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DR. TAREK AZMY ELSHEIKH

*Representative of the United Nations
Secretary-General and Resident Coordinator*

Dr. Tarek El-Sheikh has more than 26 years of experience in Policies and Strategies of Urban Development formulation, training, advisory services and projects implementation. Dr. El-Sheikh gained his Ph.D. in 2004 from Cairo University after studies in University of Karlsruhe, Germany and master's degree in development administration and Planning from University of Bristol in 1996 and master's degree in architecture engineering from Cairo University in 1994.

Dr. El-Sheikh is currently The Representative of the United Nations Secretary General and Resident Coordinator to the State of Kuwait, before, that he was Resident Representative of UNDP and United Nations Resident Coordinator to the State of Kuwait (2018), He was the former Director of Future Saudi Cities Programme for two years (2017-2015). The Director of the Sub-Regional Office for Gulf States of UN Habitat in Kuwait (2014-2010).

He was the Housing Sector Lead in the UN Country Team of Iraq (2009-2007). He joined the United Nations as Capacity Building Expert at UN Habitat Jordan (2007-2004). Prior to Joining the UN, he worked as Assistant Professor at the Urban Training and Studies Institute in Cairo and Deputy Director.

Dr. El-Sheikh was the leader of several knowledge development and information building programs in Development Policies and Strategies. During his work with UNDP, the Anti-Corruption Strategy of Kuwait was finalized, Women empowerment

programme trained more than 100 Kuwaiti women in leadership, The National Human Development Report is finalized, the Culture Heritage Strategy framework prepared for Kuwait, the strategic Partnership Framework with the State of Kuwait finalized.

He also led on the preparation of City prosperity profiles, planning reviews in Saudi cities and analysis of Saudi urban legislations and regional plans. He developed background report on Arab Cities 13/2012, Tunisia Housing Profile 2010, Arab Platform for Urban Observatories and Kuwait urban profile, Bahrain urban profiles, and State of Saudi Cities Report 2016.

Dr. El-Sheikh also contributed to the preparation of the State of Iraq Cities Report, Iraq Housing Market Assessment, Iraq Housing Policy, Egypt Urban Development Strategy and also led on several urban development initiatives in Arab region, trained professionals from various Arab States on land development and informal settlement upgrading. He also authored a number of publications and articles in international journals.

Dr. El-Sheikh is a member of several international, regional and national networks and groups. The British University Graduates Association, the European Network for Housing Research, International Society for City and Regional Planners, The International Research Group for Law and Urban Space (IRGLUS), and The Eisenhower Fellowships Network.



NASER ALSHATTI

*Head of the Office, Development Coordinator
& Strategic Planning*

Colonel Staff (Rtrd)\ Naser Al-Shatti joined the UN Resident Coordinator Office in February 2021 as Head of the Office, Development Coordinator & Strategic Planning. Working for over 24 years in the government sector and being a former commander in the Kuwait National Guard (KNG) gave him concrete capabilities in leadership, strategic planning, organization, team development, training, and overall managerial capabilities. Since 2009, Naser has held several high governmental positions within KNG as follows:

- Director of Training Directorate.
- Director of Military Education Directorate.
- Director of Organization and Strategic Planning.
- Chief of Strategic Planning Branch.
- Chief of Foreign Procurement Branch.

During his work within KNG; Naser led a team which was responsible for the Country's Defense strengthening Budget, preparing and executing KNG's enhanced Strategic Plan (the First Strategic Plan for the Kuwait National guard 2015-2010). In addition, he participated in preparing the Second Strategic Plan for KNG (Plan 2020). In 2014; Colonel Staff (Rtrd)\ Naser Al-Shatti as a Director of Organization and Strategic Planning, played a major role in making KNG win the first place at Kuwait Transparency Prize during a ceremony headed by the Prime Minister of The State of Kuwait.

