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BIOGRAPHIES

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Mourad Ezzine
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Mourad, a Tunisian national, has been a longtime contributor to the Center for Mediterranean Integration, and in September 2013 became the Manager of CMI. Previously, as a World Bank Sector Manager for Education from 2006 to 2013, Mourad oversaw the preparation of a regional education strategy for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region, and was a member of the leadership team which defined the World Bank overall strategic objectives for education for 2010-2020. He also expanded the World Bank lending and analytical work program in MENA and was the prime driver of several regional initiatives in education and the knowledge economy. Before 2006 Mourad held various positions of increasing responsibilities in Sub-Saharan Africa and MENA. Before joining the Bank in 1992, he was Director of Planning and Information Systems in the Tunisian Ministry of Education and held management level positions in a Tunisian private development bank. Mourad brings to the CMI a wealth of strategic sense and managerial experience, as well as commitment to confronting the considerable challenges posed by regional development issues associated with economic integration, sustainable growth, inclusion and participatory governance.

Marie-Hélène Loison
Head of the Mediterranean and Middle-East Department, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), France

Marie-Hélène Loison began her career in 1996 as Director of Export Financing at the Société Générale bank. In 2000, she joined Proparco, the AFD subsidiary responsible for private sector financing, initially as Investment Officer for Company Financing and subsequently as Investment Officer in the Private Equity Division of which she became the head in 2008. In 2011, she became Deputy General Director for Operations at Proparco. She has been the Director of the Mediterranean and Middle East at AFD since April 2015. She holds degrees from the Institut d’Etudes Politiques in Paris and the School of Advanced International Studies in Washington D.C.
Ferid Belhaj  
*Country Director for the Middle East, World Bank*

Ferid Belhaj assumed his post as World Bank Country Director for the Middle East in September 2012. He is in charge of World Bank programs in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq and Iran. Before taking up his Mashreq assignment, Belhaj served as World Bank Director for the Pacific Region (2009-2012), was the World Bank’s Special Representative to the United Nations in New York (2001-2007) and Country Manager for Morocco (2002-2007). A Tunisian national, Belhaj joined the Bank in 1996, where he worked for four years as Senior Counsel in the Legal Department, managing a number of legal and judicial reform projects. He is a lawyer by profession, with degrees in international law and politics. He also led and acted as legal adviser to the Tunisian delegation to the steering committee meetings of the Middle East Peace Process.

François Reybet-Degat  
*Deputy Director, Bureau for the Middle East and North Africa, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)*

Before being appointed to his current position as Deputy Director for the UNHCR MENA bureau, Mr. Reybet-Degat held several senior positions at the UNHCR: Acting Representative in Khartoum, Sudan; Head of the UN Resident Coordinator’s Office in Vietnam; and Special Advisor to the Asia Bureau Director for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. His experience in refugee affairs extends to advising, policy-making, managing humanitarian operations (Afghanistan operation), as well as resource mobilization and fundraising. Mr. Reybet-Degat holds a Master’s Degree in Political Science from *Institut d'Etudes Politiques* in Grenoble, France.
H.E. Sejean El Azzi  
*Minister of Labor, Lebanon*

H.E. Sejaan Azzi has a long-standing political career in Lebanon as a member of the Kataeb party. Minister Azzi studied philosophy at the Saint-Esprit University of Kaslik and political and administrative studies at Saint Joseph University while working as a journalist. When war broke out in 1975, Minister Azzi was still pursuing his university studies. He founded Free Lebanon Radio in 1978 and became the youngest appointed member at the Kataeb’s political bureau. Minister Azzi was obliged to flee Lebanon for Paris in 1986, where he pursued his struggle for the Lebanese cause and established a consultancy office working on political risks. While in France, he was appointed expert in Middle Eastern affairs by the General Council for National Defense of the French Prime Minister. In 2000, Minister Azzi returned to Lebanon. Following the unification of the Kataeb he resumed his political activity in 2007, and is currently a member of the Political Bureau and the private and political advisor of President Amin Gemayel and head of Kataeb Kesrouan-Ftouh’s district. He is also the Deputy Head of Kataeb. Minister Azzi has published four books on Lebanese and Middle Eastern history and geopolitics.

