

## Speakers and High Officials

### **Leen Abdel Jaber**

#### **Founder and Executive Director, Injaz Algeria**

Ms. Abdel Jaber has spent the past decade working with Injaz to mobilize the private sector and Ministries of Education in Algeria, Jordan, and Egypt to join forces in creating a new generation of business-minded youth. During the past year in Algeria, she has recruited 15 board members from the private sector and created partnerships with 10 public universities, currently reaching 500 Algerian youth. Prior to working with Injaz, Ms. Abdel Jaber worked with a USAID-funded project that provided technical assistance to Jordanian small and medium enterprises. She holds an MSc in Development Studies from the University of London and a BSc in Social Policy and Planning from University of Bristol.

### **H.E. Wael Abou Faour**

#### **Minister of Social Affairs, Lebanon**

Mr. Abou Faour is currently the Minister of Social Affairs in the Lebanese Government, where he held several ministerial posts in previous governments such as Minister of State and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs. He has also served as the Secretary General of the Progressive Youth Organization, and the Assistant Secretary General of the Arab Youth Union. Mr. Abou Faour holds a Bachelor Degree in Business Management from the American University of Beirut.

### **H.E. Maher H. Abu Elsamen**

#### **Minister of Municipal Affairs, Jordan**

Mr. Elsamen has held a number of important posts prior to becoming Minister, including serving as the Mayor of Asalt Municipality and the President of the Jordanian Municipalities Committee, which is affiliated with the International Federation of United Cities. He has also served as the President of Asalt Sports Club, and as a departmental head in the State Audit Bureau. Mr. Elsamen holds a Bachelor Degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of Bucharest.

### **Mayyada Abu-Jaber**

#### **CEO, Jordan Career Education Foundation**

Ms. Abu-Jaber leads Jordan Career Education Foundation (JCEF), the Jordanian affiliate of the Education for Employment Foundation. She has extensive experience managing and directing non-governmental organizations, including directing the Royal Health Awareness Society, chaired by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah, and founding the World of Letters organization, which creates Arabic-language resources. She remains on the organization's Board of Trustees. As a consultant at the office of Her Majesty Queen Rania Abdullah II, Ms. Abu-Jaber prepared a teacher education strategy for Jordan. She has also directed and managed USAID projects focusing on integrating technology in Jordanian schools, and initiated the first School-to-Career program at the Jordanian Ministry of Education. She holds an MS in Environmental Geology from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

### **Fida Abu Turkey**

#### **Youth Social Entrepreneur (Palestine)**

Ms. Abu Turkey is the youngest woman in Palestine to manage rural development committees, which include 34 non-profit organizations working under the supervision of Palestinian Center for Communication and Development Strategies (PCCDS), an organization that she helped to found. She has

established three youth organizations and overseen the implementation of 46 youth development initiatives, the most recent of which is “Irada,” a women’s business incubator. This incubator has created more than 1,500 small income-generating projects for women in Palestine. In 2011, Ms. Abu Turkey received international recognition through her work, becoming an Ashoka Global Fellow and winning the King Abdullah II Award for Youth Innovation and Achievement (KAAYIA). She now works as the Administrative and Financial Manager of PCCDS and is completing her Masters studies in Social Work.

### **Somaya Al Alfy**

#### **General Director, General Administration for Development and Gender, National Council for Childhood and Motherhood**

Ms. Al Alfy is an expert in development and human rights, particularly children’s and women’s rights in Egypt. In addition to her role as General Director of the General Administration for Development and Gender, she oversees the Council’s child labor program, street children program, and the poverty alleviation project. She also works as a researcher, trainer, and consultant to a variety of international organizations. Prior to her current position, Ms. Al Alfy was a journalist at Al-Ahram newspaper’s Center for Strategic and Political Studies from 1988 to 2003. She received her Bachelor Degree in Economics and Political Science from Cairo University and her Masters Degree in Political and Economic Systems from the Institute of African Research and Studies at Cairo University.

### **Waleed Al Banawi**

#### **Vice Chairman, Banawi Industrial Group and Co-Founder and Chairman, Jisr, Saudi Arabia**

Mr. Al Banawi is Vice Chairman of the Banawi Industrial Group, a market leader in specialty chemicals, packaging, and food flavors in Saudi Arabia and the MENA region. His deep commitment to social investment is reflected in his active participation and leadership in several social and educational organizations and initiatives, including serving as Regional MENA Chairman for the Young Presidents’ Organization, founding member of the Advisory Board for the Jeddah Community College, Director of INJAZ Saudi Arabia, Director of the Education for Employment Foundation (Global EFE) in Washington D.C., Vice Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry (from 2006 to 2009), founding member of the Advisory Board of Ashoka Arab World, founding member of the Arab American Education Foundation in Houston, member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London, and life member at the Academy of Political Science in New York. Mr. Al Banawi was also chosen as a nominee from Saudi Arabia to attend the U.S. Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship in Washington D.C in June 2010. He is a graduate of Rice University, in Texas, in managerial studies and political science and an alumnus of the business school INSEAD, in France.

### **Ahmad Alhindawi**

#### **Youth Social Entrepreneur (Jordan)**

Mr. Alhindawi has worked as Youth Policy Advisor to the League of Arab States in Cairo since 2009. Before joining the Arab League, he worked in the youth program of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Iraq office and worked for Save the Children as a Program Officer. He was also an active youth worker and the head of the student association in Al-Balqa Applied University. In 2005, he cofounded the Youth for Democracy Network and later was awarded a YouthActionNet fellowship for social entrepreneurship by the International Youth Foundation. He has coordinated several regional and international forums and trainings on youth policy and development. In July 2011, he was invited to address the General Assembly High Level Meeting on Youth in the United Nations. Mr. Alhindawi is now completing his Masters in International Relations at the Institut Européen in Nice, France and is writing a thesis on the prospects of civil society in the Arab spring countries.

**Rasha Al Mahdi**  
**Head of Policies and Programs, National Population Council**

Ms. Al Mahdi works for the Sudanese National Population Council (NPC), which coordinates national population policies and ensures their implementation through partners in government ministries and civil society. In addition to her work with NPC, she is a part-time lecturer for a professional diploma program in Voluntary Work and NGO Management at the Medical Science Academy. Ms. Al Mahdi has experience conducting and managing different youth projects throughout Sudan, as well as participating in developing the National Youth Strategy and National Population Policy. She has an MSc in Women and Development from Ahfad University for Women.

