

Mr. Mohammed Bin Fahad Alharthi



Current positions: Saudi Broadcasting Authority CEO, President of the Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU), President of Saudi Media Forum, Member of the board of directors at the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA).

Previous Experience: Editor-in-chief of big titles such as Arab News, Arrajol, Sayidaty and AboutHer, Journalist for Financial Times and Asharq Al-Awsat in London, Editor-in-chief in Al Eqtisadiyah newspaper. Extracellular Activities and Memberships: He launched Arab News forum, which hosted seminars to discuss topical issues and presented by high-ranking officials and diplomats. Also in 2015, he launched his talk show "Bidoun Shak" (Without Doubt) on MBC.

Besides that, he had so many social initiatives in leading many campaigns such as:

La Lizawaj Al Kaserat (against child brides) a campaign against child and underage girls' marriage in the Arab World, Baader bel Khair (initiate goodness) A campaign recognizing other community and humanitarian initiatives, Khali Soutek Masmou'a Mish Makmou'a (let your voice be heard not taken away from you): A campaign against domestic violence encouraging abused women to speak up.



Eng. Abdul Rahim Suleiman

Director General of the Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU) since January 2015

He holds a BS Degree with honors - University of Khartoum - Faculty of Electrical Engineering - Communications Department 1978 He had several positions in the engineering field for more than 30 years, the last of which was the Director of the Engineering Department at ASBU (1990 - 2014), where he supervised all technical projects, activities and secretarial work of the Engineering Committee

He also contributed to the establishment of the radio and television exchange systems and to paving the way for its success, such as providing 3 advanced exchange systems, appropriate equipment and "satellite" capacity. Among the key initiatives he led or contributed to, we can mention: establishing the ASBU remote training system, the Arab Unified Bouquet covering various world regions on the most prominent satellites, launching the ASBU Media Training Academy and providing television coverage of major sporting events for which ASBU holds TV rights (World Cup, Olympic Games, Continental Cups)



Dr. Fethia saidi

Sociologist and professor in The Higher Institute of Human Sciences of Tunis, publisher of many articles and studies in its field, on many important subjects such as : Us and them conflict between identity and populism ; sociology and psychology approaches in analyzing the populism discourses in Tunisia, Introduction to the democratic transition in Tunisia , women's Political participation , social-based violence and its impacts, image of women in media , economic and social marginalization of women, Program presenter and producer of many programs in Tunisian TV and Radios such as , the national Radio, Alhiwar TV Channel, Tunisian TV and National Channel1.



Prof. Fathi Triki

A distinguished professor of philosophy at the University of Tunis, a permanent member of the Beit al Hikma Academy of Tunisia, The owner of the UNESCO chair for philosophy in the Arab World, The owner of the ICESCO chair for Reflection on living together and Coordinator of the Tunis Institute of Philosophy. Former Dean of the Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences in Sfax, he holds a third-cycle PhD in political philosophy on « The Idea of War in Modern Political thought » and State Doctorate « The Historian Spirit in Arab and Islamic Civilization » from the University of Paris-Sorbonne, France. He has several researches and books in Arabic and French, German and Italian.



Eng. Hasan R. Sayed Hasan

The Managing Director of Master Media, a consulting firm based in the UAE & operating in the Arab region & globally, providing consultancy on the commercial, operational & technical aspects of establishing & operating media organisations. Hasan has 30 years of experience in the media industry. He was previously Head of Media Technology at the Media Zone Authority- Abu Dhabi, & held senior positions in TV networks such as CNBC Arabiya, CNBC Africa, Samaa TV, AlRai TV-Kuwait, the National Broadcasting Network, Al-Jadeed TV & the A.R.T. Network in Lebanon.



Mr. Giacomo Mazzone

Current RAI journalist - specialized in media economics, new technologies and sustainability Member of the Advisory Board of EDMO - EUROPEAN DIGITAL MEDIA OBSERVATORY and of the EU expert group for writing Guidelines for Digital and Media Literacy. 2021 Project Manager for UN-DRR UN agency 2002-2020 Director of Institutional Relations and Relations with Southern members of the European Broadcasting Union, responsible for the M.o.U. signed with UNOG, ITU, the Council of Europe, and SARFT. He is Secretary of the World Radio Day (WRD) Committee at UNESCO.(1992-1997) Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Italian language at Euronews.



Dr. Riadh Kamel Najm

PhD from the University of Liverpool in UK in 1992.

Held several media and technical positions since 1980 at the Ministry of Culture and Information

in Saudi Arabia and previously Chairman of the General Authority for Audiovisual Media in 2013.

Held many roles in Arab and international organizations, including President of the Arab States Broadcasting Union, Chairman of the Engineering Committee of the World Broadcasting Unions(WBU), Board member of Arabsat. Currently a media consultant and the Chairman of the Advisory Board of ASBU Academy.



