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Doreen Bogdan-Martin was elected Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau in November 2018 and took office on 1 January 2019.

She is a strategic leader with 30 years' high-level experience in international and inter-governmental relations, and a long history of success in policy and strategy development, analysis and execution.

From 2008-2018, she led the Strategic Planning & Membership Department of ITU, and also served as Coordinator of United Nations affairs.

She was one of the architects of the annual Global Symposium for Regulators and leads ITU's contribution to the EQUALS Global Partnership for Gender Equality in the Digital Age. She serves as Executive Director of the UN Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, and is leading ITU's collaboration with UNICEF and others on the GIGA project to connect the world's schools.

She holds a Master's degree in International Communications Policy from the American University in Washington, DC and a post-graduate certificate in Strategies for Leadership from the Institute for Management Development in Lausanne, Switzerland.

She is an affiliate of the Harvard University Berkman-Klein Center for Internet and Society, and a Generation Unlimited Champion. She serves on a number of advisory bodies, including the Geneva-Tsinghua Initiative, the SDG Lab Advisory Board, and the UN Technology Innovation Labs. She is also an amateur radio operator.

Ms Bogdan-Martin is married with four children.

Ghada Labib

Deputy Minister of Communications and Information Technology for Institutional Development, MCIT, Egypt



- Eng. Ghada Labib has been Deputy Minister of Communications and Information Technology for Institutional Development at the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology since December 2019.
- Labib has over 20 years of leadership expertise in Customer Management and Business Development in both the private and public sectors, as well as outstanding and broad practical Project Management experience.
- Prior to joining the Ministry of Communications, Labib held several leadership positions, including Deputy Minister of Planning for Administrative Reform, Mr. Prime Minister's Advisor for Follow-up and Information Systems. Director of the Prime Minister's Office, she also served as Assistant Minister of Communications and Information Technology for Institutional Development, Assistant Minister of Administrative Development and Responsible for The Development of the State Administrative Service at the State Ministry for Administrative Development, and Director of the Technical Office of The Minister of State for Administrative Development.
- Labib Received her Bachelor of Electronics and Communications Engineering from Cairo University in 1992, an MBA from French applied commercial science University (École Supérieure Libre des Sciences Commerciales Appliquées), a Diploma of Public Policy from the French National Administration School (ENA), a Diploma in Leadership Skills from Harvard University and a Diploma of Governance and Public Administration from the National Service College of Singapore, in addition to numerous degrees in various fields including Operational Excellence and Business Continuity, Policy Design and Evaluation, Governance and Public Administration, and currently studying law at Cairo University.
- Labib received numerous national and international awards, including the Arab Organization for Industrialization's shield, the General Authority's shield for Excellence in Health Care, the Egyptian Women's Necklace, and the golden shield in the Administrative Innovation Competition for a project aimed at automating the registration of births and deaths, as well as the Federation of Arab Tribes' Shield of Arabism, the Arab Women Award in Digital Transformation, and Digital Inclusion, the Arab Woman Award for Social Responsibility, and she was chosen as one of the 50 most inspiring and influential women in Egypt 2020, and she was chosen from the Amujae list, which contains 15 of the most inspirational African women leaders in the fields of management and public leadership.

Ms. Alaa Abdulaal

Vice President of Strategy and Governance, Digital Cooperation Organization



Ms. Alaa Abdulaal is the Vice-President of Strategy and Governance at the Digital Cooperation Organization, a multilateral organization established in 2020 to enable digital prosperity for all – representing more than half a billion people across member states Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Rwanda.

Ms. Alaa is an international digital economy, strategy, and international cooperation leader, previously serving as the Director of IT Strategy for the Ministry of Transport and Logistics in Saudi Arabia, and having worked for the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the Canadian private sector. Ms. Alaa has a first-class Bachelor's and Master's degree in Computer Science and Applied Computing from King Saud University.

Ms. Kholoud Al-Dorgham

Director General, Fiber Connect Council MENA



Kholoud graduated with degree in Finance and worked intensively in the Investment and Securities industries in Jordan and Saudi before taking over as Director General of the Fiber Connect Council MENA (Previously known as Fiber To The Home Council MENA) in early 2020.

Since leading the Council Kholoud took on multiple initiatives including the rebooting of the Council to align with the growth and conversion in Fiber Infrastructure project across the MENA Region, and have been working with the Council members who represents the

leading Operators and Vendors in the industry to position the Council as Thought leader in MENA region and a knowledge house as seen by the release of the 5G and FTTH MENA panorama and the knowledge-based webinar series that invited the world leaders in the fiber industry to share their knowledge and experience with Telecom Operators across the region. Kholoud was elected as a Judge of the Telecoms World Award – Middle East Series and is currently a member of the FCGA (Fiber Council Global Alliance) that coordinate key initiatives across the world.

Ms. Yomna Sherif

Generation Connect ARAB Youth Representative



Yomna Sherif is a master's student and a data & AI engineer at IBM Egypt. She's also a youth envoy at ITU's Generation Connect-Arab group, with a passion for fulfilling United Nations' SDGs and contributing to nation-wide ICT inclusion and prosperity.

Ms. Noha Gaafer

The Chair of Network of Women for WTDC for the Arab region and Executive Director of International Policies Department, National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA), Egypt



Ms. Noha Gaafar, is Executive Director of International Policies Department at the National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA) of Egypt, and the Chair of the Network of Women for WTDC in the Arab Region, besides being a member in the Advisory Board of the global Network of Women for WTDC. She has around 20 years of experience in the telecom regulatory field, as she worked among different domains, since she has joined NTRA in 2002.