**Dr. Mohammad AlMbaid**  
**Country Director, International Youth Foundation**

Dr. AlMbaid directs the Palestine country office of the International Youth Foundation. In this role, he leads the USAID-funded Youth Entrepreneurship Development Program. Dr. AlMbaid is a seasoned strategic planner and governance expert with more than fifteen years of experience designing and leading complex international development and humanitarian projects funded by major donors. He served as Assistant Country Director for CARE International, Country Director for International Relief and Development, and Program Director with Chemonics International and Development Alternatives, Inc. Dr. AlMbaid started his career as a team leader at USAID West Bank and Gaza Democracy and Governance office. He holds a PhD in Urban and Regional Planning from Florida State University, a MA in Public Affairs and a BA in Economics and Mathematics from Cornell University.

**Ibrahim Al Safadi**  
**Deputy Chairman and CEO, Luminus Group**

Mr. Al Safadi, in his role at the head of Luminus Group, has been instrumental in driving new standards of education and training services to ensure the highest quality of international programs are offered to Jordanian youth, corporations, governments, and individuals. He was behind the transformation of AL-Quds College, now the leading private community college in Jordan. In 2006, Mr. Al Safadi restructured Luminus Group to cater to the economic boom in Jordan and the region, and began an international acquisition and certification strategy for Luminus Education. He was the first to establish a technology company specializing in a range of imaging, sound, industry multimedia, and new technology in Jordan, supporting the evolution of the industry as well as securing distribution rights for major international brands such as JVC, CCTV, Sigma, and Seagull.

**Eng. Ahmed Al-Salloum**  
**Director General, Arab Urban Development Institute**

Eng. Al-Salloum has led the Arab Urban Development Institute (AUDI) since 1995. Prior to joining AUDI, he was Deputy Mayor of Riyadh from 1990 to 1995 and Director of Construction, Operations, and Maintenance for the Riyadh Development Authority from 1983 to 1990. He also briefly held a teaching position at Riyadh University (now King Saud University) during 1974. Educated at the University of Rome, Italy, and the University of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Eng. Al-Salloum is also a consultant engineer for King Faisal Charitable Foundation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia.

**Maha Al-Shaikh**  
**Project Officer of Health & Education, AGFUND**

Ms. Al-Shaikh has extensive experience in the health and education sectors with a focus on children and youth. She has been responsible of the health and educational projects in the Arab Gulf Program for Development (AGFUND) since 1999. Ms. Al-Shaikh is also a team member of the child help hotline in Saudi Arabia. Her interests include poverty alleviation, children's and women's rights, community development, and educational development. Ms. Al-Shaikh holds a Masters Degree in Hospital Management and Health Services from Concordia University, in Montreal.

**Rana Al Turk**  
**Country Director, International Youth Foundation**

Ms. Al Turk directs the Jordan country office of the International Youth Foundation. She joined IYF in May 2009 with 19 years of international development experience managing programs in the Middle East and Africa. Ms. Al Turk has extensive experience with strategic planning, managing grants, and designing and implementing sustainable economic projects, with strong interpersonal competencies in mobilizing local stakeholders, community resources and commitments. She is a specialist in local economic development, poverty alleviation schemes, public-private partnerships, gender advocacy and awareness, and impact assessment and monitoring and evaluation techniques. Ms. Turk has an MA in Sociology and Vocational Training. She is a certified SIYB business trainer by the ILO, an Adult Education and Entrepreneurship Development trainer, and a mentor for youth social entrepreneurs.

**Dr. Ibrahim Al-Turki**  
**Executive Director, MENA Child & Youth Initiative, Arab Urban Development Institute**

Dr. Ibrahim Al-Turki is the Executive Director of the MENA Child & Youth Initiative (CYI), an initiative for child protection co-created by the World Bank and the Arab Urban Development Institute (AUDI). Dr. Al-Turki has held several positions in academia and the private sector. He was the dean of the College of Management Sciences and Planning, dean of the graduate faculty, chairman of the Economics Department, and chairman of the Management Information Systems Department, all at King Faisal University in Saudi Arabia. He has also served as a board member of several companies in Saudi Arabia and worked as a general manager of the Saudi Livestock Transport and Trading Company. He has been an advisor to numerous governmental and nongovernmental organizations in Saudi Arabia. Dr. Al-Turki was the president of the Muslim Students Association at Washington State University and chairman of the board of trustees of Pullman Islamic Center. Dr. Al-Turki holds a PhD from the School of Economic Sciences at Washington State University.

**Dr. Mohammed Al-Twajri**  
**Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs, League of Arab States**

Dr. Al-Twajri has served in his current position at the League of Arab States since 2006, and was previously the Director General of the Arab Administrative Development Organization from 1999 to 2007. Prior to that, he was Dean of the College of Industrial Management at King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals (KFUPM) in Saudi Arabia, from 1989 to 1997. Dr. Al-Twajri has been recognized internationally for his writings and research and received a Distinguished Research Award in 1989, 1992, and 1997 from KFUPM. He is the author of numerous books and articles on management and strategic analysis, and he is a consultant for major companies in the region, as well as a facilitator and trainer. Dr. Al-Twajri received his BS in Business Administration in 1976 and his MBA in Corporate and International Finance in 1979 from the University of Denver, Colorado, and his PhD in Management from Arizona State University in 1982. He was the recipient of a Fulbright scholarship at Harvard University for the year of 1998.

**H.E. Maher Al Waked**  
**Minister of Labor, Jordan**

Dr. Al Waked started his career within the Ministry of National Economy, where he was the counterpart for a team of experts from the ILO. He then served as the head of several departments within the Central Bank, including Banking Supervision, Foreign Currency and Exchange, Internal Auditing, and Administration. Dr Al Waked has held several posts outside Jordan, as advisor to the United Arab Emirates Currency Board and as Founder of their Banking Supervision Department in Abu Dhabi. Afterwards he worked on the financial and capital market in the Jordan Securities Commission, was the General Manager at the Industrial Development Bank, and Assistant Professor for graduate studies and Chairman of the Banking Department at the Arab Academy for Banking and Financial Sciences. Finally, he has served as Deputy Dean of the Finance and Business faculty at the Islamic World University of Sciences and Education. He has authored books, studies, and articles, and serves on the Board of Directors of several organizations. He was a member of the advisory committee of the Jordanian Forum for Economic Development and Board Director of the Investment Fund for the University of Jordan. He holds a PhD in Public Finance Administration from the United States.