Mr. Alaa Alzyoud

PHD in political science. Media advisor at the Jordanian Embassy in Cairo and Jordan's delegation to the League of Arab

States. Worked over than 15 years in Media Departments at the Royal Hashemite Court, the Presidency of the Jordanian Government and the Center for Strategic Studies before started his Current position in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2020. Participated in many specialized courses in Jordan and abroad, including the US National Defense College, and represented Jordan in Arab, regional and international media events. He heads several media committees and published books and scientific research papers in the field of media and politics.



Mr. chawki Gaddes

Publicist lawyer, university lecturer at the University of Carthage since 1988 specializing in information technology law. Member of the Investigation body on the Facts of the Revolution, Coordinator of the International Electoral Expert Missions, Member of the Cabinet of the President of the Higher Independent Electoral Body in 2011. Editor of the draft electoral law for local authorities and member of the drafting team of the decentralization code. President of the national authority for the protection of personal data since May 2015. President of the French Association of Personal Data Protectors (AFAPDP) since February 2019.



Eng. Mohamed BEN AMOR

Has over 25 years of experience, specializing in information and communication technologies.

Mr. Ben Amor, before being elected SG of AICTO in 2015, has occupied between 2011- 2015 the post of Special Advisor to the Minister in charge of Information and Communication Technologies .He was General Director of the Tunisian Telecommunications Research and Studies Center (2009 – 2010).



Dr. Hassan Mohammad Falha

General Director of Lebanon's Ministry of Information since 1999
University lecturer in media studies since 2008/2009. He holds a PhD in Lebanese Educational Administration from Saint Joseph University (USJ), a Bachelor's degree in Media Studies and a Bachelor's degree in Public Relations
Writer and publisher of research, studies, and articles in a number of magazines and newspapers
Radio and television news anchor, Former advisor at the Ministry of Information. He participated in dozens of media, legal, and administrative conferences and seminars at the international, Arab, and local levels
Spoken and written languages: Arabic, French, and English



Dr. Javad Mottaghi

Dr Javad Mottaghi has 43 years of managerial experience in media and broadcasting across technology, content production, news and sports. He has been leading ABU Secretariat since 2010 and had elevated the Union as a world industry player in innovation and nation – building through media. He received a “Special Life Time Achievement Award” at the 2022 ABU GA. He has been closely working with all regional broadcasting unions in Europe, North America, Africa, and the Arab world. Before joining the ABU, he was Director of AIBD for 12 years.



Dr. Khalil Abdul Rahman Al-Tayar

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Media and Communications Authority / previously CMC, Retired Deputy Minister.

He Headed the Executive Office of the Council of Arab Information Ministers / Member of the Permanent Arab Committee for Electronic Media. He wrote and published several studies and researches in the field of media, literary and artistic criticism. He also headed a group of arbitration committees in the field of journalism and media. He wrote scenarios and directed a number of drama, cinema and radio works.



Dr. Saleh El-Salehy

Journalist , obtained his Bachelor of Arts / Department of Mass Communication in 1990.

Currently working as Undersecretary of the Supreme Council for Media Regulation * * career *Member of the General Assembly of the Syndicate of Journalists since 1994 worked as Executive Editorial Director of Al-Akhbar newspaper , a Member of the Supreme Council for Media Regulation and Member of the Board of Directors of the elected Akhbar Al-Youm Foundation.



Dr. Amany Reda

From the Faculty of Mass Communication-Cairo University, and she is currently preparing Digital Media Diploma at American University in Cairo. She works as an Associate Professor in the same institution as well as Vice Dean in the Faculty of Mass Communication, Ahran Canadian University. She has various published researches in the field of digital media. She also participated in a number of local, regional and international conferences as well as several training courses and workshops in the field of radio and TV production.



Dr. Ibrahim Abu Zekry

- President of the Arab Producers Union.
- An Egyptian director and director of photography, who holds a Ph.D. in media sciences from the Free University in Netherlands.
- Produced many programs and series.
- Received many training courses in the field of printing, journalism and television engineering and software.
- Headed and participated in many workshops in the field of media.



Mr. George Awad

Programme specialist for the Communication and Information Sector at UNESCO Regional Bureau in Beirut. For over 17 years, he has been working on media development, ICT in Education, Internet safety, freedom of expression, access to information, and Media and Information Literacy among others. His long practical experience has contributed to the planning, assessment and implementation of national and regional projects on media, technology, Internet services and related topics. Prior to UNESCO, Mr. Awad managed the setup and operations of a network of Internet Service Providers in five African countries.



Mr. Andrea Stazi

Government Affairs & Public Policy - Regulatory Affairs Lead South Europe and Academic Outreach Europe at Google, he manages the regulatory work of the Government Affairs and Public Policy teams of Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Malta & Cyprus. Professor of Comparative Law, and New Technologies Law & Management and Director of Research Centres at European University of Rome; Visiting Professor in Biotechnology Law and Academic Fellow at National University of Singapore. Publications: 10 books and 70+ articles in academic journals.



