



**PUBLIC - PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE**

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Introduction

The engagement of the private health sector in universal health coverage is inevitable. However, in most countries of the Middle East and North African (MENA) region, the role and workings of the private sector are not clear (WHO). In addition, its relationships and partnership modalities are poorly regulated and not well organized to support complementarity with the public health sector, due to a lack of public policy direction and planning, and a lack of a defined role delineating the sector's contribution towards the achievement of development goals.

It is estimated that nearly 50% of health care in developing countries, even for those at the lowest income levels, is provided by the private sector. An analysis of Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) data from 2000 to 2012 across 46 lower middle income countries found that the private commercial sector provided for 36% of women receiving antenatal care. Similar DHS data analyses have found that over a third of deliveries with appropriate care take place in the private sector, as well as over half of all care for children with diarrhea, fever, and cough. DHS data also showed that between 27% and 30% of users in sub-Saharan Africa obtained contraception from private sector providers. In most Eastern Mediterranean Region countries, the private sector is a dominant outpatient health services provider, and up to 70% of outpatient services are provided by the private health sector. The private sector therefore remains a key untapped partner in progress towards universal health coverage.

The private sector's role is broad, ranging from service provision, medical education, infrastructure building, and production and supply of medicines and health technologies. The sector is also linked to a variety of challenges, including unregulated expansion, lack of accreditation programmes, varying workforce practices between the private and public sectors, irrational and inefficient use of biomedical devices and technologies, non-prescription sale of antibiotics resulting in antimicrobial resistance, out-dated regulations, inadequate regulatory quality control, and limited availability of data.

The need for better quality, equity and access calls for further thinking on the role of the private sector within health systems and a broader systems perspective on how public and private sectors can work together to address the challenges of affordability, equity, quality, and availability of care.

There is an increasing need for a synergistic set of policies on this topic, which requires joint action by health and non-health sectors, public and private actors, and citizens, in service of this common interest.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVE

The MENA Health Policy Forum is organizing a conference with the overall objective of providing decision makers with policy options to expand access to quality and efficient essential health services as a core function for the achievement of universal health coverage, as delineated in the Sustainable Development Goals 2030, and taking equity into consideration.

The conference will aim to answer the question: “how can public/private interests become better aligned for the provision of equitable services toward universal health coverage?”

This will be explored by defining the role of the private sector in health systems and identifying opportunities to strengthen the public/private health systems in the MENA region, with the aim of taking advantage of the existing private sector to serve public health objectives.

CONFERENCE APPROACH

The conference will provide a platform for policy dialogue and experience exchange among policymakers, private sector actors, academics, researchers and development organizations, and for discussion of the experiences of Arab countries as compared with other international experiences, in order to better identify how to efficiently engage the private sector in health service delivery to improve health coverage and hence outcomes in the MENA region.

CONFERENCE THEMES

The conference will focus on improving the delivery of health care services or supply-side programs, and particularly on improving coverage, expanding benefits and managing resources. Besides the presentation of several papers, its focus will be on how to improve health service provision in relation to the following pillars and subthemes:

A. THE CASE FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IN HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROVISION

Expansion of access is becoming feasible with acquired new capacities that allow preferential services and service delivery sources. Working models of engagement between major public and private sector actors in order to achieve public health goals and expanded access are available. However, a number of challenges still act as barriers to service improvement.

B. INDEPENDENT REGULATION TO PREVENT POTENTIAL ABUSE OF MARKET POWER

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C. THE ROLE OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR AND TECHNOLOGY

Expensive, cutting-edge technologies are often perceived as an indicator of high quality services. There is a high level of irrational pharmaceutical prescribing in private as well as public settings, leading to development of bacterial resistance to antibiotics, ineffective treatment, adverse effects of drugs, drug dependence, risk of transmission of infection, and economic burdens on the patient and on society more broadly. Creating appropriate products for different resource settings requires in-depth understanding of the particular needs and resource capacities of each country. Roles for controlling prices and affordability function and regulation of the pharmaceutical industry are essential in reconciling private and public interests to enhance efficiency.

D. POLICY FORMULATION

Engagement between public and private health sectors requires deliberate, systematic collaboration with the government that goes beyond individual interventions and programs. The role of the private sector in the health reform process and in the formulation of clear policies cannot be neglected. The sector's roles and responsibilities must therefore be defined, to support effective engagement and avoid unexpected escalation to higher cost levels.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The conference will convene government representatives, policymakers, health reformers, academics and health professionals from the region.

