

RESOURCE PERSONS' SHORT BIOS

1. Juan Moreno

Juan Manuel Moreno is a Lead Education Specialist in the MENA Human Development Department of the World Bank. Having worked in education development projects in over 25 countries of MENA, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, he is currently managing the Bank's education portfolio in Jordan and Palestine, and the Bank team supporting the Arab Regional Agenda for Improving Education Quality (ARAIEQ). He is also a member of the Governing Board of UNESCO's International Institute of Educational Planning (IIEP). Before joining the Bank in 2002, he was Associate Professor of Education at the Universidad Nacional de Educacion a Distancia (UNED) in Spain. From 1999 to 2002 he served as Vice-Rector of International Relations of UNED and as Secretary General of the Ibero-American Association of Higher Distance Education. He was Editor of Revista de Educación between 1993 and 1999. Dr. Moreno has published eight books and nearly 100 journal articles and book chapters in the fields of curriculum development, education reform, school improvement, and teacher policies. He co-authored the 2005 World Bank first policy report on Secondary Education: Expanding Opportunities and Building Competencies for Young People: a New Agenda for Secondary Education. He is also a co-author of the 2013 World Bank Flagship Report on Jobs for Shared Prosperity: Time for Action in the Middle East and North Africa. Juan Manuel Moreno holds a M. Ed. (Columbia University, 1987) and a Ph. D. in Education (UNED, 1990).

2. Ragui Assaad

Ragui Assaad is a Professor of Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs and director of graduate studies for its Master of Development Practice program. He is a Research Fellow of the Economic Research Forum in Cairo, Egypt and serves as its thematic director for Labor and Human Resource Development. He is also Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn, Germany and a non-resident senior fellow with the Global Economy and Development program of the Brookings Institution in Washington D.C. He served as Regional Director for West Asia and North Africa for the Population Council, based in Cairo, Egypt, from 2005 to 2008. His current research focuses on labor markets in the Arab World, with a focus on youth and gender issues as they relate to education, transition from school-to-work, employment and unemployment, informality, responses to economic shocks, migration, and family formation. He holds a Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from Cornell University and a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University.

3. Heba Handoussa

Heba Handoussa has recently founded a post-revolution Development Initiative: The Egypt Network for Integrated Development (ENID) in 2012. ENID is a five-year project under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and under the umbrella of Egypt's Ministry of International Cooperation. Its purpose is to design, develop and implement effective strategies that address obstacles to vital

social and economic development challenges in the Upper Egypt Governorates of Qena and Luxor.

Dr. Handoussa previously was the lead Author of the Egypt Human Development Report (EHDR) 2010 titled *Youth in Egypt: Building our Future* which was awarded by UNDP Headquarters in New York a commendation for best National Human Development Report across over 50 countries. She was also Director and Lead Author of three previous EHDRs: *Partners in Development: The Social Contract and Civil Society Organizations in Egypt* in 2007, *A New Social Contract* in 2005, and *Choosing Decentralization for Good Governance* in 2004. Prior to this, and for ten years, she was Founder and Director of the Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey (ERF). In 2006, for one year she served as the Research Director of the regional Gender Economic Research and Policy Analysis (GERPA) initiative. Until 1993, Professor Handoussa taught at the American University in Cairo, where she was twice elected as chairperson of the Economics and Political Science Department and was subsequently appointed as Vice Provost.

Professor Handoussa has consistently served as an advisor to the Egyptian government. She is a former member of the Shura Council, Egypt's Upper House of Parliament, and a former member on the Board of the Central Bank of Egypt. She has served on the board of international and regional research-related institutions including CEDEJ, IFPRI, UNRISD and the WBI Advisory Board of the World Bank. She was also a commissioner of the "World Commission on the Social Dimensions of Globalization" of the ILO. Her numerous publications cover the areas of structural adjustment, industrial policy, productivity growth, foreign aid, institutional reform and comparative development models.

4. Moudi Al-Humoud

Mudhi Al-Houmoud is currently President of the Arab Open University in Kuwait. She holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of North Texas, and a PhD degree in the same field from City London University. Prior to that, she was Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education in Kuwait during the period May 2009 and May 2011, and Professor at the Faculty of Administrative Sciences at Kuwait University between 2011 and 2013. She is a member of the Advisory Board of the Arab Knowledge Report since 2010 and member of the Board of the Regional Bureau of Arab States of the United Nations Development Program in Kuwait, since January 2008.