**Dr. Rachel Awad**  
**Senior Program Manager, Silatech**

Dr. Awad manages Silatech's Tamheed initiative, which supports quality career guidance for Arab youth through a combination of online psychometric assessments and training and tools for career advisors. Prior to joining Silatech, Dr. Awad worked with Qatar's Supreme Education Council on a variety of programs. She managed Qatar's Outstanding Schools Program, a government initiative to increase the number of top-quality international schools in Qatar, and also served as a consultant to the Community College of Qatar project. Dr. Awad previously managed the Qatar programs for the Washington, DC based Academy for Educational Development (AED) in support of national K-12 educational reform. She has held leadership positions and provided consulting services to schools, universities, non-profits, and government agencies in the United States and the Middle East for over 25 years. Dr. Awad has 18 years of experience living and working in the Middle East, including Israel/Palestine, Egypt, and Qatar. She earned her PhD in Public Administration and Policy from Golden Gate University in San Francisco, California.

**Susan Ayari**  
**Education Team Leader, USAID Jordan**

Ms. Ayari is an educator with 30 years of classroom experience, from primary school to high school to several years of teaching at the University of Tunis in Tunisia, where she lived for 23 years. Ms. Ayari began working for USAID in 2005 as the Senior Education Advisor in Yemen, where she designed and managed USAID's basic education program. As USAID Jordan's Education Team Leader, she oversees a large portfolio of education and youth programs. Ms. Ayari holds an MA in Education from the University of Massachusetts and a BS in Education from Boston University.

**Franck Bousquet**  
**Sector Manager, Urban and Social Development, MENA Region, The World Bank**

Mr. Bousquet manages the Urban and Social Development Sectors in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region of the World Bank, as well as serving as the Coordinator for Disaster Risk Management for the MENA Region. Prior to this position, he was the Program Coordinator for Central and Western Africa in the Bank's Urban and Water Unit. Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Bousquet worked as the Finance Director of a water utility and as the Adviser for Economic and European Affairs at the French Highway Directorate. He has also worked for several investment banks, focusing on asset management,

derivative strategies, and risk management. He has published numerous papers, with particular emphasis on infrastructure financing and public-private partnerships. Mr. Bousquet holds an MBA from Columbia Business School and a graduate diploma in engineering from the National Engineering School of Public Works, in Lyon, France.

**Christopher D. Crowley**  
**Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Middle East, USAID**

Mr. Crowley was appointed Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Middle East in October 2010, after serving as the USAID Mission Director in Iraq from 2007 to 2010. Prior to his assignment in Iraq, he was the Director of USAID's Regional Mission for Central Asia, based in Almaty, Kazakhstan. A career foreign service officer, Mr. Crowley joined USAID in 1971 as an Assistant Area Development Advisor in Vietnam where he served for three years. He also served as an International Development Intern in Korea from 1976 to 1978, Assistant Program Officer in Syria from 1978 to 1981, and Desk Officer for Yemen/Portugal/Turkey Affairs from 1981 to 1983. From 1984 to 1989, he was the director of the USAID Program Office in India. Mr. Crowley then served in Egypt as Supervisory Program Officer, Associate Mission Director, and Deputy Mission Director from 1989 to 1994. In 1994, following the Oslo Accords, Mr. Crowley became the first Mission Director for the West Bank and Gaza. In 1999, he became the Director of the Regional Mission for Ukraine, Belarus, and Moldova. Mr. Crowley graduated from Ohio State University with a BS in Physical Sciences, received an MA in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania, and received a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1984. Mr. Crowley was a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in India from 1966 to 1968.

**Patrick Daru**  
**Skills and Employability Specialist, International Labor Organization**

Patrick Daru is the Skills and Employability Specialist and the Youth Employment focal point for the International Labor Organization (ILO) Regional Office for the Arab States. He previously managed an ILO project on school-to-work transition in Indonesia from 2008 to 2011. Before that, he managed ILO regional projects for the elimination of child labor in Eastern Europe from 2004 to 2008, and for the elimination of forced labor in South Asia from 2000 to 2004. Prior to joining the ILO, Mr. Daru worked for eight years with NGOs on issues of forced displacement in Bosnia, Rwanda, Chechnya, and in the Commonwealth of Independent States as a whole. He was educated as a financial analyst in a French Ecole de Commerce and worked briefly on the stock market in Paris. He has supervised a number of ILO publications and methodological tools related to TVET reform, competency-based training, learner-centered education, Counseling, youth rights at work, child labor, and bonded labor.

**Dr. Jacobus de Hoop**  
**Impact Evaluation Specialist, Understanding Children's Work**

Dr. de Hoop works as an impact evaluation specialist at Understanding Children's Work, an inter-agency research cooperation between the International Labor Organization, UNICEF, and the World Bank. He previously worked for the World Bank as a field manager on the Zomba Cash Transfer Project in Malawi and was affiliated with the Paris School of Economics as a Marie Curie Post-Doctoral Fellow. Dr. de Hoop holds a PhD in economics from the Tinbergen Institute. His primary research interests are impact evaluation and the economics of education and health.

**Samar Dudin****Regional Director and Head of Programs, Ruwwad Al Tanmeya**

Ms. Dudin oversees Ruwwad Al Tanmeya, a Jordanian non-profit community and youth empowerment organization founded by Fadi Ghandour and Jordanian business entrepreneurs. She is a community organizer, an independent theatre director, and a youth development professional who works through a “co-authorship method” to build citizenship and leadership among youth. Ms. Dudin served as a member of the Amman City Council from 2003 to 2006, and was the catalyst for launching the municipal child and youth policies supported by the Mayor of Amman and Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdallah. She is a member of the Advisory Committee for the Arab Education Forum, a board member of Al Ballad Theatre, a board member of Jordan's Children's Museum, and a board member of The Royal Film Commission. She is the founder of Takween Open Spaces for Enlightenment and Creativity in Amman, a youth empowering platform that focuses on creating experiential learning contexts to engage youth and children in exploring pluralism and diversity. Ms. Dudin has a BA in Theatre Arts from the University of Santa Clara, California. She was selected as an Ashoka Fellow in 2009 for her citizenship initiative on youth identity and cultural diversity in Amman.

