from 1991 to 1997.

Having joined WHO in 2000, Dr. Bou Haka has held various positions at the three levels of the Organization, starting at headquarters in Geneva and alternating between country offices and the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean in Cairo.

She served as the WHO Representative in Djibouti from February 2011 to August 2014; as a Medical Officer in the emergency humanitarian action program in the Regional Office in Cairo from November 2008 to February 2011, as well as from July 2004 to December 2005; as the Chief of Emergency Operations and Health Cluster Coordinator in the WHO country office in Islamabad, Pakistan, from January 2006 to November 2008; and as a Medical Officer for Health Action in Crises in WHO headquarters from October 2000 to June 2004.

Dr. Rayana was the Manager of the Country Cooperation and Collaboration program in the Regional Office from August 2014 until she was appointed to her current position as the WHO Representative in Qatar. Since May 2017, she has been serving as the Desk Officer for Qatar based in Cairo.

Dr. Bou Haka received her Bachelor's in Sciences-Biology from the American University of Beirut in 1983 and completed her Medical Doctor degree also from the American University of Beirut in 1987. She specialized in pediatrics and received her specialty diploma in 1991 from the American University Medical Center. In 1992, she obtained her Master's Degree in Public Health from the Faculty of Health Science at the American University of Beirut.

In addition, she completed additional training and obtained different diplomas in disaster management, humanitarian programming, sphere standards training, leadership for emergency management, and gender.

## Sub-theme 4



### H.E. Ms. Ashwini K.P

UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism



### Mr. Issam Arouri

High Commissioner of Palestinian Independent Commission for Human Rights

The Commissioner General of ICHR (Palestine) since July 2021, and he is the general director of Jerusalem Legal Aid and Human Rights Center, and a founding member of The Palestinian NGO Network (PNGO); which is a coalition of 142 Palestinian civil society organizations most of which are pioneering in different developmental and humanitarian sectors. Graduated from Bir Zeit University, and holds a master's degree in Business Administration and a bachelor's degree in Sociology. Prior to his current job, he filled several posts in different Civil Society Organizations. He was active in establishing Civil Society Organizations and other public frameworks. He is a founding member of the Palestinian Human Rights Council, Civic Coalition for the Defense of Jerusalemites and Coalition for the Monitoring of Public Freedoms. He is currently a BOD member of PNGO (Palestinian Network of NGOs)



## Mr. Issam Younis

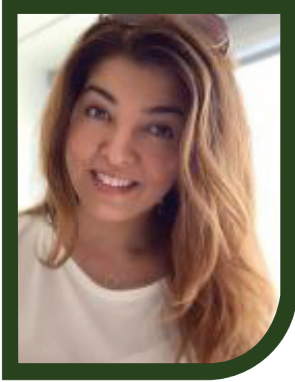
Director of Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights

### Education:

MA in Theory and Practice of Human Rights, University of Essex (UK) 1994;  
BA Sociology, Bir Zeit University (Palestine) 1989.

- Weimar Human Rights Award 2008 - Germany
- Franco-German Prize for Human Rights and the Rule of Law, 2020.
- Current: General Director, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights - Gaza.
- Deputy chairperson of the board of trustees of the Arab Organization for Human Rights 2022.
- General Commissioner of the Independent Palestinian Commission for - Human Rights - ICHR (The Palestinian National Human Rights institution, 2018 – 2021
- Chairman of The Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions, November 2019 - June 2021.
- Member of the Board of Trustees of AL Azahar University in Gaza, 2008-2018.

## The Second working group



### **Ms. Najia Hashemee**

#### **Chair of the Session**

**Regional Advisor for Inclusive Institutions and Processes in Arab States, (UNDP)**

Najia Hashemee is a development practitioner with 15 years of experience in political governance including elections, civil society, political party and parliamentary strengthening. Ms. Hashemee is UNDP's electoral advisor for the Arab States, working in this region for the past 7 years.

Previously, she was with UNDP in South-East Asia where she worked as an advisor to EMBs in Nepal and Bangladesh. Before joining UNDP, she served as Program Manager with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) on elections, political party and women's political participation programming.

Ms. Hashemee is a PhD candidate at the University of California and holds a Masters degree in political science.