Dr. Al-Houmoud was a member of the Kuwait Supreme Council for Planning and Development between 2004 and 2008, and a member of the High Advisory Board of the Arab Planning Institute between 1999 and 2008. She was also a member of the Board of Trustees at Kuwait – Maastricht Business School for Business Administration from September 2002 until July 2004.

5. Atif Kubursi

Atif Kubursi is Emeritus Professor of Economics and also teaches in the Arts and Science Program at McMaster University. Dr. Kubursi taught economics at Purdue University in Indiana, USA, and was senior academic visitor at Cambridge University, UK in 1974/75.

He also served as the Acting Executive Secretary, at the Undersecretary General level, of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western

Asia in 2006, 2007 and 2008, and as Senior Development Officer at UNIDO I Vienna. He is the recipient of the Canadian Centennial Medal. He is a fellow of the Economic Research Forum and obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from Purdue University and his B.A. from the American University of Beirut.

6. Motaz Khorshid

Motaz Khorshid obtained his first PhD in Computer Sciences/ Operations Research and the second PhD in Management Sciences from Paris University, France. His M.Sc. was in Industrial Engineering from Cairo University and the B.Sc. in Engineering from Ain Shams University, Egypt. He obtained also a higher diploma in Economic planning from the institute of National planning and an Advanced Diploma in Computer Simulation from Paris University.

Professor Khorshid worked as a former Egyptian Minister of Higher Education and Minister of State for Scientific Research, a Vice President of Cairo University (CU) and the British University in Egypt (BUE), a Chief Technical Advisor for socioeconomic development Planning Support systems (DPSS) in the United Nations (UNDESA/UNDP), a Dean and Vice Dean of the Faculty of Computers and Information of Cairo University, and as a Senior Research Scientist in Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR). Professor Khorshid is currently professor in Cairo University (CU) and a Director of the Arab Council for graduate Studies and Scientific Research.

Professor Khorshid has developed several socioeconomic databases based on the United Nations system of National Accounts (SNA) and assembled Social Accounting Matrices (SAM) for a number of the Arab Countries. He constructed and implemented Micro, Macro and Economy Wide Models for policy Analysis in Egypt, Kuwait, UAE, Yemen and Palestine. He finally developed

His research interest is focused on computer aided Modeling and Decision Support Systems (DSS), computer Simulation Methodology, Economy-wide Modeling and Analysis , Socioeconomic Data Systems, Planning and Management of Higher Education and Scientific Research , Development Planning, Quantitative Management and Corporate Planning Models.

Professor Khorshid is the president of the Egyptian Society for Software Engineers, a member of the Egyptian Society for Decision Support and operations Research, a Research Fellow in the Economic Research Forum of the Middle East and North Africa and the Global Economic Modeling Network. Professor Khorshid has been awarded the “Academic Palm” from the government of France.

Professor Khorshid worked as Advisor to a number of International and Regional Organizations such as, the World Bank (WB), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (UNESCWA), United Nation Fund for Population activities (UNFPA), United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD), IDSC, CAPMAS and CBE of Egypt and KISR, PAAC, Supreme council of Planning (SPC), MOP and the Arab Dar Consultants of Kuwait.

7. Omar Al- Razzaz

Omar Razzaz is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Abdullah II Fund for Development (KAFFD), Chairman of the Board of Directors of Jordan Ahli Bank, and Chairman of the Jordan Strategy Forum (JSF). Previously, he headed the

International Commission for Evaluating Privatization in Jordan (2013-2014). He also led the national team responsible for preparing the National Employment Strategy for Jordan in (2011-2012). He was the Director General of Jordan's Social Security Corporation (2006-2010). Prior to his return to Jordan, he served as Country Manager of the World Bank's Lebanon Country Office (2002-2006). Dr. Razzaz was Assistant Professor at MIT in the International Development and Regional Planning (IDRP) Program. He holds a PhD from Harvard University in Planning with a minor in Economics, and a post-Doctorate from the Harvard Law School. He is a member of several boards of private and not for profit organizations. He has a number of publications in refereed journals.