**Elie El Kai****Program Manager, MENA Child & Youth Initiative, Arab Urban Development Institute**

Mr. El Kai works with the MENA Child & Youth Initiative (CYI), which aims to upgrade the capacities of local authorities and municipalities to improve the wellbeing of children and youth and to enhance knowledge of effective policies and programs that address critical issues of children and youth in the MENA region. Prior to his work with AUDI, Mr. El Kai served as a Liaison Officer at UNDP, where he was responsible for ensuring the smooth and efficient operation of the NGO Resource and Support Unit in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Affairs of Lebanon, and as the Coordinator of the Center for Public Sector Projects and Studies at the Office of the Minister of State for Administrative Reform (OMSAR). Elie has worked at Deutsche Post Consult International Ltd. as a Local Expert and member of the Advisory Group. Elie has more than 15 years of experience in the administration and management field, with experience in public sector and civil society governance issues. Elie is a founding and active member in many civil society organizations.

**Ronan Farrow****Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for Global Youth Issues**

Mr. Farrow directs the Office of Global Youth Issues, created by Secretary Clinton as a result of a Department-wide review of youth policy to oversee a historic effort to empower young people as economic and civic actors through U.S. programs, encourage governments to respond to youth through U.S. diplomacy, and directly engage young people around the world. A lawyer and former human rights advocate and journalist, Mr. Farrow assumed his current role following two years as the State Department's Special Adviser for Humanitarian and NGO Affairs in the Office of the Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. Prior to joining the State Department, he served as Spokesperson for Youth at UNICEF. His writings on humanitarian and human rights issues have appeared in publications including the Los Angeles Times, the International Herald Tribune and the Wall Street Journal, and he has appeared on MSNBC, ABC and CNN, among others. He is a graduate of Yale Law School and has also served on the legal counsel team for the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee, working on international human rights law issues.

**Gareth Fox****Vice President of Human Resources, Hilton Worldwide**

Mr. Fox is based in the UAE and is the HR leader for the Middle East and Africa regions of Hilton Worldwide, which includes 55 hotels and will see the growth of 50 additional hotels within three years. In

his role, Mr. Fox has responsibility for 17,000 Hilton employees and the recruitment of 23,000 more Hilton team members within three years. Prior to his work with Hilton Worldwide, Mr. Fox worked with the InterContinental Hotels Group, Le Meridien, and Forte Hotel Group.

**Douja Gharbi**

**Vice-President, Confédération des Entreprises Citoyennes de Tunisie (CONNECT)**

Ms. Gharbi is a community activist and entrepreneur who has founded five companies and joint ventures in Tunisia. In addition to her private business, she is an active member of the National Young Entrepreneurs Association and served as a Board Member from 2005 to 2009 in charge of international relationships. In addition, since 2002, she has served as a Board Member for the National Chamber of Women Entrepreneurs of Tunisia in charge of communication. Ms. Gharbi is the founder and first vice-president of the Confédération des Entreprises Citoyennes de Tunisie (CONNECT), created in March 2011. In 2006, the ARCEIT Center of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) selected her for her vision, skills, and experience as a successful women entrepreneur to become a UNIDO Counselor and Trainer for the Enterprise Development Program in the Arab Region. Mrs. Gharbi has a Masters from the School of Management and Economics of the University of Tunis.

**H.E. Dr. Nader Ghazal**

**Mayor of Tripoli, Lebanon**

Dr. Ghazal is the Mayor of Tripoli as well as the President of Total Quality Consultants International, based in Beirut. Since 2009, he has also been a Senior Trainer for the National School of Government (UK) program for senior civil servants, in Bahrain. Prior to that, he served as a Strategy and Reform Advisor at the Arab Science and Technology Foundation from 2005 to 2008; Strategy Advisor for the Ministry of Education in Lebanon from 2005 to 2006; and Head of the Strategy Committee at the Lebanese International Business Council from 2004 to 2006. He has extensive experience in planning, consulting, management, and leadership training in the public and private sectors. He has a BSc and MSc in Civil Engineering from the State University of New York in Buffalo, New York, and a PhD in Project Management from the University of Cincinnati.

**Farah Hammoud**

**Educational and Social Counselor, Ministry of Social Affairs, Lebanon**

Ms. Hammoud is an Educational and Social Counselor whose work for the Ministry of Social Affairs in Lebanon covers psycho-social interventions and the follow-up and evaluation of social care and disability associations in Lebanon. She is also a lecturer at the Lebanese University since 2009 on the subject of Individual and Family Intervention, and a member of the Technical Committee working on the implementation of the “Youth for Work: Tripoli” program. Ms. Hammoud was a social worker at the women’s prison in Tripoli, and later worked on the USAID-funded “Child Labor in Combat” project in Northern Lebanon, developing a life skills program for working children, an awareness raising program, and psycho-social interventions. Ms. Hammoud graduated from Lebanese University in 2004 and received her Masters Degree in Educational and Social Counseling from Saint Joseph University in 2011.

**Michael T. Harvey**

**Mission Director, USAID West Bank/Gaza**

Mr. Harvey was appointed Mission Director for USAID’s Mission in the West Bank and Gaza in August 2010. A career Foreign Service Officer, Mr. Harvey served as USAID Mission Director to Serbia and Montenegro from 2007 to 2010, Deputy Mission Director in Iraq from 2006 to 2007, and Deputy Mission Director in Jordan from 2004 to 2006. Mr. Harvey has also previously worked for USAID in Tajikistan, Haiti, Ethiopia, and Washington. Prior to joining USAID, he worked in the Office of Press



and Public Affairs for the White House Conference on Small Business. Mr. Harvey earned his Masters degree from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin (1983), and graduated with a BA from the University of Texas at Austin (1981). Mr. Harvey has received numerous awards from the Department of State and USAID for exceptional service.

**Kevin Hempel**  
**Consultant, Social Protection and Labor, The World Bank**

Mr. Hempel joined the Social Protection and Labor Unit of the World Bank in July 2011 after working for the Children and Youth Unit and the World Bank Institute since 2009. Prior to joining the World Bank, Kevin worked for the Inter-American Development Bank in Mexico, the GIZ in Bolivia, and the UN Economic Commission for Latin America in Chile, as well as in banking and management consulting in Europe. His recent work has focused on youth employment and entrepreneurship, youth violence, and monitoring and evaluation of youth-focused interventions. Kevin holds an MA in International Relations from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor Degree in International Business from the European School of Business Reutlingen (Germany) and Reims Management School (France).

