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ARAB IGF — ARAB INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM

Moderator

Mr. Qusai AlShatti | Former Chair of the Inaugural Arab IGF 2012 and strategic partner to Arab IGF 2020, AMPAC

B.S. in Computer Engineering from George Washington University in Washington DC, USA.

- Worked as a specialist in the field of Information Technology at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research from the period of 1992-1999 and 2004-2008.
- Worked as a division director at the Ministry of Public Works from the period of 1999-2004. · Worked as Deputy Director General for Information Technology at the Central Agency for Information Technology from the period of 2008-2018 and as acting Director General from the period of 2015-2018.
- Board member of Kuwait Information Technology Society from the period of 2000-2014 and held the position of Deputy Chairman several terms.
- Member of the Advisory Group of Internet Governance Forum (IGF) under the umbrella of the General Secretary of the United Nation.
- Member of the High-Level Advisory Group of the United Nation Global Alliance for ICT and Development.
- Currently have three refereed papers in the field of Information Technology presented in international conferences and academic institutions.
- Member of the steering committee of the National E-Kuwait Awards under the umbrella of Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science.
- Member of the Evaluation Team for Sheikh Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah Informatics Award.

Co-moderator

Ms. Mirna Barbar | Programme Management Officer, UNESCWA

Programme Management Officer in Information and Communication Technology Policies at ESCWA, and currently project leader of the Arab Digital Inclusion Platform (ADIP). Her work focuses on leading, supervising, and coordinating regional and national initiatives in the area of ICT for Development, including among others, digital development, digital transformation, e-accessibility, Internet Governance, and Digital Economy. During her tenure at the UN, she led and carried out several analytical studies, conducted regional analysis, authored several publications, and co-founded regional initiatives, including the Arab High-Level Forum on WSIS and 2030 Agenda and the Arab Digital Development Process. As executive coordinator of the ESCWA Arab IGF team, she contributed to the establishment and development of the Arab IGF process since 2012 and served as the Vice-chair of the annual AIGF organizing committee. As the project manager of the "Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders in the ESCWA region" (AIGLE), Dr. Barbar led the Academy and supervised the implementation of the related activities from 2013 to 2016.

Before joining ESCWA, Dr. Barbar was an assistant professor in Computer Science at the Lebanese University, and ICT Advisor at the Lebanese Ministry of Social Affairs leading the ministry's Digital Transformation Program. She has more than 15 years of experience, and several scientific publications and papers published in international journals on e-learning and system engineering. She holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science with distinction from Paris 8 University and a master's degree in business administration from Bordeaux IV University, France.

Speakers

Mr. Ibaa Oueicheck | Adviser to the Minister of Communications and Technology, Syrian Arab Republic

- 1990: BS in Computer Science from ENSIMAG, Grenoble France.
- 1996: PhD in Computer Science from INPG, Grenoble France.
- 1996-Now: Academic career: HIAST, Syrian Virtual University, several private Universities in Syria.
- Professional career in the field of Internet Started in 2006.
- 2006-2011: Expert in Data Networks and Internet at Syrian Telecom Establishment.
- 2008: Advisor to Minister of communications and Technology.
- 2011-2018: Director General of Syrian Telecom Regulatory Authority (SyTRA).
- 2008-2012: Chairman of Arab WG for Internet issues and domain names report to the council of Arab ministers of communications at LAS.
- Current Interests: ICT Strategies, Internet governance, Cyber security (ISO27001 Certified Auditor).

Ms. Anja Gengo | United Nations Secretariat for the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), as an associate programme expert and a focal point for the national, regional and youth IGF initiatives

Anja Gengo currently works at the United Nations Secretariat for the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), as an associate programme expert and a focal point for the national, regional and youth IGF initiatives. Prior to joining the IGF Secretariat, she worked as an analyst and legal advisor in private legal practice, focused on media and ICT law. She is one of the co-founders of the Centre for Media Law, where she worked as an Internet policy analyst and programme coordinator.

Ms. Gengo is a 10-year experienced debater, trainer and judge for the Karl Popper and British Parliamentary debate formats and a winner of many national and international debate related tournaments. She holds a bachelor's degree in law and a master's degree in international law, with her academic research focused on the clash of new technologies and law.

She is also an alumnus of the Monroe E. Price programme in comparative media law and policy from University of Oxford and Annenberg School of Communication.