SPONSORS

The conference is supported by major financial contributions from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development and by the financial and technical support of the World Health Organization.

VENUE

Cairo Marriott Hotel | Aida Ballroom

AGENDA

Day 1: November 12, 2017

9:30 - 10:00	Registration	
10:00 - 11:00	Opening session Chairperson: Welcome and Keynote Addresses:	Ahmed Galal MENA HPF Lubna AlAnsary Assistant WHO D-G Maha El Rabbat MENA HPF
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30-13:00	Session 1: Public Private Partnership in Health: Facts, Prospects and Challenges Scene-setting Chairperson: Speakers: Open discussion	John Jabbour WHO Mark Halliday IFC Salman Rawaf Imperial College
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	Session 2: Alternative Models of Public Private Partnership in Health: Experiences from the Region Panel Discussion Moderator: Panelists: Open discussion	Raeda Alquotob MENA HPF Alaa Hamed World Bank Mohsen George HIO, Egypt Nabil Kronfol LHCM, Lebanon
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00-17:30	Session 3: Evidence and Knowledge for Strengthening Public-Private Partnerships; Country Experiences Chairperson: Speakers: Open discussion	Maha El Adawy WHO/EMRO Fadi El-Jardali AUB, Lebanon Mohamed Farghaly Health ministry, Dubai Aziz Yahya Health ministry, Morocco Ali El Habsi Health ministry, Oman



Day 2: November 13, 2017

9:30 - 9:45	Recap of Day 1	
9:45- 11:15	Session 4: Pharmaceutical Industry and Technology Profitability	
	Chairperson:	Nagla Altigani Health ministry, Saudi Arabia
	Speakers:	Adham Ismail WHO/EMRO Sarbani Chakraborty Roche, EEMEA Ashraf Khouly ESPR, Pfizer
	Open discussion	
11:15-11:45	Coffee Break	
11:45-13:00	Session 5: Regulation to Prevent Abuse of Market Power	
	Chairperson:	Ibrahim Aqel IFH, Jordan
	Speakers:	Hala Abu Taleb WHO/EMRO Chokry Arfa University of Carthage, Tunisia Sherine Shawky AUC-SRC, Egypt
	Open discussion	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	Session 6: Partnerships for Resources for Health Service Delivery	
	Chairperson:	Seif Al Nabhani Health ministry, Oman
	Speakers:	Awad Mataria EMRO Laila Iskandar CID Consulting, Egypt Ehab Abu El Magd Private insurance
	Open discussion	
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break	
16:00-17:00	Session 7: The Way Forward	
	Panel Discussion	
	Moderator:	Ahmed Galal MENA HPF
	Panelists:	HE Ahmed Emad Rady Minister of Health and Population, Egypt Mostafa Nabli Former Governor of the Central Bank, Tunisia Zafar Mirza EMRO George Gotsadze Health Systems Global
	Open Discussion	

Speakers Bios



Dr. Adham Ismail

Dr. Adham Ismail is a senior biomedical engineer with over 20 years of experience as an international healthcare technology professional. Dr. Ismail is currently in charge of the essential medicines and health technology program in the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office of WHO. His current duties involve assisting Member States in developing national strategies and programs in the area of health technologies (including medical devices and assistive products); designing regional tools/guidelines; promoting inter-sectoral collaboration with relevant institutions; and strengthening national capacity in developing Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and Management (HTM) systems. Dr. Ismail is a graduate of: (1) Alexandria University, where he earned a BS in Electrical and Communications Engineering in 1991 and an MSc in Biomedical Engineering in 1994, (2) University of Miami - USA, where he earned his Ph.D. degree in Biomedical Engineering in 1998, and (3) Arab Academy for Science and Technology, where he complemented his managerial abilities by obtaining an MBA in 2004. Dr. Ismail has published many articles in renowned engineering journals and has participated in many national and international conferences.



HE Dr. Ahmed Emad Eldin Rady

HE Dr. Ahmed Emad Eldin Rady is the Minister of Health and Population in the government of Egypt. Dr. Rady graduated from the Faculty of Medicine Ain Shams University and was the Dean of the Faculty. He is considered one of the most prominent orthopedic physicians in Egypt.