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H.E. Prof. Nidal Mardi Alkatamine  
*Minister of Labor, Jordan*

Professor Nidal Katamine is currently the Minister of Labor. He was also the Minister of Labor and Minister of Tourism and Antiquities from 2013-2015. He was first appointed as Minister of Labor and Minister of Transport in 2012. He became a member of the 16th Parliament representing Tafileh (governorate located in southern Jordan), being a parliamentarian; he has always been active in the community. He served as Member of the 17th Session of the Jordanian Parliament as a Member of the National Labour, President of the Education, Culture and Youth Committee at the Parliament. In 2013, he was elected president for the 102nd session of the International Labour Conference (ILC). Mr. Katamine also served as Dean of Scientific Research and Higher Studies at the Hashemite University. He was also a Professor at the Faculty of Engineering at a number of universities in Jordan. He is a member of a number of civil society organizations, including Global Vision for Academic Services where he is the Chairman, Jordan Engineers Association, the Institute of Highways and Transportation (UK), and Jordanian Institute of Civil Engineering. He attended University of Birmingham in UK, where he earned both his Master’s (1984) and PhD (1989) in Highway Engineering. He obtained his Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering from Plymouth University of Birmingham in UK in 1983.

Paolo Verme
*Senior Economist, Poverty Global Practice, World Bank*

Paolo Verme is Senior Economist at the World Bank. A Ph.D. graduate of LSE, he was Visiting Professor at Bocconi University in Milan (2004-2009) and at the University of Turin (2003-2010) before joining the World Bank in 2010. For almost two decades, he served as senior advisor and project manager for multilateral organizations, private companies and governments contributing to the design and implementation of labor market, welfare and social protection policies. His research is widely published in international journals, books and reports and he has worked extensively on poverty, inequality and refugees in the MENA region. He is the lead author of the first poverty assessment of Syrian refugees, a recent joint UNHCR-WB initiative.

Ewen Macleod
*Head of the Policy Development and Evaluation Service, United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR)*

Ewen Macleod is currently head of the Policy Development and Evaluation Service at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva. He has worked for the United Nations and the European Commission, holding both headquarters and field-based positions. Over the course of a thirty year career, he has worked on many complex humanitarian crises and protracted refugee situations in Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.

Feda Gharaibeh
*Director of Humanitarian Relief Coordination Unit, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Jordan*

Feda Gharaibeh is the Director of the Humanitarian Relief Cooperation Unit at the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Jordan. Her background is mainly in international cooperation, planning, and refugee issues. She holds a Master’s degree in Population and Development from the Institute of Social Studies in the Hague, the Netherlands, as well as a Bachelor’s degree from Jordan University in Amman. She was in charge of the Iraqi file after the Gulf War in 2003, and was then mandated with the Syria Crisis file and international support to refugee and host communities impacted by the crisis, as well as the planning process (i.e. the Jordan Response Plan) linking humanitarian needs with resilience (Resilience-Based approach).
Bashir Osmat
Advisor on Social Policies to the Minister of Social Affairs, Lebanon

Bashir Osmat has extensive experience in development project management and coordination in Lebanon. He is currently advising the Lebanese Minister of Social Affairs on the National Poverty Targeting Program. He is also an experienced academic with expertise in socio-economic and local development with teaching experience at several educational institutions, including the Institute of Social Sciences at the Lebanese University in Beirut. He holds a PhD in Contemporary History from the University of the Sorbonne in Paris, as well as degrees from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, and the Lebanese University, Beirut, as well as having received advances training in Project Management and Training.

Andrew Harper
UNHCR Representative for Lebanon

As Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for almost four years, Andrew Harper has been working in collaboration with the Government of Jordan to lead and coordinate the international response to the Syrian Crisis in Jordan. Some of the main achievements of this partnership have been the establishment of the Zaatari and Azraq refugee camps and ensuring that some 635,000 registered Syrian refugees who have fled to the safety of Jordan are provided with assistance and protection. Prior to coming to Jordan, Andrew was Head of Desk for UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva, covering the Iraq Situation for six years as well as being the Emergency Focal Point for the MENA region for the Libyan Crisis in 2011. He served with the UN Office for the Coordination for Humanitarian Affairs as Head of Office in Sumatra following the 2004 Tsunami, and as Chief of Staff for the UN Recovery Coordinator for Aceh in Indonesia. Prior deployments with the UN Refugee Agency include West Timor, Ukraine/Crimea, Albania/Kosovo, Central Asia and Iran. He started his career oversees with the Australian Embassy in Turkey following the 1990 Iraq war.

