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On The World Bank & International Monetary Fund



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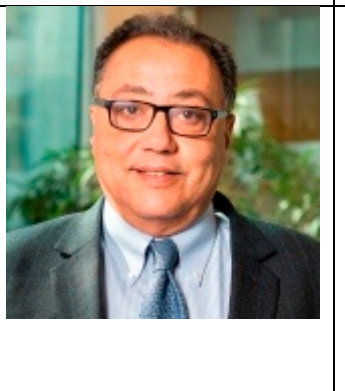
**BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS**

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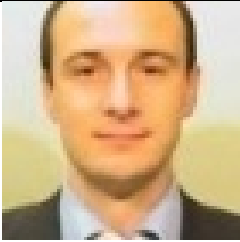
*Kindly note that the list is classified by alphabetical order (per last name).  
List as of November 25, 2016*

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|   | <p><b>Daniela GRESSANI</b><br/><i>Deputy Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department</i><br/>Daniela Gressani is deputy director of the Middle East and Central Asia department of the IMF, where she follows the transitions in the Arab world. Prior to joining the Fund, Daniela worked for 20-some years at the World Bank, where she focused on the Middle East and North Africa as well as Eastern Europe. She started her professional life as a research economist at the central bank of Italy, and studied economics and political science at the University of Rome and London School of Economics.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Bjoern ROTHER</b><br/><i>Advisor, Middle East &amp; Central Asia Department</i><br/>Björn Rother is an Advisor and Mission Chief for Tunisia in the Middle East &amp; Central Asia Department at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC. Before that, he headed the department’s Strategy and Partnership Unit, leading cross-country work on the Arab Countries in Transition and the economic impact of conflicts in the MENA region. Earlier positions during his 14 years at the IMF included head of the HR strategy unit in which role he developed a strategic workforce plan for the institution; and roles as economist specializing in crisis resolution and debt restructuring issues for emerging market countries in Latin America, Europe, and Africa. He is the author of “The Determinants of Currency Crises: A Political Economy Approach,” published by Palgrave MacMillan in 2009. His current interests include frameworks in support of economic transitions and of inclusive, sustainable growth. He worked previously as a consultant with McKinsey&amp;Company mainly on risk management issues for financial sector clients, and holds a Doctorate in Economics from the Free University of Berlin as well as degrees from the London School of Economics and Sciences Po in Paris.</p> |

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|  | <p><b>Robert BLOTEVOGEL</b><br/> <i>Resident Representative for Tunisia</i></p> <p>Robert Blotevogel is the IMF Representative in Tunisia. He accompanies the Tunisian government in implementing economic reforms under the IMF program, coordinates technical assistance, and communicates with the wider public about economic reform priorities. Previously, he was a country economist in the IMF's Middle East and Central Asia Department and an Economic Adviser at the Royal Bank of Scotland in Edinburgh. He holds an MPhil from the University of Cambridge.</p> |
|  | <p><b>Christoph ROSENBERG</b><br/> <i>Assistant Director, Communications Department</i></p> <p>Christoph Rosenberg is an Advisor in the IMF's Communications Department. Previously he worked in the European Department where he was the mission chief for Hungary. He coordinated the IMF's work on the Baltics and headed the Regional Office for Eastern Europe in Warsaw. He has worked on a range of emerging market countries and policy issues.</p>  |

| <p align="center"><b>WORLD BANK GROUP</b></p>                                       |   |
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|  | <p><b>Ferid Belhaj</b><br/> <i>Director for the Middle East, Direction for Middle East and North Africa</i></p> <p>Ferid Belhaj was appointed World Bank Director for the Middle East on September 17, 2012 covering Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq and Iran. He served as World Bank Director for the Pacific Region (2009-2012), Special Representative to the United Nations in New York (2007-2010), and Country Manager for Morocco (2002-2007). He joined the Bank in 1996 as a Senior Counsel in Legal Department.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Hafez GHANEM</b><br/> <i>MENA Vice President</i></p> <p>Hafez Ghanem, an Egyptian and French national, is the Vice President of the World Bank for the Middle East and North Africa since March 2, 2015. He is a development expert with more than thirty years of experience in policy analysis, project formulation and supervision, and management of multinational institutions. Dr. Ghanem leads the World Bank's engagement with 20 Middle East and North African countries through a portfolio of ongoing projects, technical assistance and grants worth more than US\$13 billion. Eradicating extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity through the creation of opportunities are core to his vision for the Middle East and North Africa Region. Prior to his appointment as Vice President, Dr. Ghanem was a</p> |