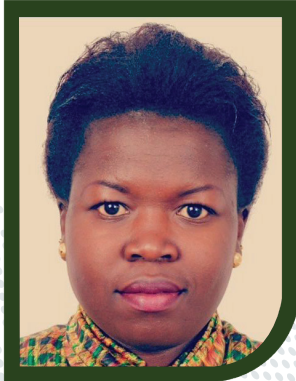
### **Mr. Victor Jonathan Willi**

#### **Rapporteur of the Session**

**Executive director, Middle East institute Switzerland**

Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Middle East Institute Switzerland (MEIS), a Swiss think tank advisory providing research, insight and analysis on geopolitics, political risk and political economy in the MENA region. I am fluent in Arabic, hold a PhD from the University of Oxford, and have over 25 years of experience at the intersection of business and politics, including six years at the World Economic Forum, where I have gained an executive degree in global leadership. I also have an emerging research interest in China and its growing involvement in the MENA region.

## Sub-theme 1



### Ms. Mercy Obonyo

**Programme Officer - Business and Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals at the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions**

Mercy Obonyo is a human rights advocate - with specific expertise in business and human rights, an Environmentalist, and an Environmental Impact Assessment associate expert, who currently works for the Secretariat of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions, where she serves as the Regional Programmes Officer on Business and Human Rights, and SDGs.

Mercy is passionate about providing technical and capacity support to human rights actors on regional and international mechanisms, evidence based research, environmental and climate justice, SDGs advocacy, integrated natural resource management, and business and human rights



### Mr. Stephan Backes

**Program Coordinator (FIAN International) for the right to food and nutrition)**

Stephan Backes (Belgium) is a human rights practitioner at FIAN International ([www.fian.org](http://www.fian.org)), an international human rights organization advocating for the right to food and nutrition. Stephan holds an MA in human rights as well as in English and German literatures and linguistics (studies in Belgium, Scotland, and Morocco). At FIAN International, he works on human rights accountability, legal liability of corporations, and coordinates the work on extraterritorial human rights obligations (ETOs), including the secretariat of the international ETO Consortium ([www.etoconsortium.org](http://www.etoconsortium.org)). He previously worked on economic, social, and cultural rights and migrants' rights in different organizations at Belgian and European level.

## Sub-theme 2

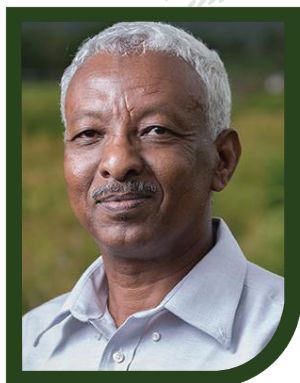


### H.E. Professor Alena Douhan

#### UN Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights

Professor Alena Douhan, Dr. Dr. hab. (Belarus) took up her functions on 25 March 2020. She is a professor of International Law at the Belarusian State University (Belarus) and Associated member of the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict at Ruhr University Bochum.

Teaching and research interests are in the fields of international law, sanctions and human rights law, international security law, law of international organizations, international dispute settlement, and international environmental law. She has authored over 180 publications on various aspects of international law.

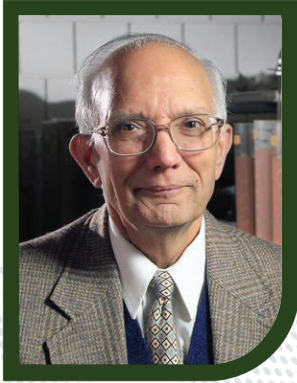


### Mr. Abdel Bagi Mohamed

Principal Scientist, Regional Director IRR1

Principal Scientist with over 30 years of research for development, focusing on crop improvement to enhance adaptation to unfavorable environments and to increase resilience to climate change, especially for areas affected by floods, drought, salt stress, nutrient deficiencies and toxicities. Contributed to advancing understanding of mechanisms associated with tolerance of several abiotic stresses in crops, and also to the development and deployment of stress-tolerant varieties and proper system-based crop and resource management packages; with notable impacts in Asia and Africa. Led several regional programs and projects on breeding and delivery of

high-yielding, climate smart varieties and technologies, through building and coordinating large networks of research and development partners. Served in several leadership roles including Deputy Director General for Research (Interim) and Head, Genetics and Biotechnology Division. Currently assuming the role of Regional Representative for Africa. Holds a PhD in Botany, University of California, Riverside. Authored/co-authored over 270 peer reviewed articles, chapters and books. Recipient of several merit and leadership awards and member of several editorial boards and science societies; Fellow (Foreign), National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, India; and Member, Research, Variety Development and Seed Production Working Group – African Seed Biotechnology Platform, African Union.