Mireille Girard
UNHCR Representative for Lebanon

Mireille Girard has served as Representative for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Lebanon since July 2015. Prior to taking up her assignment in Lebanon, she served as Representative for UNHCR in Thailand and South Sudan. Mireille’s career in UNHCR spans over 22 years and includes a range of functions both at UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva and in country operations on the Asian, African, European and Middle Eastern continents. Mireille specializes in international protection and emergency humanitarian responses. She graduated in Public International Law, Political Sciences, and Asian Studies., and speaks French, English, Chinese and Spanish.
Sami Attalah  
*Director, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies (LCPS), Lebanon*

As Director of the Lebanese Center for Policy Studies (LCPS), Sami Attallah is currently leading several policy studies on the governance of the gas sector, electoral behavior, monitoring the Parliament and political parties, economic diversification, and decentralization and service delivery. From November 2012 till April 2014, Atallah served on the Committee established by the Lebanese Prime Minister to draft a decentralization law. He has several policy and academic publications, and is the editor of *Towards Achieving a Transparent and Accountable National Budget in Lebanon* (Beirut: LCPS 2013), and co-editor of *Local Governments and Public Goods: Assessing Decentralization Experiences in the Arab World* (with Mona Harb, Beirut: LCPS 2015). He holds two Master’s degrees in International and Development Economics from Yale University (1996) and in Quantitative Methods from Columbia University (2004), and is currently completing his PhD in Politics at New York University.

Dawn Chatty  
*Emeritus Professor of Anthropology and Forced Migration and Former Director of The Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford*

Professor Dawn Chatty is a social anthropologist whose ethnographic interests lie in the Middle East, particularly with nomadic pastoral tribes and refugee young people. Her research interests include a number of forced migration and development issues such as conservation-induced displacement, tribal resettlement, modern technology and social change, gender and development and the impact of prolonged conflict on refugee young people. Dawn is both an academic anthropologist and a practitioner, having developed her career in universities in the United States, Lebanon, Syria and Oman, as well as with a number of development agencies such as the UNDP, UNICEF, FAO and IFAD. She holds an undergraduate degree with honors at UCLA and a Master’s degree in Development Studies from the Institute of Social Studies in the Hague, Netherlands. She returned to UCLA to take her PhD in Social Anthropology. She is the author of *Dispossession and Displacement in the Modern Middle East* (Cambridge University Press, 2010).

Alain Bifani  
*Director General, Ministry of Finance, Lebanon*

Alain Bifani is currently Director General of the Ministry of Finance, Lebanon. He is a seasoned financial expert with over 20 years of international experience at the highest financial institution level. In 2000, he became the youngest director general in the Lebanese administration when he was appointed Director-General of the Lebanese Ministry of Finance, a position he still holds to this day. He is a member of the Board of the Central Bank of Lebanon, of the Higher Court of Banks, of the Capital Markets Authority’s board, an appointed member of the International Monetary Fund, and has chaired the Group of 24 in 2002, 2003 and 2015. He holds an Engineering degree in Optics and Telecommunication from the *Ecole Superieure d’Optique* (France) and a higher degree in Management and Finance from the *Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales* (HEC), France.

Hayder Sinjawi  
*Director General, Development Coordination and Cooperation, Ministry of Planning, Kurdistan Regional Government, Iraq*

Mr. Hayder Mostafa Saaid has been the Director General for Development Coordination and Cooperation at the Iraqi Ministry of Planning-Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) since May 2013. Prior to holding this position, Mr. Sinjawi was Director General for Studies and Information on the KRG Board of Investment for six years. He was also Program Manager for Information and Mapping in Kurdistan for two years. Mr. Sinjawi has over 10 years of experience working for several United Nations agencies and NGOs.
Mukhallad Omari
Director of Policy Division, Ministry of International Planning and Cooperation, Jordan

Dr. Omari holds a Ph.D in Economics and has extensive experience in different areas related to economics, socio-economic and competitiveness & innovation fronts. His work with the government, donors, the private sector and NGOs has enabled him to work closely and hand in hand with different components of research and policy-building. As Director of the Policies and Strategies Department at the Jordanian Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Dr. Omari was responsible for conducting and drafting national strategies and policies. Additionally, he led the design and implementation of various initiatives and tasks that were supported by donors. As an economist and researcher, Dr. Omari’s responsibilities are, but not limited to: strategy drafting, economic modeling, poverty analysis, competitiveness and innovation, as well as project design, management and policy making.