8. Daniela Gressani

Daniela Gressani is deputy director of the Middle East and Central Asia department of the IMF, where she follows the transitions in the Arab world. Prior to joining the Fund, Daniela worked for 20-some years at the World Bank, where she focused on the Middle East and North Africa as well as Eastern Europe. She started her professional life as a research economist at the central bank of Italy, and studied Economics and Political Science at the University of Rome and London School of Economics.

9. Hana Brixi

Hana Brixi serves as Program Leader for Governance, Education, Health, Social Protection, Labor and Gender for the Gulf countries; and as Lead Economist in the Governance Global Practice of the World Bank Group.

In these positions, Dr. Brixi leads an operational, knowledge, learning and solutions program on governance and service delivery. In particular, she is leading the regional flagship initiative Trust, Voice and Incentives in Service Delivery in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region; innovative engagement such the Local Governance Performance Index benchmarking activity; and the Bank Group Community of Practice on Governance for Service Delivery.

Earlier, as Lead Economist for Human Development Sectors and Acting Sector Manager in the MENA Region, Dr. Brixi advanced strategic cross-sectoral engagement on human development in MNA countries, and led innovative knowledge products on financing and governance in social service delivery.

In her career with the World Bank since 1995, Dr. Brixi led programs on public finance, governance, and human development across the Europe and Central Asia, East Asia and Pacific, and MENA regions. At the global level, she led the World Bank *Quality of Fiscal Adjustment* Thematic Group, promoting innovation in fiscal risk management.

Based in China in 2001-2010 as the World Bank Country Economist, and subsequently WHO Health Sector Coordinator and UNICEF Chief for Economic and Social Policy, Dr. Brixi led program to support China's country economic development, and reforms in service delivery. She also taught as a Visiting Professor at Tsinghua University, School of Public Policy and Management, in Beijing.

Dr. Brixi's publications include book *Government at Risk* (Oxford University Press) and numerous articles in academic journals. She holds PhD in physics from Masaryk University, Czech Republic; graduate degree in Economics and Public Policy from Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University; and post-graduate

certificate in Finance from the Sloan Business School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

10. Adnan El Amine

Adnan El Amine, PhD, graduated from Lebanese University (1971), obtained his doctorate in Sociology of Education from Sorbonne University-Paris in 1977 and the doctorate (d'Etat, Es Letter) from Sorbonne in 1991.

Dr. El-Amine initiated the idea of the Lebanese Association of Educational Studies (LAES), he was among its founders (1995). He initiated as well the idea of the Arab Educational Information Network (Shamaa) (2006), and was among its founders as an Arab NGO (2010).

Dr. El-Amine is the author of 21 books and more than 30 papers in Lebanese, Arab and International journals.

He was Full Professor at Lebanese University until 2008. At present he is president of LAES and lecturer at AUB.

11. Ahmed Galal

Ahmed Galal is currently Managing Director of the Economic Research Forum (ERF) and the President and Chairman of the Board of *Forum Euroméditerranéen des Instituts de Sciences Économiques* (FEMISE). He is a member of the Board of the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) and the MENA Health Policy Forum.

Mr. Galal was Egypt's Finance Minister between July 2013 and February 2014. Previously, he worked for the World Bank for 18 years where he conducted research and provided policy advice to governments in several regions. While on leave from the Bank (2000-2006), he was the Executive Director and Director of Research of the Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES).

Galal authored or co-authored more than dozen books, including *Welfare Consequences of Selling Public Enterprises* and *The Road Not Traveled: Education Reform in the Middle East and North Africa*. He also authored several journal articles and book chapters.

In 2004, he was awarded the prestigious regional prize for Economic and Social Sciences by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences. Galal holds a PhD in Economics from Boston University.