## Professor Rattan Lal

, CFAES Rattan Lal Center for Carbon Management and Sequestration University, Professor of Soil Science

Rattan Lal, is a Distinguished University Professor & Director of the CFAES Rattan Lal Center for Carbon Management and Sequestration at The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA.

He is laureate of the World Food Prize (2020), Arrell Global Food Innovation Prize, (2020), Japan Prize(2019), GCHERA World Agriculture Prize (2018), Glinka World Soil Prize, (2018), and the Padma Shri Award of India (2021). He was ranked #1 in the world and in the U.S. in plant sciences and agronomy by Research.com in 2023. He received 9 honorary degrees.

Prof. Lal mentored 400 scholars authored~1100 peer reviewed articles ,and authored/ edited 100 books.



## Dr. Nizam Assaf

Director of the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies

- He holds a doctorate in political science
- Director of the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies, winner of the United Nations Human Rights Prize for the year 2023
- Secretary of the Jordanian Association for Political Science
- President of the Arab Society for Academic Freedoms
- Executive Director of the Elections Network in the Arab World
- Interested in issues of training, civil society, human rights and democracy
- Recipient of the State Appreciation Award for Democracy and Human Rights for the year 2001/Jordan
- Part-time lecturer at a number of Jordanian universities.
- He has published more than 20 publications on human rights and civil society issues.
- Organised, participated and trained in (150) conferences or seminars, and in (300) courses on human rights, youth leadership and training of trainers, in cooperation with Jordanian Arab and international civil and official institutions.

### Sub-theme 3



## Ms. Maria Paola Lia

Executive Director of the Global Pollution Alliance

Maria Paola Lia is a senior executive with over 15 years' experience in establishing and nurturing global health partnerships with government agencies, international organizations, and NGOs.

She started her professional training and career in the Public Sector working for the Italian Permanent Representations in France and Belgium, the Council of the EU, the Italian Parliament. Later she worked for the private sector as a Programs Director of a \$30 million Global Public-Private Partnership to strengthen healthcare systems and to support health policies through innovative approaches and advocacy. She holds a master's degree in international relations, a PGC in Global Health Policy from LSHTM and 2 certificates on Human Rights. She is currently GAHP Executive Director.

### Sub-theme 4



## Mr. Anthony MacDonald

Head of Doha Office -Senior Programme Manager, UNICEF

Anthony Macdonald is head of the Unicef office in Qatar. Anthony has over 30 years of International experience of which over 12 years have been with Unicef, holding senior leadership positions in the Middle East and North Africa regional office and several country offices in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. He has over 10 years experience working in MENA region and proudly opened the first Unicef office in Doha. Anthony is a lawyer by training and an expert on child rights and protection.



## Ms. Maya Saheli

**Member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, former Special Rapporteur on Coercive Measures**

Ms Sahli-Fadel (Algerian) has been teaching law at the Law Faculty of the University of Algiers 1 since 1981, and at the Diplomatic Institute of International relations (IDRI) and at the National School of Magistrates (ENM) since 2000.

She had been a lawyer at the Bar of Algiers from 1987 to 1994. She has been a member of the Commission on Human Rights and Peoples since 2011. In this capacity, she is the African Union Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons, and a member of the Working Group on Death Penalty and the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Between 2008 and 2014, Ms Sahli-Fadel was a member of the United Nations Working and Expert Group on People of African Descent.



## Ms. Irmina Pacho

**Climate Justice Specialist, international Development Law Organization**

Irmina Pacho serves as Climate Justice Specialist at IDLO, based in the Head Quarters in Rome. She has been leading IDLO's climate justice work to increase the visibility, coherence, and coordination of IDLO's climate portfolio. Irmina has 14 years of experience as an international human rights and rule of law lawyer in advancing social and environmental justice through research, policy advocacy, and programming. Before joining IDLO, Irmina served as a legal officer at the Open Society Foundations and a human rights and rule of law expert to the USAID and American Bar Association. She holds a master's degree (LL.M.) in Law from Harvard Law School. Her entire professional career, Irmina was driven by her passion to respond to the most pressing and fast-evolving social and environmental challenges through impactful strategy design and implementation of cutting-edge initiatives across geographies.