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|   | <p>Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution in the Global Economy and Development program leading the Arab economies project, focused on the impact of political transition on Arab economic development.</p> <p>Between 2007 and 2012, he served as the Assistant Director-General at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Thus, he was responsible for the Economic and Social Development Department and FAO's analytical work on agricultural economics and food security, trade and markets, gender and equity, and statistics. In this role he and his counterpart in OECD coordinated the preparation of the International Organizations' recommendations to the 2011 G20 meeting on how to respond the global food crisis. He also led the reforms of the Committee on World Food Security to make it more inclusive and responsive to country needs.</p> <p>Dr. Ghanem returns to the World Bank where he had already 24 years' experience (1983-2007), and has worked on Bank operations and initiatives in over 20 countries in Africa, Europe and Central Asia, Middle East and North Africa, and Southeast Asia. His previous positions at the World Bank include: Country Director for Nigeria where he led a multinational team of more than 100 professionals, managing the Bank's loan portfolio of some USD 1.5 billion; Country Director for Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius and Seychelles; and Sector Leader for Public Economics and Trade Policy in the Europe and Central Asia Region. Dr. Ghanem joined the World Bank in 1983 as a Young Professional and worked as a research economist before moving on to senior economist roles in West Africa and South Asia.</p> <p>He has many publications in professional journals and was a member of the core team that produced the World Bank's 1995 World Development Report. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree in Economics from the American University in Cairo and a PhD in Economics from the University of California, Davis. He is fluent in Arabic, English and French.</p> |
|  | <p><b>Marie-Françoise MARIE NELLY</b><br/> <i>Country Director for Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya and Malta</i></p> <p>Ms. Marie Françoise Marie-Nelly assumed office as the new World Bank Country Director for the Maghreb and Malta on July 1, 2015. After four years in Nigeria where she held the same position, Ms. Marie-Nelly's appointment comes at a time of significant challenges for the Maghreb countries and their international partners.</p> <p>The new Director will focus on strengthening the dialogue and partnership with the authorities of the group of five countries, Algeria, Libya, Malta, Morocco and Tunisia and mobilizing the resources needed for the countries to achieve their respective development priorities. This will include coordinating the World Bank's programs to achieve the strategic goals of significant, visible and sustainable development impacts. Ms. Marie-Nelly will also work on strengthening the partnership with civil society, the</p>  |

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|   | <p>private sector and the full range of stakeholders and development partners to ensure a synergy of actions and meaningful results.</p> <p>After joining the World Bank in 1994, Ms. Marie-Nelly held various positions in the institution especially in the areas of restructuring of public enterprises, support to private sector development, regional integration, and management of the oil sector. She was among others, Country Director for the two Congo (Brazzaville and DRC) from 2008 to 2011, Director for the World Bank Group Program related to the Chad Petroleum and the Chad-Cameroon pipeline project from 2004 to 2007 and Director for the regional integration program in Africa from 2000 to 2004.</p> <p>A native of Martinique, Ms. Marie-Nelly is a Certified Public Accountant, graduate of the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Nantes and Bowling Green University (Ohio, USA). She has also completed several management programs at Harvard University in the US. She worked for many international firms and was advisor to several governments before joining the World Bank.</p> |
|   | <p><b>Philippe de MENEVAL</b><br/> <i>Senior Private Sector Development Specialist</i> Philippe is a Senior Private Sector Development Specialist in the Middle East &amp; North Africa vice-presidency of the World Bank. He advises governments on structuring and implementing reform programs for modernizing business regulations, developing capital markets and implementing PPP transactions. Recently, he advised on investment climate reforms in Morocco, Libya and Lebanon, as well as on privatization programs in Kuwait and Egypt. He was previously a lawyer with PriceWaterhouseCoopers and worked with the French Development Agency. He also worked two years in India in the Economic Office of the French Embassy. He is a certified French Attorney and holds a LL.M. in Securities and Financial Regulations from Georgetown University.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>David ROBALINO</b><br/> <i>Manager, Social Protection &amp; Labor Department - Jobs Cross-Cutting Solutions Area</i></p> <p>David Robalino, an Ecuadorian National, joined the Bank in 1999 as a Young Professional. David has been working on issues related to labor markets, skills, social insurance and fiscal policy and has published widely on these topics. He has worked in several countries in Latin America, the Middle East and North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia. His most recent book is Social Insurance, Informality, and Labor Markets: How to Protect Workers while Creating new Jobs. David also serves as Co-Director of the Employment and Development Program at IZA – the Institute for the Study of the Labor. Prior to joining the Bank David was a researcher at the RAND Corporation.</p>  |