Naser has been assigned by the higher command in KNG in 2016 to establish KNG's Training Institute, which was officially declared in the year 2018. Moreover, Naser led a team of top-rated officers to revise and edit KNG's educational and training curriculum, teaching materials, and books. The team succeeded taking the education and training to another advanced level through introducing e-learning in Kuwait National Guard.

Naser Al-Shatti holds bachelor's degree in Business Administration with double major (Finance & Management) and earned his master's degree in Military Science at King Abdullah II Command and Staff College, Jordan.



RABAA HUSSAIN MAKKI

UN Senior Stakeholders Advisor

Rabaa Hussain Makki Al Juma, a versatile and visionary leader is the chief editor and CEO of Bariq Al Dana magazine, one of the most recognized magazines in Kuwait, established in 2004 and currently appointed as the UN Senior Stakeholders Advisor at the UN Resident Coordinator Office in Kuwait since January 2021.

Her mission began at an early age. By achieving outstanding goals, she has become the remarkable leader she is. Encouraged to take positive steps in her educational journey, in 1985, Rabaa was awarded an honors certificate for being ranked first in Physics in all of Kuwait. Furthermore, having achieved an outstanding high school accumulative where she was honored by the government, she continued her studies in the University of Edinburgh where she studied the medical language course. She then enrolled in Kuwait University, in 1986, where she studied medicine. She also went on to complete her 4th year of medicine at the Arabian gulf university in the Kingdom of Bahrain in 1990 during the invasion of Kuwait.

Rabaa always had high regards of culture and dialogue. She was awarded an intermediate degree level in French from the University of Geneva in 2008 and diploma in French, Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELFB), from the Ministry of Education of France in 2009. She also completed the study of the Persian language at the Embassy of Iran in Kuwait. In 1996, Rabaa studied a year-long course in sociology in the University of Lebanon.

She started her career in 1997, as a Board member at Al Huda Medical Services Company, and by 1999, she played an effective role as a consultant for Rabaa Gulf for General Trading and Contracting. To further her career, she attained the position as a consultant for the

International Kuwait Educational Company from April 2014 to present.

In addition to previously playing a pivotal role as the Vice President of the Arab Media Women Union, as a member of the International Federation Journalist in 2016, she was selected to be a board member of Kuwait Journalist Association in 2017. Due to her remarkable achievements and support of Arab women's issues specifically in the media, she was able to transfer her experiences to young women journalists and created a generation of media professionals aware of changes that occur around them.

An ardent learner and firm believer of humanitarian rights, Rabaa was keen to pursue higher education that would give her the opportunity to serve her nation and worldwide. In 2020, she successfully completed Masters of International Law in Armed Conflict majoring in International Armed Conflict from Geneva Academy, Switzerland. In 2018 she completed the ICRC IHL Regional Arabic Course in Humanitarian Law.

Through long years of experience, Rabaa took great responsibilities and was able to develop positive visions not only in the media section, but in many other important sectors. For instance, she was very involved in several charities and also volunteered for the Kuwait's Red Crescent Society during the invasion of Kuwait. Her role in the UN gives her an opportunity to promote a coherent image of the ONE United Nations and advise on the organization of events that expand the understanding of various stakeholders of the values and work of the United Nations in Kuwait and Worldwide.

Such experiences make her a role model to great success stories.

A circular portrait of Dr. Seung Jin Baek, a man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark sweater over a light blue collared shirt. The portrait is set against a white background and is surrounded by decorative geometric shapes in red, orange, and blue, along with a dotted blue line.

SEUNG JIN BAEK

Coordination Officer: Innovation Economist

Dr. Baek's career spans across various UN Economic and Social Commissions where he primarily focused on knowledge production for the provision of evidence based advisory services to Member States on development plans, strategies and frameworks, including Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Prior to his UN tenure, he served as Senior Analyst with a CPA qualification in KPMG by leading in various knowledge intensive development cooperation projects. His policy research area of specialization lies at the nexus of sustainable development and structural transformation. He holds PhD in Political Economy at the University of Bath, MBA with a specialization of Strategy at KDI School of Public Policy and Management and BS in Mathematics at Korea University.

