

## Moderator



**Ms. Nibal Idlebi** | Chief of Innovation Section, UN-ESCWA

Dr. Nibal Idlebi is the chief of Innovation Section at UN-ESCWA. She is a senior policy expert in digital transformation, innovation and technology for sustainable development and digital and open innovative government. She has long experience on policies and strategies advancing knowledge society, digital government transformation, innovation policies and innovation and technology for promoting entrepreneurship in the Arab countries. She also supervised several regional initiatives on Digital Arabic Content, building trust in cyber space; regional profile of information society and she is currently leading the ESCWA initiative on fostering open government in the Arab region and the ESCWA Award for Digital Arabic Content. Dr. Idlebi is active member in several international and regional working groups and is a jury member of regional and international awards on innovation, entrepreneurship and digital content, and she was a jury member in many e-Government Awards in the Arab Region. Before joining ESCWA, Ms. Idlebi was deputy Minister in the Ministry of Communication and Technology and professor of IT in the Higher Institute of Applied Science and Technology in Syria. Ms. Idlebi has a computer engineering degree and a Ph.D in Computer Science from France.

## Speakers



**Mr. Mahmoud H. Abdallat** | Secretary General of the Arab Union of Land Transport (AULT)

**Present Job:** Secretary General of Arab Union of Land Transport.

**Education:** PhD in Information Management of Land Transport.

**Marital Status:** Married with two daughters.

**Date Of Birth:** 5th OCT.1950.

**Nationality:** Jordanian

Before I took over my present job, I worked For the Ministry of Transport as Acting Secretary General and as Advisor to the Ministry. Before that I have worked for the Civil Aviation Authority of Jordan as Deputy Queen Alia International Airport (1987 to 1994) and Director of Air Transport and Head of Transport Economic Studies (1983 – 1987), I have also worked For Royal Jordanian Airline as International Affairs Manager (1980 -1983).

I have a PhD from Northrop University U.S.A and master's degree in aviation management from E.R University (U.S.A) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Transport Development and Planning from Westminster University in London U.K. My BS.C in B.A was obtained from Damascus University in 1974.



**Mr. Yarob Badr** | Regional Advisor on Transport and Logistics, UN-ESCWA

Born in Damascus in 1959, Dr Badr earned his PhD in Transport science in 1991 from the French ENPC in Paris.

After several years of experience in the academic and consultancy fields, Dr. Badr was appointed as Minister of Transport in Syria between 2006 and 2011. Under his mandate the number of traffic fatalities in Syria dropped by 24% between 2008 and 2010).

Dr. Yarob Badr is currently the Regional Advisor on Transport and Logistics in ESCWA since September 2014.

He is coordinating ESCWA activities to formulate a regional strategic vision for the development of future multimodal transport that would improve vital connectivity and regional integration between the Arab countries and the rest of the world.



## Mr. Rami Semaan | Senior Expert in Transport

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Civil Engineer MSc Transportation. Managing Partner at TMS Consult (Transport & Mobility Solutions - Consultancy Firm) ; Lecturer at Universities. Member in: the Lebanese Order of Engineers and Architects (Beirut – LEBANON); the Permanent Scientific and Technical Committee (PSTC), CODATU; the Mediterranean Institute of Water - IME (Marseilles - FRANCE); the Institution of Transportation Engineers, ITE (USA).

Main professional achievements: Feasibility Studies & Monitoring for Transportation projects in urban and regional areas, and interregional and international corridors; Implementation of programs for Development and Investment in various Transport sectors; Institutional Analysis and Sector Policy Assessment: Transport Planning and Investment Strategies (Land, maritime, and civil aviation sectors), Transportation Master Plans, Freight Chain Analysis & Modelling; Formulating territorial strategic national and regional plans: Transport sectors, Road Safety studies, including institutional frameworks, economic and financial analysis; preparation of PPP projects in various Transport sectors, participation in major regional Transport projects.



## Ms. Hania Dimassi | Senior Research Assistant, Cluster 2030 Agenda and SDG Coordination

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A member of ESCWA's Cluster on the 2030 Agenda, Ms. Sabbidin Dimassi is involved in research activities and technical support on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development in the Arab region. She supports the organization of the Arab Forum for Sustainable Development; an annual multistakeholder high-level event. She has also contributed to the authorship of papers and studies on the topic including the Arab Sustainable Development Report 2020. The larger part of her years of experience was focused on technology-related themes including ICT for development, entrepreneurship ecosystems, innovation policy, building the information society, promoting digital Arabic content, cyber legislation and Arabic domain names. She has a degree in Computer and Communications Engineering and a Masters in Engineering Management.