**Renaud SELIGMANN**

*Practice Manager, Governance Global Practice,*

Renaud Seligmann is currently Practice Manager of the Governance Global Practice unit at the World Bank. His work focuses on the Middle East and North Africa region. A French national, Renaud started his career as a financial judge at the Court of Accounts, the French Supreme Audit Institution. His focus was on aggregate fiscal risk in the public sector, performance budgeting and public sector reforms. He had a special interest in the health sector, leading financial and performance audits of cancer services, bio-terrorism and blood transfusion. He then became Deputy director of external audit at the United Nations Board of Auditors, where he led the first UN-wide audit of the response to the South Asian tsunami and was in charge of the audit of the UN Secretariat, UNICEF and other funds and programs, before joining the World Bank. He was based in Pretoria, South Africa and Washington, DC. Renaud holds a BA (hons.) in philosophy, politics and economics from Oxford University, a Master's Degree in political sociology from Sorbonne-Paris I University and a Master's in public policy from the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences-Po). He is also a graduate from the French National School for Administration executive leadership program. Renaud is on the faculty of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's "Public Financial Management in a Changing World" executive education course.

**GOVERNMENT OF THE TUNISIAN REPUBLIC**



**H.E. Youssef CHAHED**

*Head of Government*

H.E. Youssef Chahed was appointed as Head of the Tunisian Government in August 2016. He previously served as Minister of Local Affairs (January - August 2016) as well as Secretary of State in charge of Fisheries for the Ministry of Agriculture (2015-2016). Before joining Nidaa Tounes, he was a founding member of the *Al Joumhouri* party. He holds a Doctorate in Agro-economics (2003) as well as a Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies in Environmental Economics and Natural resources (1999) from the Institut National Agronomique Paris-Grignon (France).



**H.E. Fadhel ABDELKEFI**

*Minister for Development, Investment, and International Cooperation*

H.E. Fadhel Abdelkefi was appointed Minister for Development, Investment, and International Cooperation in August 2016. He previously served as Chair of the Tunis Stock Exchange Board of Directors (2011-2014) and as Chair of Tunisie Valeurs, a stockbroker company (2005). He graduated from the University Panthéon-Sorbonne Faculty of Economic Sciences.



**H.E. Lamia ZRIBI**

*Minister of Finance*

H.E. Lamia Boujna Zribi is the current Minister of Finance. She previously served as CEO in the Financing Bank for small and medium-sized enterprises (BFPME) as well as Secretary of State to the Minister of Development, Investment and International Cooperation in February 2015. Prior to her appointment as Secretary of State, she held the position of CEO in TradeNet (TTN). She served as Director General for forecasts in the Ministry of Development, Investment and International Cooperation (until 2008), as Director for External Expenses within the same ministry. H.E. Zribi holds a Degree from the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA, 1993) and a Masters Degree in Economic Science from the Law, Economic and Political Sciences Faculty of Tunis (1983).



**H.E. Mohamed ZINE EL ABIDINE**

*Minister of Culture*

H.E. Mohamed Zine El Abidine was appointed Minister of Culture in August 2016. Prior to this, he served as an expert to the UNESCO, as well as Director of the Tunis and Sousse Higher Institutes of Music and Director of the 2016 International Festival of Carthage. H.E. Mohamed Zine El Abidine holds three Doctorates in Aesthetics and Geopolitics; Political and Cultural Sociology; and Musical Sciences History from the University of Panthéon-Sorbonne.



**S.E. Selma ELLOUMI REKIK**

*Minister of Tourism and Handcrafts*

H.E. Selma Elloumi Rekik, Minister of Tourism and Handcrafts, served as a Member of Parliament for the NidaaTounes party. A business women, she then joins NidaaTounes along with her brother Faouzi Elloumi (Cofat CEO) since its inception. She later becomes a member of the party Executive Committee. After graduating in Management from the Management Higher Institute of Tunis; she joins the Elloumi group, the family company. She soon becomes

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|  | interested in agribusiness and chairs the Stifen agribusiness. Over 20 years, she developed great agricultural and agribusiness activity in the Cap Bon region, mostly export-oriented activity. After being Minister of Tourism in the Essid government, H.E. Selma Elloumi kept her portofolio in the Youssef Chahed government, on Saturday 20 August 2016. |
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| <b>TUNISIAN COURT OF ACCOUNTS/ARABOSAI</b> |  |
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|  | <b>Abdellatif KHARRAT</b><br><i>First President, Tunisian Court of Accounts; Secretary General, ARABOSAI</i> |
|  | <b>Amel ELLOUMI BAOUAB</b><br><i>Government Commissioner, Tunisian Court of Accounts</i>                     |

| <b>TUNISIAN BAR ASSOCIATION</b> |  |
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|                                 | <b>Fadhel MAHFOUDH</b><br><i>President</i> |

| <b>TUNISIAN UNION FOR INDUSTRY, TRADE AND CRAFTS</b> |  |
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|  | <b>Hichem ELLOUMI</b><br><i>Vice-President</i> |

| <b>SMART TUNISIA</b> |                     |
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|                      | <b>Elyes JERIBI</b> |

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