Abdullah Al Dardari
Deputy Executive Secretary, UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA)

Over the past three years, Dr. Dardari has served as Chief Economist at (UN-ESCWA) and Director of the Economic Development and Globalization Division. Under his leadership, the division is supporting Arab efforts to deepen regional economic integration, inclusive growth, job creation, and human security. Recent examples include supporting National Development planning initiatives in Saudi Arabia and Jordan, advisory services on trade and regional integration to Member Countries as well as the National Agenda for the Future of Syria Program. Before joining UN-ESCWA, Dr. Al Dardari was Syrian Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs (2005-2011) and Minister of Planning and Chairman of the State Planning Commission (2003-2005). He was also Assistant Resident Representative for UNDP Syria between (2001-2003). He began his career as a journalist in AlHayat, a pan-Arab daily. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Economics from the Richmond American International University of London (1985) and a Master’s Degree in International Economic Relations from the University of Southern California (1988) as well as an MPhil in International Relations at the LSE (1988-1990) and an Honorary Doctorate from Yalova University, Istanbul.
Nadim Karkutli
Manager of the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis, European Commission

Nadim Karkutli has 20 years working experience with the European Union and the World Bank on the Arab World and the Middle East, covering diplomacy, development cooperation, and humanitarian aid. He is currently Head of Cooperation of the European Union Syria Crisis Team and Manager of the European Union Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syria Crisis, the “Madad Fund”. He was previously Deputy Head of Division for Communications on EU humanitarian aid and Team Leader for the EU Stability Instrument in Brussels from 2006 to 2013, and Senior Operations Officer for the West Bank & Gaza Country Team at the World Bank in Washington DC. From 2000 to 2005, he was posted in the European Union Delegations in Indonesia (post-Tsunami reconstruction and Aceh Peace Process) and Palestine (Delegation to the Palestinian Authority in East Jerusalem). He holds degrees from the American University in Cairo and the Frankfurt Law School with experience at the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

SESSION 3 Bilateral experiences towards supporting refugee and host country welfare

Hala El Helou
Advisor to the Minister of Social Affairs, Lebanon

Hala is the Advisor to the Minister of Social Affairs on Humanitarian and International Affairs as well as the General Supervisor for the Syria Crisis Response at the Ministry. She is currently also tasked with coordinating the national planning process to respond to the refugee crisis and its repercussions leading to the adoption of the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP). Hala began working with the Ministry of Social Affairs in 2010 where she was the advisor to the minister's office on youth and volunteer affairs. Until July 2013, she was the Program Manager for the National Volunteer Service Program and as well as the Emergency Coordinator for the Syrian Crisis in Lebanon also at the Ministry of Social Affairs since the beginning of the refugee crisis. Hala holds a Masters of Arts in International Affairs from the Lebanese American University.
Asterios Bouzias  
*Diplomat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece*

Asterios Bouzias is a diplomat, currently serving at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece. He studied Law and History at the Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki, from which he obtained a Master’s Degree in Public Law and Political Science with emphasis on Constitutional Law, as well as a Master’s Degree in the History of Balkan Countries and Turkish Studies. He is qualified with a Doctorate in Public Law from the Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki, and conducted postdoctoral research in the fields of Public Law and Balkan Studies at the University of Peloponness. He speaks Greek, English, French, German, Latin, Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian and Montenegrin. He has published numerous books and other scientific papers in the fields of Law and History and participated as a speaker in numerous relevant conferences. For the last five years, he has been working on the dossier of Euro-Mediterranean relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece.