Dr. Baek is the author of numerous scholarly journal articles in these fields, as well as three books, one of which is entitled "The Political Economy of Neo-modernization: Rethinking the Dynamics of Technology, Development and Inequality" where he provided policy advice on how to design sustainable development strategies through which structural transformation minimizing potential trade-off can best be achieved. He is married with three children.



SHOHREH MIRZAEI YEGANEH

*Data Management and Results
Monitoring Officer*

Originally from Iran, Shohreh joined the Resident Coordinator's Office in March after working within the United Nations Common System for more than nine years. Most recently, Shohreh was supporting decision-making and strategy development in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General, Department of Operational Support, at the UN Headquarters in New York. Previously, Shohreh worked as a Statistician in the UN Department of Field Support, and as an Industrial Development Officer and Statistician at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Shohreh brings experience in statistical data analysis, monitoring, analyzing, and reporting on operational and strategic indicators. Thematically, she has worked on topics such as UN peacekeeping and special political field missions analytics, industrial development trends, and UN Sustainable Development Goal 9 (industry, innovation, and infrastructure).

Shohreh holds an MSc. in Mathematical Statistics and a BSc. in Statistics from Isfahan University of Technology in Iran. She is currently working towards finalizing her PhD in Fuzzy Statistics at the Vienna University of Technology, Vienna, Austria.

A circular portrait of Asmae Ait Ssi, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a white top and a dark blazer, standing in an office environment. The portrait is framed by a blue circle and is surrounded by decorative geometric shapes in red, orange, and blue.

ASMAE AIT SSI

Public Information Officer

Ms. Aitssi key functions are: Contributes to strategic advocacy and programme communications in support of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF); coordinates the UN Communication Group; Assists in partnership building and media relations; Provides substantive support for digital communications; Supports publications and branding management; Assists in the local promotion of United Nations global communications and advocacy priorities on the work of the United Nations in other key thematic areas.

On 9 March 2008, Asmae joined the United Nations Resident Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative Office in the State of Kuwait as Executive and Knowledge Associate. With over 15 years of relatively significant experience, a track record of strong relationship and partnership building with National and International stakeholders and host government authorities and institutions, Civil Society Organizations, mass Media and the Diplomatic community in Kuwait. Served as a Coordination, Partnership and Communication Officer, contributing to continuous process improvement in the face of rapidly evolving and changing environments. Asmae is also supporting conference management and high-level missions' coordination, maintenance of UN protocol procedures and high-level representation. Have supported and contributed to the success of large international conferences, signature events/activities such as the UN General Assembly summit, Agenda 2030 SDGs good summit, UN Day celebrations, Syria pledging conferences 2 and 3, Iraq Reconstruction Conference and the Yemeni Talks, the Arab League Summit, the Arab-African Summit, Special Human Rights Procedures/Rapporteurs and the UN Security Council and UNTalks forums.

Passionate about communication and advocacy. In 2018, in view of the UN Reform and in support of the UN Resident Coordinator leadership Ms. Aitssi have successfully supported the UNRCO efforts for the initiation and preparation of the 1st Kuwait-UN Strategic Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) -2020 2025 process, the related National Consultations, Result Groups, supported by an advocacy plan to promote the reinvigorated UN strategic plan, Agenda 2030 and its alignment with Kuwait national priorities "New Kuwait vision 2035". Asmae's background lies in supporting operations, teams, and processes to propel advocacy initiatives while realizing enhanced corporate success and productivity. She has supported the UNRCO in the identification and implementation of visionary strategic objectives set by the United Nations Country Team to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in accordance with the Country's vision and aspirations. With a developed political acumen and negotiation skills and familiarity with the local and regional context, Asmae can effectively advocate and communicate with partners the strategic objectives of the UN Country Team and provide sound assistance in the promotion of United Nations global communications and advocacy priorities through new advocacy tools building and media relations, providing substantive support for digital communications and publications and branding management. she brings along sound contribution on communication, partnership and coordination skills from previous experience in the private sector and throughout her tenure at UNDP/UNRCO.