## The Third working group



### H.E. Dr. Rashid bin Hamad Al Balushi

#### Chair of the Session

Chairman of the Omani Human Rights Commission

Professor Rashid bin Hamad Al-Balushi - Chairman of the Oman Human Rights Committee - Sultanate of Oman , holds a PhD in Criminal Law (Criminology and Criminal Justice), University of Hull, United Kingdom 2004, and Professor of Criminal Law at the Faculty of Law - Sultan Qaboos University, Sultanate of Oman.

#### Academic Experience:

1. Professor of Criminal Law and Head of the Chair of the Constitutional Law and Anti-Corruption at the Faculty of Law at Sultan Qaboos University
2. Part-time lecturer at the Higher Institute of the Judiciary system
3. Part-time lecturer at the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Supervised many scientific theses and ruled many researches and studies and has many published researches in scientific journals up to 20 refereed researches and has six published books on the Criminal law, namely:

- 1- Al-Balushi, Rashid, 2015; Specialized researches in the field of Human Rights in accordance with Omani legislation; Publisher: New University House, Alexandria, Arab Republic of Egypt.
- 2- Al-Balushi, Rashid and Al-Bashir Ahmed, 2015; Study on Divine Justice in the Inheritance of Men and Women; chapter in the Journal of the Independent Permanent Commission for Human Rights, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, First Issue, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 2018.
- 3- Al-Balushi, Rashid, 2016; The Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism Law of Oman; Publisher: New University House, Alexandria, Arab Republic of Egypt.
- 4- Al-Balushi, Rashid, 2018; Electronic Signature and Penal Protection; Publisher: Al-Halabi Human Rights Publications, Beirut, Lebanon.
- 5- Al-Balushi, Rashid, 2019; Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Crimes in Light of the Provisions of the New Omani AML/CFT Law; Publisher: Al-Halabi Human Rights Publications, Beirut, Lebanon.
- 6- Al-Balushi, Rashid, 2023; Explanation of the New Omani Penal Code - Special Section; Publisher: Library of Arab Studies, Nizwa, Sultanate of Oman.

#### Administrative experience:

He held many administrative positions in the country, namely:

- Secretary General of the Oman Human Rights Commission
- Chairman of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)
- Dean of the Faculty of Law at Sultan Qaboos University



## Mr. Siddiq Al-Khalidi

### Rapporteur of the Session

General Director of the High Commission for Human Rights in Tunisia

## Sub-theme 1



## H.E. Ambassador Moushira Khattab

Chairperson of the National Council for Human Rights (Egypt)

Ambassador Moushira Khattab - Egypt

Currently: President: Egypt's National Council for Human Rights

Member of the board of trustees of the Egyptian Supreme Council of Culture.

Member of the board of trustees of King Ben Salman University.

### Positions held:

Minister of Family & Population

Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs

Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, Czech and Slovak Republics, and Lesotho

Secretary General of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood.

Expert, vice chair: UN Committee on the Rights of the Child - Geneva

Expert, vice chair of the African Committee of Experts on the rights and welfare of the Child  
Visiting Professor, Human Rights & Gender Issues, University of Perugia for Foreigners - Italy  
Lecturer: Institute for Diplomatic and Consular Studies- Ministry of Foreign Affairs- Egypt.  
Candidate of Egypt and the African Union for UNESCO Director General [2017 elections]  
Chair: Women in foreign policy Committee- Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs.



## H.E. Mr. Jamal Al-Shamayleh

**General Commissioner, National Center for Human Rights (Jordan)**

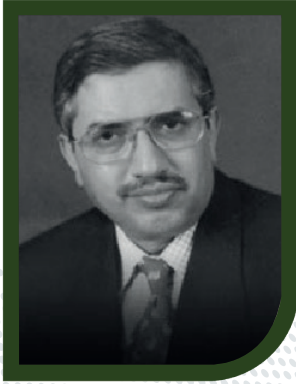
He is currently the Commissioner-General for Human Rights in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan since December 17, 2023, and holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from California State University - Voltern in 1981. He has long and varied experience in the government sector and the diplomatic corps, including: Minister of State for Prime Minister's Affairs, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Director of the Special Political Bureau - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Jordan.