**Samir O. Hulileh**  
**CEO, PADICO Holding**

Mr. Hulileh joined PADICO Holding in 2008 as CEO after serving as the Managing Director of The Portland Trust in Palestine. He also served as the Cabinet Secretary General of the Palestinian government from 2005 to 2006 and the Assistant Undersecretary for the Ministry of Economy and Trade from 1994 to 1997. Mr. Hulileh was the Chairman of the Palestine Trade Centre (PALTRADE) from 2004 to 2005 and a board member since 2002. He is also the Chairman of Palestine International Business Forum as well as a board member of the Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute, Palestinian Banking Corporation, Palestinian-British Business Council, Palestinian-Russian Business Council, and the International Chamber of Commerce of Palestine. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Friends Schools, Ramallah. Currently, Hulileh represents PADICO HOLDING on the boards of various subsidiary and affiliate companies; he is the Chairman of Palestine Industrial Estate Development Company (PIEDCO Holding), and a board member of PALTEL Group, Palestine Exchange (PEX), Palestine Real Estate Investment Company (PRICO), and Palestine Mortgage and Housing Corporation (PMHC). Mr. Hulileh graduated from the American University of Beirut in 1983 with a Masters Degree in Economics.

**Jean-Pierre Isbendjian**  
**Program Director, International Youth Foundation**

Mr. Isbendjian came to IYF in 1999 with 17 years of youth development work experience. Since 1982, he held several executive-level positions within the European Regional Office of the World Scout Bureau in Geneva, Switzerland. From Regional Program Manager to Deputy Regional Director, he led the process of re-establishing and strengthening national Scout organizations in many Eastern European countries after the fall of communism. He represented World Scouting within the Youth Structures of the Council of Europe and the European Union for over 12 years. At IYF, Mr. Isbendjian was directly involved in establishing the Balkan Children and Youth Foundation as a regional foundation and also led the Tsunami Reconstruction Initiative in Asia. His current responsibilities include management of various programs in North and West Africa, with a particular focus on employability and entrepreneurship programs. Mr. Isbendjian received a BA in Fine Arts from Institut Supérieur d'Arts Graphiques St-Luc in Brussels in 1980.

**Dr. Nader Kabbani**  
**Director of Research, Syria Trust for Development**

Dr. Kabbani is the Director of the Syrian Development Research Centre at the Syria Trust for Development, a non-profit NGO based in Damascus. He is also the incoming Director of Research and Policy at Silatech, a non-profit organization that aims to empower young people in the Arab world by connecting them to opportunities for employment, enterprise, and civic engagement. Prior to joining the Trust, he was a faculty member with the Department of Economics at the American University of Beirut, and prior to that, he worked as an Economist with the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. Kabbani obtained a BA in Economics from Claremont McKenna College in 1992 and worked with the California State Senate Office of Research before going on to complete a PhD in Economics at the Johns Hopkins University in 2001.

**H.E. Eng. Abdul Haleem M. R. Kailani**  
**Chairman, Amman Municipal Committee**

Eng. Kailani has served as Chairman of the Amman Municipal Committee since January 2012. Previously, he served as Advisor to the Mayor of Amman from 2008 to 2010, Secretary General of the Greater Amman Municipality from 2006 to 2008, and previously as Traffic Engineering Department Manager, Road Maintenance and Execution Department Manager, and Public Works Department Manager. He is a board member of the Museum of Jordan, the Arab Towns Organization, the Children's Museum, and the Hashemite Fund for Badia Development. He is also Vice Chairman of the National Institute of Music and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Jordan Biogas Company. Eng. Kailani received his Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Jordan in 1982.

**Jackie Kameel**  
**Managing Director, Nahdet El Mahrousa**

Ms. Kameel is a development practitioner, specializing in bottom-up approaches to sustainable development in Egypt. Her present role is with Nahdet El Mahrousa (NM), an Egyptian youth-led NGO that incubates and supports early stage social enterprises working to solve Egypt's development problems. Before joining NM, Ms. Kameel worked for the Academy for Educational Development as Deputy Chief of Party of the National Book Program. In 2011, she was selected as a fellow with Stanford Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law at Stanford University, in California. In 2010, Ms. Kameel was appointed as an advisor for the School of Continuing Education at the American University in Cairo. Since 2001, she has worked as a training specialist for the Development Training II (DT2) Project, then as a training coordinator for the Strategic Technical Assistance for Results with Training—Egypt Development Program (START-EDP), both initiatives of the Institute of International Education. Ms. Kameel earned her MBA from the Maastricht School of Management in Cairo and a BA in Commerce and Business Administration from Helwan University - English Section.

**H.E. Dr. Abdel Qawi Khalifa**  
**Governor of Cairo, Cairo Governorate**

Dr. Khalifa has served as Governor of Cairo since April 2011. Prior to that, he served as Chairman of the Egyptian Holding Company for Water and Wastewater in the Ministry of Housing from 2004 to 2011; was the owner of Khalifa Consulting Engineers (KCE) office from 1990 to 2004; and worked as a consultant for the Hydraulics and Sediment Research Institute in the Ministry of Public Works and Water Resources from 1988 to 1990. Dr. Khalifa has over 44 years experience in the field of water projects management and civil engineering. He received his BSc and MSc in Civil Engineering from Ain Shams University in Cairo, his MSc in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, in Pennsylvania, and his PhD in Civil Engineering from the University of Windsor, in Canada.

**Dahlia Khalifa**  
**Regional Head, e4e Initiative for Arab Youth, IFC – World Bank Group**

Ms. Khalifa is based in Egypt and heads the IFC's e4e Initiative for Arab Youth, a joint IFC – Islamic Development Bank partnership, focused on investment and the enabling environment for education to enhance employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for Arab youth. She was previously the advisor to the Global Indicators and Analysis Department of the World Bank Group, which produces data and benchmarking products including the Doing Business, Women, Business and the Law, Enterprise Surveys, and Investing across Borders datasets. Prior to joining the World Bank Group, Ms. Khalifa established and managed financial services companies providing brokerage, corporate finance, private equity investing, management consulting, and technical assistance services primarily in the Middle East and Africa. She has worked extensively with nonprofit organizations, founded Egypt's International Economic Forum, and served as vice-president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt. In addition to holding a BA and MA in Economics from the American University in Cairo and an MA in International Law from Georgetown University, Ms. Khalifa is currently completing her PhD in International Relations at Georgetown University.

**Ghada Khalifa**  
**Citizenship Lead and Community Affairs Manager, Microsoft Egypt**

Ms. Khalifa manages citizenship and community affairs at Microsoft Egypt as well as being the Trustworthy Computing Regional Champion. She is responsible for initiating, developing, and implementing Microsoft Employability initiatives; supporting donors and engaging with civil society; leading environmental sustainability efforts in Egypt; and creating a safer online experience for Egyptians. Additionally, she leads Microsoft's local program to advocate for responsible business practices, transparency, and rule of law. Ms. Khalifa drives Microsoft public-private partnerships engaging with governments, civil society, and the private sector to identify opportunities for Microsoft's technology to support the resolution of key national issues and concerns. She has been with Microsoft for 14 years. Ms. Khalifa holds an MBA from Maastricht University.

