

Plenary Session 5. Integration and engagement of multi-stakeholders



Yasser Akkaoui

Yasser Akkaoui is the founder of Capital Concept, a research and consulting firm, that advises corporations and investors to become sustainable business ventures. Through Capital Concept SAL, Akkaoui has become one of the reference names in Environment, Social, and Governance research and consulting. He chaired the committee of Human Rights Watch in Lebanon until 2022 which he joined in 2010. Since 2011, he is a founding member of the Lebanese Center for Policy Studies. He is the publisher of Executive Magazine since 2001, and is a part-time Business Ethics instructor at AUB.



Moez El Shohdi

Moez El Shohdi is the President and CEO of Food Banking Regional Network, with 40 years of experience in Hotel Management, and Business including 16 years of humanitarian professional voluntary work with a strong self-commitment to eradicate hunger in the region. Since 2011, he successfully founded and developed 52 Food Banks in 52 countries from the Arab region, Latin America and Europe, to serve needy people, ensure food waste reduction and ending hunger. In addition to this, El Shohdi contributed to founding the Egyptian Cure Bank and 12 Cure Banks in the region, the Egyptian Clothing Bank and 15 Clothing Banks in the region, and Together for Better Life Bank to offer health care service, provide clothing and shelter, and ensure decent life and better community. He holds a PhD in Business and Hotel Management.



Mohamed Yusuf Adan

Mohamed Yusuf Adan is the current State Minister of Labour and Social Affairs in Somalia. He's also a water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) project assistant at Gredo Organization, since 2019, where he has organized and participated in campaigns related to waste management, hygiene and sanitation awareness in many districts and villages. He holds a bachelor's degree in Public Administration.



Hala Murad

Hala Murad is an activist in the field of human rights and the environment. She holds a master's degree in socio-ecological science, and her thesis discussed climate change and its impact on local community on Jordan's valley as a "farming society". Murad is the Executive Director of the Dibeem for Environmental Development. She is the Learning Officer for the ACCD project and co-Learning and Advocacy Campaign Leader on climate justice with the Housing and Land Rights Network. She has been a participant in civil society delegations to a number of COPs since 2015 and a Senior Expert in environmental rights in the Arab Non-Governmental organization Network for Development. She is also an expert in climate change and environment advocacy through the human right approach.





Haifa Abu Gazaleh

Ambassador Haifa Abu Gazaleh was appointed Assistant Secretary-General of the League of Arab States and Head of the Social Affairs Sector in August 2018. She was previously appointed Assistant Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, Head of the Information and Communication Sector in September 2013 and the Secretary-General's Envoy of the League of Arab States for Civil Society in the same year, representative of Jordan to the Arab Women Organization (AWO) and a member of AWO Executive Council in 2008. She chaired the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities in 2011 and was a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 2007. She served as Secretary-General of the National Council for Family Affairs and Regional Director of United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) for 12 years. She was selected as a member of the United Nations International Committee of the Forum of Non-Government Organizations for the Fourth World Conference on Women as a focal point from the Arab region. She was a Professor of the Women's Studies Programme at the University of Jordan. For more than three decades, Abu Gazaleh has played a major role throughout the Arab region in the process of political and legislative reform and analysis of gender issues, strategic planning, development, human rights, security and peace. In 2005, Abu Gazaleh was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize "A Thousand Women for the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize". She holds two PhD degrees in Psychology and Education, and a master's degree in educational counselling. She has published many books and studies in Arabic and English on human rights, gender, development, administration, education and educational counselling. She has also developed several strategies at the national and regional levels, most notably the Regional Strategy on Violence against Women, the Regional Policy on Women, Security and Peace and the Regional Framework for Women's Protection from Violence. She is a member of many national and international organizations.