Mr. Al Shamayleh is a recipient of many honors, including the Order of Jordanian Independence of the First Class and the Order of King Abdulaziz Al Saud of the First Class.



## Mr. Adi Sibai

**Member of the National Council for Human Rights (Morocco)**



## Dr. Surya Dhungel

**Human Rights Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission of Nepal and Professor of Constitutional Law, and Senior Advocate**

Professor (Dr) Surya Dhungel is currently a Member (Commissioner) of the National Human Rights Commission, a high level Constitutional Body of Nepal, appointed by the President on recommendation of the Constitutional Council. He is also a senior advocate at the Supreme Court. As the founding member of the National Law College, a leading national law school of Nepal, he served as its Chairman of the Management Board. For 22 years he was a Professor of Law at the Tribhuvan University in Nepal. Between 2008 and 2015, he took the assignment of constitutional (legal) advisor to the First President of Nepal.

Dhungel joined Nepal Bar Association in 1976 and started his law practice at the District and Appeal level courts. Since 1977, he continued practicing law at the Supreme Court in Kathmandu except the period between 1999 and 2006 when he took up a job with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR) in Cambodia. In 2004, he was seconded to the United Nations Mission in Liberia for two years as Rule of Law Adviser (Human Rights). On his return from Liberia on <special leave without pay> in June 2006, he contributed to the constitution building support program of the UNDP Nepal as Senior Project Manager for 18 months.

In the past, Dhungel served at the Faculty of Law, Tribhuvan University, in Kathmandu for over 22 years as Professor until he voluntarily took retirement from the faculty in 1999. During his active years of teaching and practicing law, he contributed to the constitution making of 1990 constitution through a participatory constitution making project as President of a leading national NGO, called LEADERS-Nepal. Following the promulgation of 1990 Constitution, he undertook the task of orienting the newly elected parliamentarians about their roles and responsibilities through a parliament strengthening program of the Society for Parliamentary and Constitutional Exercises (SCOPE), as founding member and later as President. During this period, he also took a lead role as pro bono lawyer to initiate public interest litigation at the Supreme Court of Nepal in the area of resource conservation, human rights and the rule of law.

Dr. Dhungel holds LL.M and PhD degrees in constitutional law, and has received advance training in the areas of human rights, water law and conservation management from Italy, Netherlands and USA. He co-authored two leading books on the Nepalese Constitution and legal system in English, and published several articles on contemporary legal and human rights issues in national and international publications. He has also contributed to national and international conferences on legal, human rights, constitutionalism (federalism) and contemporary issues.

## Sub-theme 2



### H.E. Dr. Ahmed Salem Bouhabini

Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee (Mauritania)

Degrees:

1988: Second Specialized Higher Studies Degree in Law (Mohammed V University in Rabat).

Professional Experience:

2019: Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee.

2022: Chairman of the Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions.

2022: Deputy Chairman of the Francophone Network of National Human Rights Committees.

Lawyer at the Paris Bar Association.

2016: President of the National Forum for Democracy and Unity.

1990: Accredited lawyer.

2008 - 2014: President of the National Bar Association.

2011: President of the International Coalition of International Bar Associations (CIB).

Languages: Arabic, French, English.



### H.E. Mr. Seref Malkoç

Chief Ombudsman of the Republic of Türkiye

Chief Ombudsman Şeref Malkoç was born in 1960. He graduated from the Faculty of Law in 1982. He practiced law and gave lectures at university. He was elected as a Member of Parliament between 1995 and 2002. He served as an Advisor to Prof. Dr. Necmettin ERBAKAN, the Prime Minister of the 54th Government of Türkiye and as a Chief Advisor to H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, the President of Türkiye.

He was elected by the Parliament as Chief Ombudsman of Türkiye in 2016 and re-elected as Chief Ombudsman in 2020. He is the President of the OIC Ombudsman Association; the member of the Board of Directors of Asian Ombudsman Association and Member of the Board & Executive Board of the European Ombudsman Institute.



