

## Pre-DIHAD Workshop | 13 March 2022

### 'Towards A Global Revitalized Multi - Stakeholders Partnership for SDGs' The Humanitarian-Development-Peace Collaboration/The HDP 'Nexus'

- 08:30 – 09:00**      **Registration**
- 09:00 – 09:05**      **Welcome Remarks**  
**Ms. Sajeda Shawa** | Acting Head of Office, UNOCHA, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 09:05 – 09:20**      **Opening Remarks**  
**Dr. Dena Assaf** | United Nations Resident Coordinator for the United Arab Emirates and Deputy Commissioner General for the UN at Expo2020

#### Session I: What does the HDP "Nexus" Mean and Why Engage in the Nexus?

- 09:20 – 10:00**      **The Humanitarian-Development-Peace Collaboration/The HDP 'Nexus'**  
**Dr. Raidan Al Saqqaf** | Development Coordination Officer, United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
[25-minute presentation and 15 min interactive discussion]
- 10:00 – 10:45**      **Impact-Driven Partnerships for Social Good**  
**Ms. Fairuz Taqi-Eddin** | Chief of Partnerships and Resource Mobilization, UNICEF Gulf Area Office, Dubai, UAE  
[25-minute presentation and 20 min interactive discussion]
- 10:45 – 11:15**      **Tea/Coffee Break & Networking**

#### Session II: Progress and Achievements in HDP Nexus Approach: The Collective Outcomes

- 11:15 – 12:00**      **From Development to Humanitarian: Homeless population during COVID-19 in Tunisia**  
**Dr. Aida Robbana** | Head of Office, UN-Habitat, Tunisia  
[25-minute presentation and 20 min interactive discussion]
- 12:00 – 12:45**      **Strategic planning processes (HRP) to advance HDP collaboration. Good practices from the Field**  
**Mr. Abdul Haq Amiri** | Section Chief for the MENA region, OCHA Geneva  
[25-minute presentation and 20 min interactive discussion]
- 12:45 – 14:00**      **Lunch, Free Time & Networking**

#### Session III: Challenges and Opportunities: Financing the HDP Nexus

- 14:00 – 14:45**      **The Future of Innovative Islamic Social Finance**  
**Mr. Houssam Chahin** | Chief of Private Sector Partnerships, MENA, UNHCR, Dubai, UAE  
[25-minute presentation and 20 min interactive discussion]
- 14:45 – 15:30**      **Advancing Nexus Implementation and Funding: Adaptation and Innovation in SRH and GBV Humanitarian Operations, Programmes and Service Delivery in Protracted Crises**  
**Dr. Luay Shabaneh** | UNFPA Regional Director, MENA, Cairo, Egypt  
[25-minute presentation and 20 min interactive discussion]
- 15:30 – 16:00**      **Wrap Up & Presentation of Certificates**

# PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP SPEAKERS



## MR. ABDUL HAQ AMIRI

Section Chief for the MENA region, OCHA Geneva

Mr. Amiri has served the United Nations for over 25 years, mainly in the domain of humanitarian and emergency response coordination, preparedness, and recovery. Mr. Amiri is currently working as the Section Chief for the MENA region with OCHA Geneva. Mr. Amiri has worked as Head of OCHA Office in Sudan, South Sudan, Libya, Ethiopia, Iraq, KSA, Lebanon and Indonesia. Mr. Amiri has worked as the Head of the OCHA Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa (ROMENA) from 2008 to 2013, and as the Deputy Head of OCHA Office in Indonesia and Sudan 2001-2005.



## DR. AIDA ROBBANA

Head of Office, UN-Habitat Tunisia

Ms. Aida Robbana holds a degree from the Institut des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (IHEC) Carthage in Tunisia and a PhD in International Economics and Management from the University Paris IX Dauphine. She worked as an economist for seven years in an urban planning consultancy in Tunisia where she was senior economist. She then joined the United Nations in Tunisia as an officer in the office of the Resident Coordinator, where she was in charge of the follow-up and implementation of the operations and programs of the 17 UN Agencies with the Tunisian government.