Mr. Karim Belkaci

Karim Belkaci is Professor in faculty of communication and information sciences since 2004, he participated in international conferences, such as the International Workshop on Media and Environmental Communication in Chicago, USA in 2010.. He also participated in several national and international. He recently published a study on hate speech and the reasons behind the spread of this phenomenon in the digital communication environment.



Mr. Wassim Nasr

A French journalist who has been monitoring jihadi groups for more than a decade for the French news outlet France24 in French, English, and Arabic. He has conducted multiple investigations and interviews in this regard. He is the author of " État islamique, le fait accompli "(2016). Twitter: @SimNasr

Eng. Ines Jebali



Chief Engineer, Head of Production Technology and New Media in the Arab States Broadcasting Union. With thirty years experience in Radio and TV production, she assists ASBU Radio and TV Organizations with emerging broadcast production technologies.

Previously she worked in Tunisia National Radio and Television where she led various digitization projects.

Mrs. Gdoura has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering and a Master of Science in Digital Signal Processing from Arizona State University, USA.

Mr. Giuseppe Solinas



Giuseppe Solinas is currently responsible for cooperation at the International Relations and European Affairs Department of RAI, the Italian national Public Service Company. As a journalist, he has extensive experience as an envoyè, covering war and crisis areas around the world, among many other stories.

He was Deputy editor of the Foreign News team at Tg1, the main News program at RAI.

He is member of the News Committee of the European Broadcasting Union.



Eng Mohsen Ghommam Malek

Graduated from the Higher School of Telecommunications in Tunis Sup Com and holds a master's degree in Telecommunications. He has the rank of General Engineer in Telecommunications from the Tunisian Administration. He is currently the head of the radio and television transmission department in ASBU, and has experience of about 27 years in the field of radio and television transmission networks technologies, especially Digital Broadcasting T-DAB/DVB-T and Telecommunications. He has participated and contributed in many international conferences, workshops and seminars, especially the Radiocommunication Conferences of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).



Mr. Ahmed EL ATTARI

Ahmed EL ATTARI, Head of Media Economics & Market Monitoring Pole at the Moroccan Audiovisual High Authority, Morocco. Having served for than 12 years as a financial and strategic manager in several public and investment institutions with strategic scope, Ahmed is highly interested in development and public policy evaluation aspects related to the media industry



Dr. Ridha NAJAR

Professional journalist since 1970, trainer and researcher in the field of media, Ridha NAJAR is a Doctor in Information and Communication Sciences, retired Professor of University at the Press Institute and Information Sciences of Tunis (IPSI, 1971-2007).

- Director of Tunisian Television in 1981,
 - General Director, from September 1983 to January 2007, of the CAPJC (African Center for Training of Journalists and Communicators
 - Researcher and author of numerous studies on the media.
- Since April 2017, he is the Manager of the ASBU Academy (Arab States Broadcasting Union).



Minister Ahmed Assaf

He has held the position of General Supervisor of the Palestinian Official Media since 2016

- General Supervisor of the Public Authority for Palestinian Radio and Television.
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Palestinian News and Information Agency WAFA
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Palestinian Satellite Corporation (PALSAT)
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Martyr Ziyad Abu Ein Foundation (2015) until now



Dr. Abdulrazaq Al-Morjan

Executive Director of the Center of Excellence in Cybercrimes and Digital Forensics (CoECDF) at Naif Arab University for Security Sciences (NAUSS). Dr Abdulrazaq is Co-Coordinator (pro tempore) of INTERPOL Global Academy Network, and Chair of the ITU Center of Excellence, Arab region, for 2022. He was a Crime Research Centre (CRC) Advisory Board member at the Ministry of Interior (MOI) in Saudi Arabia, where he spent two years on secondment to MOI as a senior advisor at the CRCm and established the Tech-crimes and Research Division as a part of the Vision 2030 project to reduce cyber-enabled crimes.



Eng. Bassil Zoubi

Director of Technology & Development at ASBU. His field of expertise has covered various areas in the broadcast industry. Mainly in, Frequency planning, Technical Coverage of News & Sporting Events Especially for most of events which ASBU has acquired rights for, setting up pilot projects as a guidance for the ASBU members besides new technology deployment various projects including cloud service for the Arab members.



Mr .Christophe Leclercq

Mr Leclercq is a respected expert in EU media policy and innovation. He founded two relevant organisations:

- the media "EurActiv Media Network" and

the think-do-tank Europe's MediaLab.

He was also on the EU's High-Level Expert Group on disinformation, writes about Europe's industrial strategy versus social media platforms, and involves his think tank in studies about media content sharing.

Previous background: EU Commission official (Directorate General competition), McKinsey strategy consultant. French national, working in Brussels.



Mr. Sami Hichri

He has a bachelor degree in accounting studies.

He is currently the advisor of the Secretary-General of the Arab Interior Ministers' Council

(AIMC). Prior to that, he held several positions within the Ministry of Interior, the most important of which was Director of the National School for Police Inspectors Training in Sousse, Director of Studies and Follow-up at the General Directorate of National Security, and General Inspector and then Director General of National Security in the same institution.