## **Mr. Nasser Marzouq Sultan Al-Marri**

**Head of Legal Affairs Department - NHRC Qatar**

Mr. Nasser Marzouq Sultan Al-Marri holds a Master's degree in Law in Civil Law from the Faculty of Law, Cairo University, and is currently a PhD researcher in Civil Law.

Mr. Nasser Al-Marri held several leadership positions at the National Human Rights Committee as head of the Investigations and Legal Consultations Department, as Assistant to the Director of the Legal Affairs Department in 2019, and then as Director of the Legal Affairs Department. He also has more than 10 years of legal experience and work in the legal field.

Mr. Nasser Al-Marri was chosen as a member of many internal and external committees within the State of Qatar related to the protection and promotion of human rights. He has authored several books and publications related to the legal and human rights field, and has participated in several Qatari television interviews to raise awareness in the field of human rights and the Gulf crisis.



## **H.E. Dr. Ammar Dwiek**

**Director General of the Independent Commission for Human Rights (Palestine)**

Director General of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Human Rights since the end of 2015. He holds a PhD in Public Policy and Administration from Brandeis University in the United States, a master's degree in public law from the American University in Washington, and a bachelor's degree in law from Yarmouk University, Jordan. He has long and varied experience in the field of human rights, access to justice, political development, and election management. He worked as a professor of public administration at Birzeit University, and before that he held several positions, including the executive director of the Central Elections Committee, where he managed during his tenure the presidential elections of 2005 and the legislative elections of 2006. He has many publications and articles in both Arabic and English on topics related to public administration in Palestine and various legal and human rights issues.



## H.E. Dr. Ikmal Saidov

First Deputy Chairman of the Legislative Chamber of the Supreme Council (Parliament) of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Head of the National Center for Human Rights.

Mr. Akmal Khalmatovich Saidov holds the position of First Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Council of the Oliy Majlis (Parliament) of Uzbekistan and is Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. He is also an Uzbek public servant and jurist specializing in comparative law, international law, human rights, theory of state and law, and constitutional law. In addition, he is the author of a number of famous books. He is currently a full member of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan, Director of the National Center for Human Rights, Member of the Subcommittee on Finance of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and Vice-Chairman of the Independent Permanent Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

He holds the diplomatic rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

### Sub-theme 3



## Dr. Ziad Abdel Samad

Director of the Arab Network for Development

Mr. Ziad Abdel Samad is the Executive Director of the Arab NGO Network for Development. The Arab NGO Network for Development was established in Beirut in 1999 and includes 30 NGOs and 9 national networks from 10 Arab countries active in the protection of social and economic rights. As the President of the Euro-Mediterranean NGO Platform of 83 national and regional networks and organizations, Mr. Abdel Samad is involved in a number of global and regional networks focusing on social and economic public policies and targeting regional and global institutions such as Social Watch, an international network of groups of people monitoring the implementation of the commitments set out at the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen in 1995, and the Civil Society Partnership Coordination Group for Effective Development. He also participates in research institutions such as the Asia-Pacific Research Network and the Reality of Aid Network, and is active in the field of electoral reform and monitoring at the national and regional levels through the Arab Network for Electoral Democracy and the Civil Campaign for Electoral Reform in Lebanon.

## Sub-theme 4



### H.E. Mr. Joseph Whittal

**President of the African Network of National Human Rights Institutions**

Mr. Joseph Whittal, Commissioner of the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), and Chair of the Governing Council with supervisory oversight of all functions of CHRAJ, was appointed Commissioner in December 2016.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Whittal had since 2012 served as a Deputy Commissioner in charge of Legal and Investigations for the Commission. He first joined the Commission in 1994 as Upper East Regional Director, and was later appointed Director, Legal and Investigations at the Head Office between 2008 and 2012.

Commissioner Whittal who is currently the Chairman of the Working Group (WG) of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the African Agenda 2063, is also the Vice Chairman of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI), elected at the 13th Biennial Conference of the 44 Member Network of African Human Rights Institutions on the Continent.

