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Biographies



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Opening Session

Mrs. Carmela Godeau

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



Dr. Mehrinaz El Awady

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

Mr. Jonathan Prentice



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

Dr. Ayman Zohry

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



Scene Setting

Ms. Sara Salman

Sara Salman is a public policy specialist with particular expertise in population affairs, parliamentary development, and democratic governance in the Arab region. She currently holds the position of the Regional Advisor on Population Affairs at UN ESCWA, where she manages the migration and population portfolios. Dr. Salman has extensive experience in institutional strengthening, developing public policies, and managing international projects. She has worked with a number of international organizations including the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme. Dr. Salman holds a PhD degree in political science from American University, Washington, D.C.

Ms. Kristina Mejo

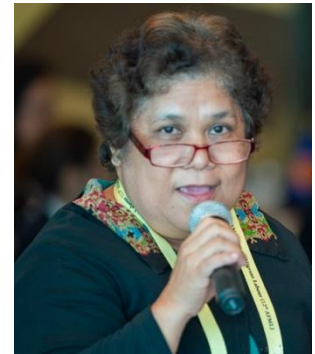


Kristina Mejo is the Senior Regional Liaison and Policy Officer and Deputy Regional Director for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) in Cairo, Egypt. Her portfolio covers migration policy, the UN Reform, and supporting the IOM missions and presence in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

Moderators

Ms. Ellene Sana

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



Mr. Ray Jureidini

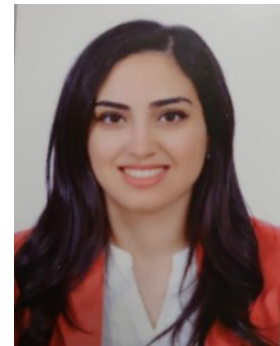


Ray Jureidini is professor of migration ethics and human rights at the Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics in the College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar. His human and labor rights based scholarship and activism centers on forced labour, human trafficking, labour recruitment and migrant labour reform advocacy in the Middle East. Among many publications, he has authored *Migrant Labour Recruitment to Qatar* (Bloomsbury 2014); *Ways Forward in Fair Recruitment* (ILO 2016); *Wage Protection Systems in the GCC* (GLMM 2017), *Transnational Culture of Corruption in Migrant Labour Recruitment* (IOM 2018); and edited book with Said Hassan *Migration and Islamic Ethics* (Brill 2020).

Panellists

Ms. Nourhan Abdel Aziz

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



Ms. Sara Al-Khatib



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

Ms. Lala Arabian

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



Ms. Hessen Sayah Corban



Hessen Sayah Corban is the Head of the Migrants Department in Caritas Lebanon. She has a Bachelor of Science in Medico-Social Work, a Master in Social Work, and a diploma in Community Health and Mediation. Her key qualifications include collaborating with law enforcement, authorities and advocacy. Co-author of study entitled “Forgotten Voices: An insight into older persons among refugees from Syria in Lebanon – 2013”. She received in 2018 the German Franco prize of Human rights and rule of law between 15 figures who defend human rights all over the world. This prize is given the first time in Lebanon.

Mr. Mohamed Wajdi Aydi

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



Mr. Murtaza Khan

Murtaza is a Regional Managing Partner (Middle East & Africa) at Fragomen, the global leader in immigration services and solutions. He has been based in the region for over 15 years. In this capacity, he has extensive experience of working with large global and regional companies alongside representing the SME sector. He has deep knowledge of regional migration and related labour regulations. His experience includes working with companies in a variety of sectors to manage migration programs. Murtaza is a Fellow at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

Ms. Stéphanie Winet



Stéphanie Winet joined the IOE in April 2016. The IOE is the largest network of the private sector in the world, with more than 150 business and employer organisation members. The IOE is the host and founding father of the Business Mechanism to the Global Forum on Migration and Development, which aims at ensuring the voice of business is brought on board in government migration debates in international fora. Prior to her role at the IOE, Stéphanie Winet was Political Adviser at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York. Stéphanie started her career in the private sector in Geneva. She worked for a number of companies, rising to the position of Deputy Public Relations Manager. Stéphanie Winet is Swiss and Italian national and holds a master degree in International Affairs from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.

Mr. Mustapha Tlili

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



Mr. Issam Younis



A Palestinian human Rights Defender who has made an exceptional contribution to the protection and promotion of human rights and the rule of law in Palestine. He is the Commissioner General of the independent commission for Human Rights since April 2018, The Director General of Al Mezan Center for Human Rights in Gaza, The President of the Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ANNHRI). He is also a member of the Palestinian Higher Education Council. Winner of 2008 Weimar Human Rights Award and 2020 laureate of the Franco-German Prize for Human Rights. He has MA in Theory and Practice of Human Rights, University of Essex (UK) 1994; BA Sociology, Birzeit University (Palestine) 1989.