Dr. Ahmed Galal

Dr. Ahmed Galal is former Managing Director of the Economic Research Forum (ERF) and the President and Chairman of the Board of Forum Euroméditerranéen des Instituts des Sciences Économiques (FEMISE). He is a member of the Board of the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) and the MENA Health Policy Forum. Mr. Galal was Egypt's Finance Minister between July 2013 and February 2014. Previously, he worked for the World Bank for 18 years where he conducted research and provided policy advice to governments in several regions. While on leave from the Bank (2000-2006), he was the Executive Director and Director of Research of the Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES). Galal authored or co-authored more than dozen books, including Welfare Consequences of Selling Public Enterprises and The Road Not Traveled: Education Reform in the Middle East and North Africa. He also authored several journal articles and book chapters. In 2004, he was awarded the prestigious regional prize for Economic and Social Sciences by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences. Galal holds a PhD in economics from Boston University.



Dr. Alaa Hamed

A Senior Operations Officer at the World Bank since 1998, with more than 30 years of experience working in health and human development on regional and country projects in the Middle East/ North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa. A Medical Doctor and has a Doctorate Degree in Public Health. Specialized in designing service delivery solutions and managing projects in areas related to health systems, public health, population, nutrition, health financing, public private partnerships, results-based financing and social protection. Worked as integrator in multi-sectoral programs. He was the Team Leader for Egypt and Yemen and currently the Team Leader for Sudan.

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Dr. Ali Abdullah Amer Al Habsi

Dr. Ali Abdullah Amer Al Habsi is the Director General of Health Services, Al Dhahira Government. During his career, he was assigned various positions including Health Attaché in Oman embassy, London; Director-General at Ministry of Health, Oman and Program Manager at UNFPA.



Dr. Awad Mataria

Dr. Awad Mataria is the Regional Adviser for Health Economics and Financing at the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean. Dr. Mataria has more than ten years of experience in health system strengthening and health financing. For the last six years, he has been supporting the countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region to reform their health financing systems to move towards Universal Health Coverage. Dr. Mataria has a Masters in Health System Analysis and a Ph.D. in Health Economics. His areas of expertise are: Universal Health Coverage; health systems' financing and organization; Social Health Insurance; using economics in health care priority setting; measuring the benefits of health care mainly using stated preferences techniques; economic evaluation of health care interventions (cost-effectiveness analysis, cost-utility analysis and cost-benefit analyses); and National Health Accounts. Dr. Mataria has several publications in high impact journal



Dr. Ashraf Ahmed ElKhouly

Dr. Ashraf Ahmed ElKhouly has nearly 29 years experience constantly working in multinational pharmaceutical companies mostly in senior management positions. He is currently filling the position of Corporate Affairs and Communication Director of Pfizer Egypt and Sudan from May 2013. Dr. ElKhouly is the chairman of the Egyptian Society of Pharmaceutical Research (ESPR). He is a board member of the Industrial Chamber of Pharmaceuticals, Cosmetics and Appliances. He was the Country Manager of Bayer Pharmaceutical for Egypt, Lybia, Sudan, and Yemen from April 2007 to February 2013 and the Country Manager of Schering AG for the Gulf countries from January 2001 to March 2007. He was the head of marketing of Schering AG for Saudi Arabia from January 1999 to January 2001. Dr. ElKhouly has In Market experience in pricing, agents (distributors) agreements, marketing & sales covering major markets in the Middle East (Saudi, Gulf countries, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Emirates and Oman, Egypt, Libya, Sudan and Yemen).



Dr. Chokri Arfa

Dr. Chokri Arfa holds a Ph.D and HDR in health economics from Tunis Faculty of Economic Sciences and Catholic University of Lille in France. He is currently associate professor, ex-director of research department at the National Institute of Labor and Social Studies, University of Carthage and secretary-general of the national observatory of social inequality in health. He has 18 years of experience in management of public health, teacher and trainer as well as international consultant. He has published in numerous journals and coauthor of book "Economie et Santé: Evaluation et Stratégies de mise en oeuvre". His research activities and publications are focused on health financing and equity, social protection in health, efficiency and productivity of health facilities etc. His last published paper was titled "Monitoring and Evaluating Progress towards Universal Health Coverage in Tunisia".