Bruno Codispoti  
*Program Development and Fundraising, Italian Refugee Council*

Bruno Codispoti is Fundraising Officer at the Italian Council for Refugees and has assisted migrants in Calais and Rome. Up to 2012, Bruno worked in the financial services sector as project and marketing manager. In 2015 he was Visiting Fellow at the Refugee Studies Centre - Oxford Department of International Development. He conducted a study on the implementation of a forced migration observation system as part of his Master’s degree thesis in Conflict Management and Mediation in 2013. Bruno has provided a first quantitative outline, by geographical regions, of the overall dimensions, main characteristics and root causes of forced displacement and selected socio-economic indicators of context. His study includes, but is not limited to, refugees, asylum seekers and IDPs. He holds an MBA and a Bachelor’s degree in Economics and Management.
Kristof Tamas
Director and Head of Secretariat of the Swedish Government’s Migration Studies Delegation, Sweden

Kristof Tamas is currently the Director and Head of Secretariat of the Migration Studies Delegation – Delmi – a government appointed committee in Sweden producing research and studies on migration, integration and development in order to contribute to evidence-based migration policymaking and to bridge the gap between academia, policymakers, media and the general public. Mr. Tamas was previously senior adviser in the secretariat for the Swedish chairmanship of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, a Swedish national expert at the EU Commission, an independent research consultant inter alia at the Institute for Futures Studies in Stockholm, and a Special Advisor and later Deputy Director at the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Swedish Ministry of Justice. He has over 20 years of experience and expertise in international and global collaboration in the field of migration, with an emphasis on migration and development and labor migration.

Regina Bendokat
“Save Me” NGO, Konstanz, Germany

Regina Bendokat began her career working with the United Nations Development Program in Burkina Faso. She then joined the World Bank holding various economist positions and as education Sector Manager and Human Development advisor for the Middle East and North Africa region from 1978 to 2008. Since she retired, she has been active as a volunteer in refugee assistance, and founded the Save Me NGO in Konstanz, Germany, of which she is also a Board Member. She holds a PhD in economics from the University of Freiburg, Germany, at which she also taught as assistant professor for 3 years.

Natassia Fry
Founder, Kompis Sverige NGO, Sweden

Natassia Fry co-founded the non-profit organization Kompis Sverige in 2013 together with her colleague Pegah Afsharian, with the dream of opening up Swedish society by connecting new and established Swedes. She is passionate about creating a more open and inclusive Sweden and Europe. Kompis Sverige works with integration on an individual level and has so far connected over 1,300 people. The organization is built on a wide foundation of collaborations with the private, public, and citizen sector, including collaborations with six municipalities, the County Administrative Board of Stockholm, the Antonia Ax:son Johnson foundation Axfoundation, Inkludera Invest, Ratos, and a growing number of institutions and civil society organizations in Sweden. She holds a Master’s degree in International Relations from Stockholm University and studied Economics at The Chinese University of Hong Kong as part of her degree.
Olivier Ray  
*Head of Crisis Prevention and Conflict Unit, French Development Agency (AFD), France*

Olivier Ray has headed the AFD’s crisis prevention and post-conflict recovery unit since January 2014. He was previously Diplomatic Advisor to France’s Minister of Health and Social Affairs. In 2011-2012, he was responsible for International Development at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ Policy Planning Department. Before joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Olivier Ray was Senior Economist at the AFD’s MENA Department. Prior to this, he was special assistant to AFD’s CEO Jean-Michel Severino, with whom he co-authored *Africa’s Moment* (Polity Press, 2011), and *Le Grand Basculement: la question sociale à l’échelle mondiale* (Odile Jacob, 2011), as well as numerous articles on international development. Before joining AFD, he worked for the United Nations’ Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the *Security Council Report*, on questions of development, conflict prevention and post-conflict recovery. Olivier Ray holds an MA in International Affairs from Columbia University, a Master’s degree in Public Affairs from Sciences-Po, and a BSc in International Relations from LSE.