**Deepali Khanna**  
**Director of Youth Learning, The MasterCard Foundation**

Ms. Khanna oversees Youth Learning programs at The MasterCard Foundation, an independent, private foundation based in Toronto, Canada with assets over \$4 billion. Prior to joining the Foundation, she was the Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Director for Plan International. As a member of the Senior Management team at Plan, Ms. Khanna was responsible for operations in 12 countries and managed an annual budget of \$135 million for the well-being of children and youth. She was nominated to Plan International's Supervisory Board and was a member of the International Management Team and Global Steering Committee. Previously, Ms. Khanna held a number of positions within the international development sector with assignments in India, Kenya, Vietnam, and South Africa. She is a recipient of the prestigious Medal of Friendship, which was awarded to her in 2003 by the President of Vietnam for her exemplary work in Hanoi. Ms. Khanna received a Master of Development Studies from The Delhi School of Social Work at Delhi University, and a Bachelor Degree in Sociology from Miranda College in Delhi, India.

**Alemayehu Konde Koira**  
**Youth Learning Program Manager, The MasterCard Foundation**

Mr. Koira has over 20 years of global experience in a variety of non-governmental, donor, and academic organizations within the international development field, with an emphasis on youth development work. Before joining The MasterCard Foundation, he worked extensively at Plan International, most recently as

a Program Support Manager in Tanzania. Prior to that, he was based in South Africa as Plan International's Regional Household Economic Security Advisor and oversaw programs in more than 11 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa. He was also the Global Household Economic Security Advisor at Plan International UK, where he managed programs on food security, economic development, business and enterprise development, and microfinance in more than 30 countries in Asia, the Americas, and East and West Africa. As a member of the Sustainable Livelihoods Team at University of Sussex, Konde has worked on developing and testing the Sustainable Livelihoods concept and approach for rural and urban development. Konde obtained a BSc from Alemaya University of Agriculture in Ethiopia and an MA in Agricultural Economics from Reading University in the UK.

**Bassam Kort**  
**Senior Education Officer, USAID West Bank/Gaza**

Mr. Kort works at the American Consulate General as a senior staff member of the USAID Mission to West Bank and Gaza. He has previously worked in the private sector, voluntary/NGO sector, and the public sector. Currently, Mr. Kort is the Deputy Director for Education and Youth Programs at USAID. Mr. Kort has designed and managed programs in the West Bank and Gaza for infrastructure rehabilitation, employment generation, and social sector development. He was also involved in humanitarian and emergency assistance to Palestinians. Mr. Kort is a trainer and researcher in areas related to community needs assessment, education, and youth development. Mr. Kort holds a Masters Degree from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, in the United States, and has several certificates in development work from universities and institutes around the world.

**Mara Kronenfeld**  
**Manager for Business Development & Middle East Programs, International Youth Foundation**

Mara joined the International Youth Foundation (IYF) in 2008 as a partnerships specialist for Middle East and North Africa (MENA) programs. Mara has worked on projects in and related to the MENA region for over eight years. Prior to joining IYF, Mara worked at AMIDEAST, both in their Business Development department, coordinating corporate, foundation, and individual fund-raising efforts, and as a manager of the Fulbright scholarship program for students from the MENA region. Mara was a U.S. Fulbright grantee to Syria in 2001 and while in Syria managed a U.S. State Department funded teacher training project and UNRWA's English Language Club for Palestinian vocational students. She has also worked for the American University in Cairo. Mara brings Arabic language skills and a deep knowledge of the MENA region to IYF. Mara holds a Masters Degree in Near Eastern Studies from New York University and a Bachelor Degree in Anthropology from Stanford University.

**Hedi Larbi**  
**Country Director, Middle East Department, The World Bank**

Mr. Larbi has served since December 2007 as Country Director covering Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Iran. From 1993 until 2007, he held various positions at the World Bank including Infrastructure Economist, Lead Sector Specialist, and Sector Manager of the Transport and Urban unit in the MENA region. Throughout his career at the Bank, he has combined operational and strategic advice and leadership to countries and to Bank Senior Management. Mr. Larbi's assignments within the Bank have focused on two regions (Africa and the Middle East and North Africa), but he has also provided extensive technical and strategic cross support to other regions including Latin America and the Caribbean and Europe and Central Asia. Prior to the World Bank, Mr. Larbi worked in private consulting firms in France and in Tunisia where he founded his own consulting firm in the 1980s. He earned a degree in Civil Engineering in 1976 from the Ecole des Mines in Paris and an Executive MBA in 2000 from the Harvard Business School.

**Mattias Lundberg**  
**Senior Economist, Social Protection and Labor, The World Bank**

Mattias Lundberg is currently leading research on the school-to-work transition, as well as on youth voice and violence, including the reintegration of former child soldiers. He manages a number of field experiments in labor market programs for youth under the Spanish Impact Evaluation Fund and the Adolescent Girls' Initiative, and in financial capability under the Russian Financial Literacy Trust Fund. He was one of the principal authors of the 2007 World Development Report. He is originally an agricultural economist, but has worked on impact evaluation, employment, income distribution, and health sector reforms more recently. He has written books on poverty and social impact assessment and on public expenditure and governance in the human development sectors, and is currently completing a book on the impact of economic crisis on human development. His published research include articles on the impact of crises on households and children, the relationship between income distribution and growth, public service delivery, slum upgrading, and other topics.

**Ikram Makni**  
**Director, Sfax Business Development Center**

Ms. Makni has led the Sfax Business Development Center in Tunisia since 2005, founding the TIC Sfax consortium, editing a guide compiling more than 800 project ideas helping young people to invest in many sectors and localities, and organizing many forums and exhibitions relating to entrepreneurship. Ms. Makni held several posts within the Sfax Chamber of Commerce and Industry from 1989 to 2005 in the areas of training, trade mission organisation, information and publications. She also led a delegation of directors of North African Chambers of Commerce to the United States. She founded the Innovation Technology Association and Friendship Associations between Sfax and Grenoble (France) and Marburg (Germany). Ms. Makni was a member of the Management Training for Private Sector (MTPS) selection committee, a Deputy Mayor of Sfax Municipality, and President of the Foreign Affairs and Inter-Communal Cooperation Committee. She graduated from Alfred University, New York, in 1987 with a Masters Degree in Ceramic Engineering.