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Dr. Ehab Abou El Magd

Dr. Ehab Abou El Magd is the Chairman and Managing Director of Platinum Healthcare Holdings Group. Founded in 1999, it includes the largest group of companies engaged in the field of medical insurance, health care and various insurance consultancy. Dr. Ehab is founder and president of the Egyptian Federation of Health Care Management Companies. He is advisor and insurance expert and a member of the American Health Insurance Planners (AHIP) as well as head of medical insurance studies at the Egyptian Institute of Insurance.



Dr. Fadi El-Jardali

Dr. Fadi El-Jardali is a Professor of Health Policy and Systems and the Chairman of the Health Policy and Management Department (HMPD) at the Faculty of Health Sciences (AUB). He is also the Founder and the Director of the Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Center; Co-Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Center for Evidence-Informed Policy and Practice; Co-Director of the Center for Systematic Reviews in Health Policy and Systems Research (SPARK); and Co-Director of the Nodal Institute at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. He is an adjunct professor at the Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact at McMaster University in Canada. Dr. El Jardali holds a PhD in Public Policy (2003) from Carleton University in Canada. Dr. El Jardali held senior positions with policy analysis related organizations such as the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (as Hospital Consultant), Federal Department of Health / Health Canada (as Senior Policy Advisor) and the Health Council of Canada (as Health Economist and Program Manager).

He is a recipient of the Global Health Leadership Award and has been elected twice to the Board of Health Systems Global Society. He is also a recipient of the Fellowship on Evidence Informed Policy from the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research. He is the founding member of the MENA Health Policy Forum.



Dr. George Gotsadze, MD, PhD

Dr. George Gotsadze is one of the founders and executive director of the Curatio International Foundation (CIF), a not-for-profit Georgian Think Tank established in 1994 and working on health systems and policy issues of Eastern Europe and Central Asian Countries for more than two decades. Since March 2015, CIF in Tbilisi, Georgia hosts the secretariat of Health Systems Global (HSG), the first international membership organization dedicated to promoting health systems research and knowledge translation and Dr. Gotsadze is an executive director of HSG. HSG is an owner and organizer of biennial Global Symposiums on Health Systems Research, the fifth one to take place this year in Liverpool, UK during October 8-12th. Dr. Gotsadze is an associate professor and teaches health care financing at the School of Public Health at Tbilisi Medical University. He has authored over 40 scientific papers and several books and book chapters. He is also known for his contributions to the Global Health serving as a vice chair of the Technical Review Panel of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the Geneva-based innovative financing institution. Throughout his career, Dr. Gotsadze also served on the Boards of non-profit with global reach and on international panels dealing with health issues on a global scale.



Dr. Hala Abou Taleb

Dr. Hala Abou Taleb is an advisor at the Eastern-Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO) of the World Health Organization. She holds a Master degree in Public Health and Epidemiology and a Ph.D. in Community Medicine and Social Science from the Kasr Al Aini medical school and the London school of hygiene and tropical medicine. She works on issues related to the strengthening of health system governance to progressively achieve universal health care coverage (UHC). Her research also covers the promotion of the right to health and equity, public health law, health diplomacy and policy planning, and development. Since 1999 Dr. Abou-Taleb worked for various United Nations organizations including UNFPA, and UNAIDS Regional Office for Middle East and North Africa.

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Dr. Ibrahim Aqel

Dr. Ibrahim Aqel has a distinct background in management and leadership with over 20 years of experience in project management, training and tutoring in the areas of healthcare management, healthcare research, youth and local economic development. Additionally, Dr. Aqel, has been contributing to several national projects led by local and international partners, USAID and UN agencies programs, in his capacity as a consultant, mainly in the fields of health accreditation and quality control, strategic planning, organizational development and capacity building. Currently he is working as IFH Director at King Hussein Foundation. The Institute for Family Health (IFH) is a regional model providing comprehensive family healthcare services and training for professionals and caregivers in the fields of family healthcare, child protection, and rehabilitation for survivors of gender-based violence and torture. Before his current job he worked as assistant professor at University of Petra. He also worked as a Service Delivery Improvement Specialist at HSS USAID Bridge project. Before that he worked as a Vice President, Vice Dean and Director of Transformation at Luminus Group, leading the efforts of transforming Luminus vocational educational and training programs from the national level to be internationally accredited and recognized by PEARSON / EDEX-CEL.