## DR. DENA ASSAF

United Nations Resident Coordinator for the United Arab Emirates and Deputy Commissioner General for the UN at Expo2020

Dr. Dena Assaf is the United Nations Resident Coordinator for the United Arab Emirates and Deputy Commissioner General for the UN at Expo2020. She has been with the United Nations for over 20 years in various senior management positions and advisory roles with UN Peace Keeping, the UN Development Programme, UN Women and the UN Sustainable Development Group at headquarters, the Arab Region, and various UN country offices.



## MS. FAIRUZ TAQI-EDDIN

Chief of Partnerships and Resource Mobilization, UNICEF Gulf Area Office, Dubai, UAE

In summer 2020, Ms. Fairuz Taqi -Eddin joined UNICEF Gulf Area Office as the Chief of Partnerships and Resource Mobilization based in Dubai. In her capacity, Fairuz heads the UNICEF Dubai office and oversees UNICEF's Gulf Area partnerships and resource mobilization operations for both private and public sectors. Prior to joining UNICEF, Fairuz served as UNRWA's Sr. External Relations Officer and managed government relations for UNRWA in the Gulf region. She also served as the Director of Fundraising and Partnerships at Jordan River Foundation; a leading Jordanian NGO founded by HM Queen Rania Bin Abdullah.



## MR. HOUSSAM CHAHIN

Chief of Private Sector Partnerships, MENA at UNHCR, Dubai, UAE

Mr. Houssam Chahin is the Chief of Private Sector Partnerships, MENA at UNHCR. Houssam has more than 20 years of experience in fundraising, partnerships building, and stakeholders relations management in both non-for-profit and the governmental sectors. Specialized in fundraising campaigning, stakeholders' engagement, strategic planning, and donors management, Houssam launched and developed new fundraising programs such as the Islamic Philanthropy program for UNHCR with its flagship - The Refugee Zakat Fund. Houssam worked with organizations like Greenpeace and Abu Dhabi Environment Agency.



## DR. LUAY SHABANEH

UNFPA Regional Director, MENA, Cairo, Egypt

Dr. Luay Shabaneh currently serves as Arab States Regional Director of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund starting May 2016. A native of Palestine, he has held a number of high-profile national and international public service positions over the last two decades in the area of official statistics, population census, population and development, monitoring and evaluation, programme management and advocacy within the UN System, in government and in the multilateral arena. He served as Minister of Statistics in Palestine from 2005 until he started his UN career in 2009 when he joined UNFPA as Chief Technical Adviser in Iraq. Following this, he joined UNDP/UNCT in Iraq as the Senior Programme Manager for a joint UNCT programme on Public Sector Reform and Modernization.



## DR. RAIDAN AL SAQQAF

Development Coordination Officer, United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Raidan Al Saqqaf is the Economist at the United Nations Office in Abu Dhabi, he has over 18 years of work experience in various capacities, including with the UN-Secretariat, UNDP, International Labour Organization, and the U.S. Agency for International Development. He has life and work experience across the Middle East and North Africa as well as in Geneva and Southeast Asia. He worked on a variety of initiatives including humanitarian response design and coordination, peace mediation, sustainable development and economic growth, as well as intergovernmental processes.



## MS. SAJEDA SHAWA

Acting Head of Office, UNOCHA, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Currently Ms. Sajeda is Acting Head of Office- OCHA UAE. Ms. Shawa brings onboard around fifteen years of experience focusing on partnerships, advocacy, and resource mobilization. Her latest appointment was with UNOCHA Regional office for Syria Crisis working closely with the UN ASG - RHC for Syria Crisis supporting him directly on his strategic engagements on donor relations, strategic partnerships, and humanitarian outreach, in addition to leading gulf relations, donor reporting and Arabic advocacy. Before joining the UN and focusing on strategy development, she spent around nine years with the European Commission humanitarian arm (ECHO) managing field operations/projects in Iraq, Egypt, Libya, Jordan, and Syria and during the last three years developed their humanitarian outreach strategy toward the GCC countries (KSA, UAE, Kuwait, and Qatar).