12. Shanta Devarajan

Shantayanan Devarajan is the Chief Economist of the World Bank's Middle East and North Africa Region. Since joining the World Bank in 1991, he has been a Principal Economist and Research Manager for Public Economics in the Development Research Group, and the Chief Economist of the Human Development Network, of the South Asia Region, and of the Africa Region. He was the director of the World Development Report 2004, *Making Services Work for Poor People*. Before 1991, he was on the faculty of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. The author or co-author of over 100 publications, Mr. Devarajan's research covers public economics, trade policy, natural resources and the environment, and general equilibrium modeling of developing countries. Born in Sri Lanka, Mr. Devarajan

received his B.A. in Mathematics from Princeton University and his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

13. Tariq Yousef

Tarik Mohamed Yousef was appointed in March 2011 as Chief Executive Officer of Silatech. He began his career in 1997 as an economist at the International Monetary Fund, and joined the faculty of Georgetown University in 1999, where he held the positions of Associate Professor of Economics in the School of Foreign Service and Sheikh Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah Chair of Arab Studies at the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies. Between 2006 and 2010, he served as the Founding Dean of the Dubai School of Government and nonresident Senior Fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He co-founded the Middle East Youth Initiative at the Brookings Institution in 2007, where he has since served as nonresident Senior Fellow.

He received his PhD in Economics from Harvard University. An expert on youth inclusion and policy reform in the Arab world, he has contributed over 50 articles and chapters, and co-edited several volumes and reports including: *Unlocking the Employment Potential in the Middle East and North Africa: Toward A New Social Contract* (World Bank, 2004); *The Arab World Competitiveness Report: Sustaining the Growth Momentum* (World Economic Forum, 2007); *Generation in Waiting: The Unfulfilled Promise of Young People in the Middle East*; (Brookings, 2009); *After the Spring: Economic Transition in the Arab World* (Oxford University Press, 2012); and, *Public Sector Reform in the Middle East and North Africa: The Lessons of Experience* (World Bank, 2013).

His policy experience includes working at the African and Middle East Departments of the International Monetary Fund, the Middle East and North Africa Region at World Bank, the United Nations Development Program, and the Millennium Project at the UN. At present, he is nonresident Senior Fellow at the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy at the American University in Beirut; Research Fellow of the Economic Research Forum; member of the MENA Advisory Panel at the World Bank; and, Chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Arab World, 2011-2013.

He is a regular media commentator, public speaker and advisor to international institutions, governments and corporations on Middle Eastern affairs.

14. Gabriella Gonzalez

Gabriella C. Gonzalez (Ph.D., Sociology, Harvard University) is a Social Scientist at RAND Corporation. Her main areas of interest are human capital development, labor market and education reforms in the Middle East, and international migration. From 2003 to 2007 she was based at the RAND-Qatar Policy Institute in Doha, Qatar, studying the implementation of Qatar's K-12 education reform, *Education for a new Era*, and analyzing student performance on recently administered national assessments in the country. She has lead a number of projects in the region including an assessment of secondary school certification in Qatar, the development of an educational voucher program in that country, an analysis of demographic challenges facing Abu Dhabi for the Office of Strategic Affairs of the Crown Prince Court of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and how self-employment and small-business ownership can support employment of Emiratis in U.A.E. for the

Khalifa Fund. She is lead author of the 2010 paper “Education and Employment in the Private Sector: Addressing Skills Mismatch in the GCC,” written for the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research, and the 2008 book *Facing Human Capital Challenges of the 21st Century*, which analyzed the education and labor market reforms of four countries in the Middle East. Other work at RAND includes program evaluations of U.S. scholarships for students to use after high school, immigrant students’ academic achievement, and schooling and occupational decision-making of youth.

She is currently leading a study on the alignment of education and training with workforce needs in the energy sector in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and an evaluation of Department of Defense programs to support the employment and education of military spouses

15. Muhammad Faour

Muhammad Faour is a Lead Consultant on global citizenship education to the UNESCO regional bureau in Beirut. Between 2011 and 2014, he was senior associate at the Carnegie Middle East Center in Beirut, Lebanon, leading a project on citizenship education in the Arab countries. From 2007 to 2010, he was president of Dhofar University in Salalah, Oman. Faour also served as deputy vice president for Regional External Programs at the American University of Beirut from 2000 to 2007. In that capacity, he oversaw the establishment of new universities, colleges, and schools in several Arab countries. Prior to that, Faour was professor of sociology and department chair. A recipient of numerous awards and fellowships, Faour has also been a visiting researcher at universities in the USA and Canada and a consultant to UN agencies and NGOs. Faour is the author of several books and monographs, including *The Silent Revolution in Lebanon: Changing Values of the Youth*, and *The Arab World after Desert Storm*, and of four Carnegie papers on citizenship education. Faour has a PhD degree in Sociology from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.