Dr. John Jabbour

Dr. John Jabbour was assigned to the post of WHO Representative in Egypt April 2016. Prior to this assignment Dr. Jabbour held the post of the WHO Representative in Libya from July 2012. He started his career at the WHO as the manager of the non-communicable diseases program at the WHO country office in Lebanon. Dr. Jabbour joined the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean in 2003 where he held different posts, including Surveillance Officer for Tuberculosis, Medical Officer for Emerging Infections and Regional Adviser for the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) program. Dr. Jabbour supported all countries in the Region to build the necessary capacities for the implementation of the IHR 2005. Prior to joining the WHO, Dr. Jabbour worked at the American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences. He taught principles of epidemiology and biostatistics. Afterwards, his career shifted towards the public health sector where he was appointed as the head of the epidemiological surveillance unit, at the directorate of preventive health, Ministry of Health in Lebanon. This enriched his capacities in the field of epidemiological surveillance of communicable diseases. Dr. Jabbour has published a wide range of publications and guidelines in the field of epidemiological surveillance. He is also the founding member of the Lebanese Epidemiological Association, established in 1994.



Dr. Laila Iskandar

Dr. Laila Iskandar was the Minister of State for Urban Renewal and Informal Settlements in Egypt from July 2014-September 2015 and before that served as Minister of State for Environmental Affairs in the two cabinets following the June 30th Revolution. Prior to holding public office she was a leading member of civil society both nationally and internationally, working with grass roots communities in informal urban settlements and deprived villages in Upper Egypt as well as being part of global networks addressing issues of Urban Poverty. She was Chairperson of CID Consulting from 1995 - 2013, which was awarded the “Social Entrepreneur of the Year” award in 2006 at the World Economic Forum by the Schwab Foundation for the sustainable recycling school established in partnership with UNESCO. She studied economics, political science at Cairo University, Near Eastern studies and international education development at UC Berkeley (Masters of Arts in Teaching), California and Columbia University, N.Y (Doctorate in International Education Development). Her international assignments have included serving as jury to UNESCO’s International Literacy Prize, acting as UNESCO’s Resource Person for the Arab region since 2005 on the United Nations Literacy Decade - UNLD - and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Decade, and served as CIDA’s Education Advisor in Egypt. She worked on issues of informality of dwelling and livelihood for over 30 years, with a focus on the informal waste sector building on recycling SME’s and value chain analysis. Her work links up to global networks of recycling organizations and informal settlements.



Dr. Lubna El- Ansary

Dr. Lubna El- Ansary has been appointed as assistant to WHO general Director. Originally Dr Lubna is a Professor of Family Medicine at the College of Medicine, King Saud University (KSU). Her efforts in promoting evidence-based health care, allowed her to hold the Bahamdan Research Chair for evidence-based health care and knowledge translation at KSU. Dr. Lubna was a member of the Consultative Council (Majlis Al-Shura), which is the ‘Appointed Parliament’, in KSA. She joined the Council in January 2013 as one of the first women MPs ever. She was elected as the Deputy Chairperson for the Health Affairs and Environment Committee of the Council and she was selected to represent women MPs at the Inter-parliamentary Union. Dr. Lubna is a member of the board of trustees of MENA HPF.

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Dr. Maha El Adawy

Dr. Maha El Adawy was appointed Director, Division of Health Protection and Promotion, in July 2016. She previously worked as the Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in the Islamic Republic of Iran from August 2015 to July 2016. She also held the position of Program and Technical Regional Advisor, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights in the UNFPA Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt from January 2009 to August 2015. Dr. El-Adawy was the Policy Adviser for Health in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) office in New York, USA, from June 2007 to December 2008. Prior to this post, Dr. El-Adawy was the Senior Regional Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights Program Officer at the Ford Foundation, New York, USA, from March 2000 until June 2007. She held other senior health positions at the European Commission Delegation in Cairo, Egypt, as well as at Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, USA. Dr. El-Adawy holds a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery from the Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, Egypt. She holds a Master's degree in Public Health from Cairo University, Egypt. Dr. El-Adawy holds a Master's degree of Public Health in Maternal and Child Health from Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, as well as a Doctorate degree of Public Health from Cairo University, Egypt. She also holds the Eisenhower fellowship for leadership development from the Eisenhower Fellowship program, Philadelphia, USA.