**SESSION 4: Creating Conditions for Shared Prosperity and Economic Growth for refugee and host communities welfare - Spotlights on innovative actions and experiences**

Ahed Al Ziyadat  
*Project Director, Emergency Services and Resilience Project, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Jordan*

Mr. Ziyadat has held numerous positions at the Jordanian Ministry of Municipal Affairs since 1987, moving from research positions to Head of Municipal Councils Deferment. In 2014, he became Assistant to the Secretary general for Municipal Affairs. Since 2014, he is also the Director of the Emergency Service and Social Resilience Projects. In January 2016, he was nominated Advisor to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. He holds a degree in Economics from Jordan University.
John Speakman
Advisor, World Bank, “Special Economic Zones in Jordan”

John Speakman is an Advisor in the World Bank Middle East North Africa Trade and Competitiveness Practice. He presently leads the Bank’s efforts to develop economic opportunities for Syrian Refugees. He has extensive experience in the region working in 19 of the 21 countries including significant time in Jordan and Syria. He has worked extensively in fragile situations and has authored a book on Entrepreneurship in Fragile Environments. He holds a Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Auckland, is a Chartered Accountant and studied Development Economics at LSE. Prior to joining the Bank in 1995, he worked for Deloitte where his final responsibility was responsible for Deloitte New Zealand’s international consulting practice.

Önder Yalçın
Head of the Migration Office, Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality, Turkey

Önder Yalçın is currently Head of the Migration Office at Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality, and was previously Coordinator of the Social Research Center at the Municipality. He is also a Youth Worker and Project Coordinator. His educational background and focus is on community collaboration and human rights, which led him to a number of volunteer opportunities at different NGOs and a board member position at the Merit Education Association. Önder received his Bachelor Degree in Social Work and Master’s Degree in Social Work at Hacettepe University, Ankara. He is currently studying at the English Language Teaching Department at Gaziantep University and pursuing a Master’s in Political Science and International Relations at Hasan Kalyoncu University.

Matthias Schulze-Boeing
Head of Department for Employment, Statistics and Integration Policies, City of Offenbach am Main, Germany

Matthias Schulze-Boeing holds degrees in Sociology, Economics and Philosophy from Frankfurt University and the Free University of Berlin. He was Researcher in several German universities before working for the City of Offenbach as Delegate for Employment Policy. Since 1995, he has worked as Head of Department for Employment, Statistics, Social Development, and Integration Policies at the City Council of Offenbach am Main, as well as being European Liaison Officer for the City. Matthias Schulze-Boeing is also involved in numerous efforts at the public, private and research levels, to stimulate and facilitate employment in the City of Offenbach am Main as well as at the regional and national levels. He was also Chair of the Working Group on Employment and Social Policy of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (Brussels) from 2000 to 2010.
Haneen Ismail Sayed  
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Haneen Sayed is Program Leader at the World Bank MENA Department covering Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq and Iran, and is based in Lebanon. Her sectors of responsibilities span education, health, social protection, labor, poverty, and gender. Haneen is an economist by training and has more than 20 years of experience in leading dialogue and programs in human and economic development. Prior to joining the MENA region in 2003, she was Country Manager for Korea and Myanmar in the East Asia and Pacific Region of the World Bank. She also served on the Executive Board of Directors of the World Bank as Senior Advisor to the Executive Director representing the countries of the Middle East. Prior to joining the Board of Directors, she worked on Indonesia, Pakistan, and countries of the Caribbean, also at the World Bank. Haneen joined the World Bank in 1992 from Stanford and Columbia Universities where she earned her M.A. and M.Phil degrees in economics. She has taught at various universities in New York City, as well as worked at Morgan Stanley, the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

SESSION 5: Mobilizing resources and strengthening multi-partner collaborations towards supporting refugee and host communities welfare

Frank Bousquet  
*Director, Regional Programs, Partnerships And Integrated Solutions For the MENA Region, World Bank*

Before being nominated Director for Regional Programs, Partnerships and Integrated Solutions for the MENA Region, Franck Bousquet served as the World Bank’s Manager of the Urban and Social Development Sectors in MENA, as well as MENA Coordinator for Disaster Risk Management. Prior to this position, he was the Program Coordinator for Central and Western Africa in the World Bank’s Urban and Water Unit where he worked for seven years. Before joining the Bank, he worked as the Finance Director of a water utility and as the Advisor for Economic and European Affairs at the French Highway Directorate. He has also worked for a number of investment banks, focusing on asset management, derivative strategies and risk management. He has published numerous papers, with particular emphasis on infrastructure financing and public private partnerships.