**Firas Masri**  
**Member of Aleppo City Council**

Mr. Masri has vast experience in the field of social and community development, as well as public relations public relations. He currently serves as a member of the Aleppo City Council, and has previously held posts in the City Council related to heading the cultural and touristic committee, overseeing public relations, and managing tourism development projects. Mr. Masri has participated in several important conferences related to youth development at national, regional, and international levels. He also has expertise in the area of civic engagement activities.

**Dr. Elie Mekhael**  
**Secretary General, Higher Council for Childhood, Ministry of Social Affairs**

Dr. Mekhael has headed the Higher Council for Childhood within the Lebanese Ministry of Social Affairs since 2002, and is a professor in the Faculty of Education at Lebanese University. He also serves as a board member for the World Family Organization. He is a consultant on child protection and youth participation issues, and has extensive research, consulting, and teaching experience. He holds a PhD in Public Health from Paris VI University.

**Suhad Jabi Masri**  
**Psychosocial Program Manager, Tomorrow's Youth Organization**

Ms. Jabi Masri has been a personal counselor in Palestine for more than seven years. Prior to joining the Tomorrow's Youth Organization (TYO) team in Nablus in May 2008, she served as a Psychologist and Family Therapist for Medecins du Monde (France) in Nablus. She specializes in therapy for women who suffer from domestic abuse, families that have suffered a loss due to violence, and at-risk youth. In her current position with TYO, she also works with university students in Nablus, providing trainings on leadership, self-reflection and teamwork. Ms. Jabi Masri worked at St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center as a Family Therapist while earning her Master of Arts in Family Therapy from the University of Rochester in New York. She also has a Master of Arts in Art Therapy (thesis outstanding) from European University in Switzerland, and a BA in Psychology from An Najah University in Nablus.

**H.E. Michael Nazzal**  
**Senator and Head of Jordan Federation of Tourism Associations**

Mr. Nazzal has previously served in a number of positions, including Head of Food and Catering at Royal Jordanian, founder of the Jordanian Company for Hotel and Tourism Education, Vice Chairman of Holiday Hotels Co (Jordan), Chairman of the Dead Sea Spa Hotels Co, member of the Board of Directors of Amman World Trade Center, and Vice Chairman of the board of directors of Jordan Investment & Tourism Transport. Mr. Nazzal has a Higher Diploma in Hotel Management from University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

**Dr. Osman Elhasan M. Nour**  
**Consultant, MENA Child & Youth Initiative, Arab Urban Development Institute**

Dr. Nour is a population expert at the Arab Urban Development Institute (AUDI) and a consultant for the MENA Child & Youth Initiative (CYI). He has wide experience in teaching and research activities with several universities in the MENA region. Dr. Nour chaired the scientific committees of several regional and international conferences on child and youth issues and has organized several workshops, seminars, and training sessions on Child Friendly Cities, child abuse and child neglect, and issues. Dr. Nour is a member of several academic associations such as the International Union of the Scientific Studies of Population (IUSSP), International Society of Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), and the Sudan National Population Committee. Dr. Nour is a graduate of the College of Sociology at the University of Michigan, majoring in Population and Development.

**Beth S. Paige**  
**Mission Director, USAID Jordan**

Ms. Paige was appointed Mission Director for USAID Jordan in October 2011. She is a Senior Foreign Service Officer with over 20 years of experience at USAID. Prior to this assignment, she served as the Provincial Director of USAID's new Provincial Office in Lahore, Pakistan. From 2009 to 2010, Ms. Paige represented USAID at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where she served a dual role as the USAID Senior Advisor to the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI) and as Professor of International Development. Ms. Paige served as the USAID Mission Director to Nepal during a critical time in Nepal's peace process. Her other overseas tours include Bangladesh, El Salvador, Kenya, Mali and Egypt. Ms. Paige has a Bachelor Degree in Political Science and a Masters Degree in Agriculture from Southern Illinois University and has completed post-graduate coursework at George Washington University and the Florida Institute of Technology.

**Susana Puerto**  
**Manager, Youth Employment Network**

Susana Puerto joined the Youth Employment Network (YEN) in 2009, working as technical officer and evaluation specialist. She was appointed as manager in October 2011. YEN is a partnership uniting the United Nations, the International Labor Organization, and the World Bank in the pursuit of new and durable solutions to the youth employment challenge. It serves as a global platform that seeks to prioritize youth employment on development agendas and to exchange knowledge on effective policies and programs to improve employment opportunities for youth. Prior to joining YEN, Susana worked for the Social Protection Unit of the World Bank. Her research interests focus on skills development and the design and implementation of active labor market programs for disadvantaged workers, particularly youth. She holds an MA in Economics from Georgetown University.

**Valentina Qussisiya**  
**Director General, Jordan River Foundation**

Ms. Qussisiya possesses 20 years of professional experience in the corporate and NGO sectors. As Director General of the Jordan River Foundation, she focuses on a variety of issues including sustainable development, poverty alleviation, and child safety. She is responsible for a team of 270 professionals and engages with the public and private sectors, NGOs, multilateral organizations, as well as members of local communities. Her extensive experience with the Jordan River Foundation includes strategic management and planning, advocacy, budgeting, resource development, communication, and integration of private sector into community development. In addition to heading the Jordan River Foundation, Ms. Qussisiya is a board member of the Economic and Social Council of Jordan, the Coordination Committee for Social Solidarity, Jabal Ajlun Development Company (from 2008 to 2010), the Center of Excellence for Academic Entrepreneurship, and Yarmouk University. Ms. Qussisiya holds a Masters Degree in Management Studies, with a focus on applying business process re-engineering to income-generating projects.

**William S. Reese**  
**President and CEO, International Youth Foundation**

Bill Reese was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the International Youth Foundation in 2005, having joined IYF in May 1998 as its Chief Operating Officer. Prior to joining IYF, he was President and CEO of Partners of the Americas for 12 years. Previously, he served with the Peace Corps for ten years, first as a volunteer in Salvador, Brazil, then as director of Brazil operations, and in Washington as deputy director of the Latin American and Caribbean region. He currently sits on the board of The Prince's Youth Business International as well as InterAction, where he served previously as Chair. Mr. Reese has also joined the Alcatel-Lucent Foundation Board and serves as a board member of two organizations committed to certifying best practices in global supply chains in the apparel and toy industries: W.R.A.P. and ICTI Care Foundation. Reflecting his interest in promoting international volunteerism, he has joined the boards of Encore International Service Corps and Global Citizen Year. Mr. Reese received his BA in Political Science from Stanford University and graduated from Stanford Business School's Executive Program in 1995.