Dr. Maha El-Rabbat

Dr. Maha El-Rabbat is a public health professor at Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University and X-minister of Health and Population for the government of Egypt. She obtained her medical degree from Cairo University, after which she pursued her postgraduate education in public health at the same institution and also abroad in the United States and United Kingdom in the fields of health sector reform, health systems strengthening and population studies. She has held high academic and technical positions in public health and worked closely with national and international organizations on national and regional programs and global studies supporting health system strengthening, community development, population issues and non-communicable diseases. She has wide experience in conducting system-wide assessments and strategic planning with an understanding of the region's challenges and opportunities that contributed to health development efforts. She currently serves as the executive director of the Middle East and North Africa Health Policy Forum (MENA HPF).



Mr. Mark Halliday

Mr. Mark Halliday is the Head of Healthcare PPP advisory at the IFC, based in Washington, DC. He is originally from the UK. Mark joined the IFC from Philips Healthcare where he was the head of PPP. As well as industry experience Mark has both public and private sector experience including time at KPMG Corporate Finance, where he worked in the Global Infrastructure and Projects Group advising governments and private clients on the implementation of PPP projects worldwide. Prior to that, he worked for the National Audit Office in the UK evaluating value for money in PPP projects. Before specializing in PPP projects, Mark worked in energy project finance in London, England. Mark holds a Master of Business Administration from ESCP Europe in Paris.



Dr. Mohamed Fargaly

Dr. Mohamed Fargaly is a Professor at Dubai Medical College, senior specialist at Dubai Health Authority, member of UAE technical committee for diabetes, member of UAE National Diabetes Guideline Committee, Member of DHA diabetic board, accredited trainer in family medicine by the Royal College of General Practitioners in United Kingdom and accredited examiner for MRCGP (INT). He is a senior tutor and module lead for Leicester University Diabetes Diploma. He is the Chairman of Family Medicine scientific committee EMA, General Secretary of WONCA EMR.

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Dr. Mohsen George

Dr. Mohsen George is a medical doctor, the Vice President of Health Insurance Organization (HIO) in Egypt since January 2014, before which, he was the Chief Medical Officer of HIO for a previous three years. He has several areas of experience in addition to Health Insurance systems, as training and education, quality in health care, and health financing. He studied management at American University, Harvard School of Public Health, Indian Institute of management and Flagship Program by World Bank Institute. In the same time, he is general and laparoscopic surgery consultant, and member of the General Surgery Scientific Council of both; the Egyptian Fellowship Board and the Arab Board of Health Specializations. He is also a member of the European Pathway Association, the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Care Pathway, and the Advisory Board of the Journal of the Arab Board of Health Specializations.



Dr. Mustapha Kamel Nabli

Dr. Mustapha Kamel Nabli is a Tunisian economist. He served as Governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia from January 2011 until June 2012. He was at the World Bank from 1997 to 2010, where he was Chief Economist and Director of the Social and Economic Development Department for the MENA region (1999-2008). From 1990 to 1995 he was Minister of Planning and Regional Development in Tunisia. He held various academic positions before that and holds a Master's and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California at Los Angeles (1974). Dr. Nabli is an ERF Senior Associate.



Dr. Nabil Kronfol

Dr. Nabil Kronfol is a Professor of Health Policy and Management and the President of the Lebanese Health-Care Management Association that focuses on the further development of policies and health systems in Lebanon and the MENA Region. He is also a co-founder of the recently established “Center for Studies on Ageing” in Lebanon and the MENA Region. He received his BSc degree in 1965 and the medical degree with the Penrose Award from the American University of Beirut (AUB) in 1969 and became a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics in 1972. He then received a Doctorate degree in Public Health in Health Services Administration from Harvard University. Dr. Kronfol joined the American University of Beirut in 1974 and while on the professional tenure he established the College of Health Sciences in the State of Bahrain, four schools of nursing in the United Arab Emirates and the Planning Unit at Lebanon’s Ministry of Health. He also played a key role in the establishment of several faculties of Medicine and Public Health in the MENA Region. Dr. Kronfol received the International McGaw Award in 1984, the Fulbright International scholar Award in 1985 and lately the Shusha Award from the World Health Organization (2007). He is a member and past president of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor medical society and the Sigma Phi science society.