Mr. Fabrizio Anzolini

Mr. Anzolini is the Regional Migration Coordinator IFRC MENA since 2019. He previously worked as a Migration Advisor at the Italian Red Cross, Case Officer at the European Asylum Support Office, Protection and Field Officer at the Italian Red Cross and as an Expert at the National Office Against Racial Discrimination (UNAR). He has a master in Human Rights and Democratization in the MENA Region. He also studied at the European InterUniversity Centre for Human Rights and Democratization. Mr. Anzolini is a visiting Student and Researcher at the University of Saint Joseph and Beirut on the Right to Education of the Syrian Refugees. He also holds a master in Migration from the University Ca' Foscari of Venice and a master in Work, Social citizenship, Multiculturality from University Ca' Foscari of Venice. He received his bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Trieste (Italy).



Mr. Ibrahim Awad (TBC)



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

Ms. Khadija Elbab

Ms. Khadija has a Diploma of Higher Education in Journalism and Communication (DES), a Diploma in Communication and Opinion Polling -Canada and a Diploma from "L'Institut Supérieur de Journalisme" in Rabat. She is a Journalist and producer at the National Radio (Morocco). She won first prize at the Migration Media Awards funded by the European Union and received the National Press Award as well as the Award for the best reporting granted by the "Association Marocaine de Planification Familiale" and the International Planned Parenthood Federation. She worked from 1996 to 2005 as a Researcher at the Center for Research and Studies in Information and opinion polling (Rabat)



Speakers

Mr. Filipe Gonzales Morales



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

Ms. Rima Kalush

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



Dr. Michel E. Abs



Professor Michel E. Abs is Secretary General of the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC). He is an Economist and Sociologist, holder of B.A., M.A. and higher diplomas in - both fields and a PhD in Sociology with a focus on economic behavior. He has been a university Lecturer for 42-years, doctoral dissertations advisor and member of the Research Ethics Committee at Saint Joseph University-Beirut. He has four decades experience in business, education and development planning and management. Dr. Abs is social activist dealing with Interreligious-Interethnic Dialogue, Social Justice and Sociocultural Development, promoting the culture

of dialogue, openness and justice.

Ms. Yasmine Al Hayek

As part of UCLG-MEWA, Yasmin is the coordinator of International Relations Department. for the last 3 years she worked on Social inclusion issues especially on migration and displacement. She also managed a Network titled “Global task force on migration” with different stakeholders with the aim to follow up 2019 Gaziantep Declaration.



Mr. Zied Charfi



Mr. Charfi has a master's in economics and international relationship from university of economics and management of Tunis in 2000. He worked in integrated UTICA (employer organization) in 2002 as an administrator. Responsible of study in textile federation 2002-2007 and secretary general of the national small trades federation 2007-2009. He was in charge of relations with African countries 2009-2012 and the administrator in the central social affairs department 2012-2013. He was also the secretary general of the National Federation of Building and Public Works Contractors 2013-2014 and later became the administrator in the central social affairs department since 2014. Mr. Charfi is also a member of the steering committee as representative of UTICA of several ILO projects in Tunisia, notably projects concerning migration IRAM, FAIR and THAMM.

Mrs. Atyab Alshatti

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



Mr. Mohamed Omran

Human Rights activist and a civil society leader. Mohamed worked for several Egyptian and international organizations such as the Egyptian association for community participation enhancement EACPE and the Association for Freedom of Thought and Expression AFTEE and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom FNF. Since the year 2000, Mohamed has worked in several fields such as election observation, support for the human rights system, support for democracy, good governance, Irregular immigration, and Internet governance. He is the founder of the Democratic Transition and Human Rights Support Center (DAAM) since 2015 and its presidents since 2020.

Mr. Hatem Kotrane



Mr. Kotrane is a Professor Emeritus at the Faculty of Juridical, Political and Social Sciences at the University of Carthage, Tunis. He served as a Past Member and Vice President of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. Key publications on migration and migrant rights; Books and manuals: 2020: Mapping report, in Project "Children and Young People on The Migration Routes of West and North Africa" - Study Tunisia- Swiss Cooperation- Swiss Confederation 2020: Children's rights in Arab States, 30 years after! Being published by League of Arab States. Articles: 2020 : « Legal assessment of legislation on migrant workers and their families: current situation and future vision», in The impact of migration on the Tunisian economy, IOM, Tunisia, Being published. 2020 : « Covid-19 : Regularize the plight of migrant workers and their family members during periods of general health confinement» leaders, 30 March 2020. 2019 : «International and national legal framework for the protection of migrant children», in Workshop on formalizing the Best Interest Determination in Tunisia, IOM, Djerba- Tunisia, 25 and 26 January 2019.

Mrs. Shaikha Al Hashem

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



Mr. Chokri Ben Nessir,



Mr. Ben Nessir is Editor-in-Chief (First Class) and Editorial Director at “La Presse de Tunisie.” He holds a Master's degree in journalism and information science and a higher diploma specialized in NICT (New Information and Communication Technologies). He is the holder of the Order of Cultural Merit (2009) and has received several international awards and distinctions, including the Mare Nostrum Award (2016). He is also a journalist trainer in Climate Change, Migration, and media treatment of issues related to vulnerable people. He is an author of studies on print media and has developed the digital transition strategy of “La Presse de Tunisie.”