Mr. Whittal is responsible for Coordinating International Co-operation with International Human Rights Organisations such as United Nations Special Procedures and Mechanisms: Special Rapporteur on thematic issues; Treaty-based Committees, Preparation of CHRAJ's Independent Report on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) to the Human Rights Council (HRC); and the International Coordinating Committee (ICC) of the National Human Rights Institutions; the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

His schedule also demands the Coordination of Regional Cooperation with the African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR); African Court on Human Rights; ECOWAS Community Court; the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI), bilateral relations with other National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), International Cooperation with the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI); the African Ombudsman and Mediators Association (AOMA), and bilateral relations with other Ombudsman Institutions.

Mr. Whittal, a Doctoral Candidate at the Doctor of Business Leadership (DBL) of the prestigious Paris-based IPAG Business School/Nobel International Business School, has been elected Bureau Member (Member of the Governing Board) of the Geneva-based Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), representing the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions on the World Body.

Mr. Whittal has honoured speaking engagements within and outside Ghana on any of the triple mandates of the Commission: Human Rights, Administrative Justice and Anti-Corruption, as well as on general governance issues during conferences, workshops, seminars, among others.

He is a Member of the Board of the Data Protection Commission (DPC) of Ghana.



## Mr. Michael Windfuhr

Deputy Director German Institute for Human Rights

Michael Windfuhr was elected in 2016 and 2020 as a member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. He holds various advisory roles and board positions in German government and civil society, and has been deputy director of the German Institute for Human Rights (DIM) since 2011. He was head of the human rights team at Brot für die Welt (2006-2010) and held various positions at FIAN International between 1986 and 2006.

## Day 2, Fourth Session



### **H.E. Mr. Sultan bin Hassan Al-Jamali**

**Secretary General of the National Human Rights Committee  
of the State of Qatar**

Mr. Sultan bin Hassan Al-Jamali is currently the Secretary General of the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) and the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Qatar University (1998) and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Cairo University, Egypt (2013).

Mr. Sultan bin Hassan Al-Jamali has had an impressive career with all the different job roles he has undertaken, jobs through which he was able to acquire important practical and professional experiences. The Department of Planning and Manpower Development at the Civil Service Bureau remains one of his most prominent professional milestones in addition to the numerous positions he has held

throughout his career such as Director of the Department of Human Resources and Work Systems and Vice-Chair of the Personnel Committee at the Supreme Council of Environment and Natural Reserves. He was also appointed as General Coordinator of International Agreements at the Ministry of Environment and held the position of Director of the Administrative and Financial Affairs Department at the NHRC. He then became the Assistant Secretary General of the NHRC as well as the Executive Director of the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions. This is before assuming his current position as the Secretary General of both the NHRC and the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions. It is worth noting that Mr. Sultan bin Hassan Al-Jamali was also a member of the International Social Responsibility Committee and the Crisis Committee during the COVID-19 pandemic.

His tenure has seen numerous achievements and practical gains which have contributed to raising awareness of the culture of human rights and disseminating it within society and institutions. His most important accomplishments included the establishment of the organizational structure and job description and the development of regulations, procedures and work systems at the NHRC on one hand and the effective efforts he exerted towards the success of many conferences, seminars and events organized by the NHRC and the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions inside and outside the State of Qatar on the other hand. Mr. Sultan bin Hassan Al-Jamali supported the establishment of new national institutions in the Arab world and his work with the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions has helped other institutions obtain the "A Status" from the Subcommittee of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions. He has also worked on developing the relations of the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions with many international and regional human rights institutions and bodies and on the signing of many memorandums of understanding and partnerships at the local and international levels.



## **Mr. Ghaffar Al-Ali**

### **Rapporteur of the Session**

Rapporteur - General of the Conference

He is a legal advisor to the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions (ANNHRI). He worked as a lawyer in Damascus from 1998 until 2013, and as a legal advisor to the Arab Network from 2013 until now. He prepared the strategic plan and operational work plan for the Arab Network for the years 2020-2024, and participated in the preparation of training programs for national human rights institutions that are members of the Arab Network, and a trainer in the field of human rights.

## Closing Session

**National Human Rights Committee  
of the State of Qatar**



**Global Alliance of National Human Rights  
Institutions (GANHRI)**



**The Office of the United Nations High  
Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)**



**The General Secretariat of the  
League of Arab States**



**United Nations Development  
Programme (UNDP)**



**The International Fund for Agricultural  
Development (IFAD)**