**Haneen Sayed**  
**Human Development Coordinator, The World Bank**

Ms. Sayed is the coordinator of the World Bank Human Development Program in Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, which spans the fields of education, health, social security, labor markets, and social safety nets. She is also the co-coordinator of the MENA Region Youth Program. Ms. Sayed is an economist by academic training and has more than 15 years of experience in leading dialogue and programs in human and economic development. Prior to joining the MENA region in 2003, she has held a variety of

positions in the World Bank, including serving on the Executive Board of Directors as Senior Advisor to the Executive Director representing the countries of the Middle East. Haneen joined the World Bank in 1992, after receiving her M.A. and M.Phil degrees in Economics from Stanford and Columbia Universities. She has taught at various universities in New York City, as well as worked at Morgan Stanley, the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development. She is the author of several articles and reports on labor markets in Lebanon and Syria, the economic impact of the financial crisis in East Asia on human capital development, the impact of public spending on health and education, evaluations of literacy programs, sex segregation in the labor force, and the economic and human cost of the 2006 war in Lebanon.

**Suzie Sayegh**  
**Program Manger, Sharek Youth Forum**

Ms. Sayegh works at at Sharek Youth Forum, based in Ramallah, Palestine. She manages a program called Bridges, a community-driven expanded learning opportunity for children that is largely supported by youth volunteers who are also pursuing their post-secondary studies. Prior to joining Sharek, Ms. Sayegh worked as an educator in various academic institutions on three continents. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Windsor, in Canada, and a Masters in International Studies and Diplomacy from the University of London, SOAS.

**Haya Shubailat**  
**Project Management Specialist, USAID Jordan**

Ms. Shubailat has worked in the Education and Youth Office of the USAID Jordan Mission since 2009. She manages the USAID-funded Youth:Work Jordan project, which is implemented by the International Youth Foundation. Prior to this assignment, Ms. Shubailat worked for a USAID rule of law project focusing on legal education. She obtained her Law Degree from the University of Bristol in the UK, and earned her postgraduate degree in Comparative Law at the Université Panthéon Assas in France.

**Amr Sobhy**  
**Youth Social Entrepreneur (Egypt)**

Mr. Sobhy, a winner of the 2011 African Leadership Academy and MasterCard Foundation Anzisha Prize, is a young social entrepreneur, published author, TEDx curator, and technology evangelist who currently works in marketing and branding. After having obtained a degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2010, he embraced a career shift and headed to business and entrepreneurship. Inspired by the Egyptian revolution, he and several friends created “Zabatak,” a social crowd-sourcing platform aiming at empowering the average citizen by sharing information about corruption and crime via technology (crowd-source reporting and interactive mapping). Mr. Sobhy is also a recipient of various Egyptian and African prizes, including First Lady’s Award in Internet Applications in 2004, ThinkQuest Africa in 2004, and Mtanado Afrika in 2007 and 2008.

**Awais Sufi**  
**Vice President for Programs, International Youth Foundation**

Mr. Sufi joined IYF in 2005 and oversees all programmatic work. In this role, he also serves as Global Director of IYF’s Youth:Work program, a USAID-supported partnership between development agencies, the private sector, and civil society to promote employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for disadvantaged youth worldwide. Prior to joining IYF, Mr. Sufi served as Managing Director of the Education for Employment Foundation, which has a mission of providing jobs to young people across the Middle East and Asia. A licensed attorney, Mr. Sufi has also worked in the corporate and securities practice of Arnold & Porter, a Washington, D.C. law firm, and as Law Clerk to the Honorable Judge John



Sprizzo of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Raised in the United States and of Pakistani origin, Mr. Sufi is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law and the University of Chicago.

**Aiman Soltan Tamimi**

**Vice President for Community and External Affairs, Palestine Polytechnic University**

Mr. Tamimi is responsible for creating strategies and programs to achieve positive and productive relations between Palestine Polytechnic University (PPU) and the local community. He currently oversees all PPU units and centers that provide services and consultations to the community. Mr. Tamimi facilitated the execution of PPU's IT Strategy, which included defining and tracking the IT Center of Excellence objectives; assuring that approaches were streamlined and cost effective; the current operating model; and communicating successes to key stakeholders. Mr. Tamimi works with PPU development staff to identify potential funding sources to support PPU activities. He is also a lecturer at the College of Management and Informatics at PPU. Mr. Tamimi holds a Bachelor Degree in Ceramic Engineering from the University of Alfred, in New York, and an MBA from Maastricht School of Management in the Netherlands. He is a frequent conference presenter, symposium coordinator, and contributor to academic and professional journals on management and higher education issues, and he provides many management and educational consultations on a national level.

**Nadia Touihri**

**Vice Director of Statistics and Social Studies, National Institute of Statistics**

Ms. Touihri is a statistician and demographer who has worked as a chief engineer of statistics and data analysis with the Tunisian National Institute of Statistics since 2004. In her current position within the Demographic and Social Statistics Department, she worked on youth statistics, migration, and governance. Ms. Touihri has overseen two Tunisian national youth surveys in 2005 and 2010. She also has participated in several national piloting committees to prepare the National Strategy for Youth. In 2011, she oversaw a study on job and employment opportunities for young people in Tunis city. She is the executive director of the 2014 Tunisian census.

**Ilham Zhiri**

**Managing Director, Imprimerie El Maarif Al Jadida**

Ms. Zhiri has more than 16 years of experience with the Imprimerie El Maarif Al Jadida, a printing and publishing company based in Rabat, Morocco. In her current position, she manages 150 employees and is responsible for implementing the strategic planning and overseeing quality management systems. She is the Vice-President of the Association of Moroccan Women Entrepreneurs (AFEM), which has more than 400 members. Ms. Zhiri also manages the Women Entrepreneurs Development organization and is a National Board Member of the National Council of the General Confederation of Entrepreneurs in Morocco (CGEM), and a member of the MENA Regional Advisory Committee of SYNERGOS.org for Social entrepreneurship. She recently created the Women's Mentoring and Networking Association, where she is the Founding President. In September 2011, Ms. Zhiri was appointed as a General Secretary and a Board Member of the Partners for a New Beginning North Africa Partnership for Economic Opportunity (PNB-NAPEO) Morocco Chapter. She holds a BSBA in Business and an MBA in International Business from the American University in Washington, DC.