Asmae has a Master's degree in Social Science, in International Management from the University of Liverpool 2015.



ZAINAB QAMBAR

*Associate Coordination Officer:
Partnerships and Development Finance*

Zainab Mohammed Qambar born in Kuwait in 1983, holds a B.A in English literature and linguistics, worked in the academic field, In 2012 as a senior marketing officer, retention and support officer, Zainab established the office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Kuwait in August 1st, 2012, supported and took field missions to engage first hand with the humanitarian suffering in the field; assessed and evaluated the requirement and needs. Zainab coordinated and exchanged information between the international organizations, local NGOs and the government of the State of Kuwait. She coordinated and organized 6 Kuwait annual conferences with OCHA and coordinated the Syria pledging conferences 2 ,1 and 3 which took place January 2014 ,2013 and March 2015 in Kuwait with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diwan Al-Amiri.

Zainab supported the organization of His Highness's recognition by the United Nations for his humanitarian efforts ceremony in NYC in September 2014 in coordination with the government of the State of Kuwait, she organized the World Humanitarian Day Campaigns every 19 August since 2013 to 2018. She provided the civil society, NGOs and the government of the state of Kuwait with capacity building and training courses of humanitarian services till 30 September 2018.

In October,2018 Zainab worked with the International Committee for the Red Cross as a partnership advisor to the delegation in GCC, established their resource mobilization strategy for 2021 – 2019 and supported in strategically building partnerships with the organization.

In September 2019, Zainab returned back to the United Nations as the Associate Development Coordination, Partnership and Partnership Finance office with the Resident Coordinator Team till Present where she strategically develops partnerships to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs and agenda 2030 with the United Nations in Kuwait



MARIAM HAROUN

Executive Assistant

With over 25 years of experience as administrative professional, Mariam joined the Office of UN Resident Coordinator as Senior Staff Assistant. Prior her joining, she worked closely with senior leaderships of several United Nations Peacekeeping Missions in the Middle East, Ambassadors and very-high-net-worth individuals.

She has extensive experience in overall coordination of a broad range of services and resources such as development and implementation of firm policies and procedures; manage and overseas the office administration, HR policies and practices, arranging and supporting VIP missions and delegation, providing liaison and protocol support, in addition in her experience in logistic and supply chain management.

Mariam is activist in community and labor issues. In addition to her membership in one of the national woman association, she contributes to local initiatives for environment protection and awareness. During the period 15-14 March 2018; she participated as Speaker in the International Conference on Innovation and Economic Diversification in GCC's National Development Plans (IED18) held in Kuwait with Paper Title "Illegal Labor in Kuwait: Vision and Solution Approach".

She holds master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Gulf University for Science & Technology. Mariam aims to pursue her PhD in Organizational Behavior, Human Resources Management.



ALAA SHUAEB

Policy Assistant

Ms. Alaa Shuaeb is a Jordanian national who joined the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office (UN-RCO) as Policy – Executive Coordination Assistant in June 2020. Alaa supports the Resident Coordinator Office with the effective and efficient functioning of the office and facilitation of knowledge building, management, and analysis.

Alaa holds a MA in International Relations from Budapest Business School in Hungary, and a BS in Business Administration from Princess Sumaya University for Technology in Amman, Jordan. In her 3rd year, she continued her studies at Sapienza University of Rome as an exchange student under the Erasmus Mundus program in Rome, Italy.

Before joining the United Nations, Alaa worked as a Compliance Analyst at General Electric Company (GE), healthcare department in Hungary with a successful career supporting the Middle East region to maintain policy compliance. Prior to that, she worked at the American University of the Middle East (AUM) in Kuwait as a Career Development Coordinator.



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