Dr. Nagla El Tigani

Dr. Nagla El Tigani is currently Consultant, Quality and Excellence Program, Assisting Deputyship for Primary Health Care, Ministry of Health Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. She is a medical doctor, graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Warsaw, Poland, 1998 and holds a Post Graduate Certificate in Health Management Planning and Policy (PGC HMPP) from the University of Leeds, UK, 2012 and a clinical MD in Community Medicine from the Sudan Medical Specialization Board, 2014. She has worked in several positions within the different departments of the Sudan Federal Ministry of Health, with major focus on Non-Communicable Diseases, Health Systems Strengthening and Project Management. Dr. Nagla was the Deputy Manager for GAVI/GF ATM HSS Unit at the Sudan Federal Ministry of Health from January, 2013 to October, 2015. She has led the Health Systems Strengthening Project Management Unit for the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (GAVI/HSS) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GF ATM/HSS) during the period 2008-2014. She sits on several national and international committees and has participated in various researches and drafting of project proposals.

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Dr. Raeda Alqutob

Dr. Raeda Alqutob is a Professor of Public health (women and child health) and a physician by training. Has over thirty years of experience in public health teaching, research, and policy. She held several professional and administrative top level leadership and management positions; currently a Senator at Jordan Senate, public health and children adviser to the First Lady of Jordan, dean Faculty of Medicine /University of Jordan, WHO/UNFPA regional advisor on reproductive health, director of UNICEF Jordan country program, secretary general for The National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA), and The Higher Population Council in Jordan, board member of national and regional development bodies. Dr. Alqutob is the president of the Women Advisory Panel of the Islamic Development Bank. She founded and directed a not for profit company and an NGO. She is an author of a number of publications and winner of regional and international awards.



Mr. Saif Al Nabhani

Mr. Saif Al Nabhani is Advisor in Ministry of Health of Oman, Chairman of Oman Medical Compensation Board, board member of the Public Authority for Social Insurance, chairperson of the human resources board committee with Public Authority for Social Insurance and member of the Advisory Board for the College of Nursing, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman. Mr. Saif is a human resource specialist. He holds MSc in Human Resource Development, University of Manchester, UK. He worked extensively in HR management, health-care management and strategic planning.



Prof. Salman Rawaf

Prof. Salman Rawaf is the chair of Public Health, Director of WHO Collaborating Centre in the Department of Pri-mary Care and Public Health at Imperial College London and Honorary Consultant Physician in the NHS. He acquired his qualification in medicine, with training in pediatrics and public health, and spent the breadth of his career in leading roles in the NHS; including 26 years as an Executive Director: County Medical Adviser, Medical Director, District Medical Officer and Director of Public Health. In the latter 23 years of his service in the NHS, he served as the Director of Health in South-West London with full responsibility for the health service in and outside the NHS, from which he then moved to Imperial College as Professor of Public Health, and the Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Public Health Education and Training, which supports several WHO Regions and their Member States. He is an adviser to the World Health Organization on primary care, public health, health systems, medical education and training, and human resource for health; a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians London and the UK Faculty of Public Health; a Member of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine Ireland; and the UK Faculty of Public Health Global Health Adviser.



Dr. Sarbani Chakraborty

Dr. Sarbani Chakraborty is currently Head of Public Policy for Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa (EEMEA) Region, F. Hoffman La Roche, based in Basel, Switzerland. In this capacity, she is responsible for working with Roche country policy staff on access to medicines, oncology policy and public-private partnerships. She is also responsible for Roche's regional engagement with international organizations and NGOs. Prior to joining Roche in May 2017, Sarbani worked as Head of Global Health Policy for Merck, based in Darmstadt, Germany (2013 – 2016). Prior to joining the pharma sector, Sarbani worked for 16 years with the World Bank as a Senior Health Specialist. At the Bank, she worked on health financing, public expenditure management and universal health coverage. Sarbani has Ph.D. in Health Policy from Johns Hopkins University. She is currently guest lecturer in global health policy at the Center for International Health, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich.

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Dr. Sherine Shawky

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