Noha is an expert of international policies at NTRA. Therefore, in 2020, she was assigned the task of improving NTRA rank in the ICT Regulatory Tracker, and the G5 Benchmark of the ITU. In this regard, she put the base for NTRA to conduct Public Consultation, drafting the first version of Public Consultation Framework in NTRA. Moreover, she represented Egypt in the Government Advisory Committee (GAC) in the ICANN, for two years (2020 – 2021).

She served as Regional Cooperation Senior Manager, where she was responsible for coordinating cooperation activities with NTRA counterparts in Asia Pacific region. In that capacity, she participated in the organization of GSR-16 and WRC-19, hosted by Egypt in 2016 and 2019 respectively. In 2009, she managed the Twinning Project between NTRA and the Italian and German regulators. Prior to that, in 2008, Noha was assigned the file of Internet Governance at NTRA.

In 2002, Noha joined NTRA, to work in the Technical Affairs department, where she was in charge of NTRA participation in ITU activities, as well as other entities such as ATU, COMESA, and ARICEA. She was appointed as NTRA focal point for the projects of the Arab Regulators Network, in 2005.

Noha holds a B.Sc. degree in Political Science from Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, since 2000.

Ms. Aysha Ahmed BinHaji

**Director of Outreach and Awareness Directorate National Cyber Security Center (NCSC)
Ministry of Interior, Bahrain**



Aysha Ahmed Bin Haji is a Cyber Security Strategist and Analyst with over 9+ years of focus in Cyber that started in Academia and transitioned to Law Enforcement with the Ministry of Interior. Ms. BinHaji has broad areas of expertise in the Cyber Sector, covering Digital Forensics, Incidence Response, Threat Intelligence and Analysis. From her hands-on work with Incidences and Gap Analysis on a National and International Level, Ms. BinHaji has been recently promoted to her new role as Director of the Awareness and Outreach Directorate, at the National Cybersecurity Center wherein her role will be in raising awareness in cybersecurity and empowering citizens with knowledge and expertise building on national capacity, and developing national and international collaboration in areas of Cybersecurity and various other efforts under her leadership that would bolsters Bahrain as an information society and a developed digital citizenship.

She is an active member of the UK – GCC Women in Cybersecurity fellowship, and also a member of NGO of the female professionals “Women In Cyber Security Middle East”. She spoke as a panelist at the Sandiego Global Cyber Summit in 2018 about the challenges in Cyber Investigations and continues research in topics such as upcoming or hidden emerging Cyber threats and challenges like “Bullet Proof Hosting” and “Cryptocurrency”.

Other important contributions; In 2019 Aysha authored “Strategic Security Visions for Cyber positioning in the Kingdom of Bahrain”, talking about the Importance of Digital Sovereignty and National Level Cyber Development Strategies to leapfrog the Kingdom of Bahrain to securing Unconventional Cyber Capabilities and a better Cyber Posture for the new Digital Kingdom. In 2021 she was mentioned in the recognition given by INTERPOL (ASEAN Cyber Capacity Development Project) for the contribution of the published National Cybercrime Strategy Guidebook.

Ms. Ahlam Al Feel

Director of Corporate Communication, Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA), UAE



As a Director of Corporate Communication at the UAE’s Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA) since 2015, Ahlam has contributed to the dissemination of the concepts of the ICT and digital government to the broad sector of society. Through her position as Chief Happiness & wellbeing Officer within TDRA since 2017, she contributed to improving the user experience for various digital platforms and systems that rely on ICT.

Prior to her work at TDRA, Ahlam assumed the highest communication post at the Dubai’s Road and Transport Authority (RTA), where she led a team of experts in promoting the Dubai’s Transportation Strategy and its various initiatives.

Ahlam holds a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from Al-Ain University, UAE, and a Diploma Degree in Management from The Arab Academy for Science and Technology

and Maritime Transport, Alexandria, Egypt. She also holds an Executive MBA Degree from University of Sharjah, UAE.

Ahlam's professional experience started at the UAE's first telecommunications company Etisalat in 1996 in Sharjah.

Ms. Nisreen Deeb

IT Specialist & Executive Director, Lebanese League for Women in Business (LLWB), Lebanon



Nisreen Deeb is a computer scientist and a Social Entrepreneur working as an executive director of the Lebanese League for Women in Business, an organization that empowers women to take the lead and succeed, and co- founder of many initiatives to empower the youth and the women in STEAM.

She has more than 12 years of experience in the IT industry by analyzing and implementing systems to automate their businesses especially when managing the systems in the IT department of the second largest container carrier and cruise company in the world - MSC Lebanon.

As she always seeks new challenges, she is an IT consultant for many companies and organizations to help them follow the recent technologies and apply it in their businesses.

Nisreen is involved in encouraging young women to appreciate STEAM and aspires to global reach through the power of technology, which is perceptible from her winning achievement in 2013 as a one of the top 5 TechWomen emerging leaders in Lebanon and spent five weeks in Silicon Valley. Techwomen experience allowed her to win the US department of states funding for her project which is about teaching programming for grade 4 students.

The opportunity that Nisreen had in Silicon Valley encouraged her to come back to her nation and provide an environment for Lebanese students and women to achieve their full potential, and hence Co-Founding Girls Got IT initiative that is about teaching STEM skills to young girls from all areas in Lebanon by engaging the startup companies and the Ecosystem, Founding the Arab Women in Computing Lebanon Chapter, an active member in the LLWB STEM Committee, recently Co-Founding USALTECH (a community for TechWomen and TechGirls in Lebanon), in addition to organizing many hackathons and events in Lebanon.

She is known as a public speaker for women in IT and STEM from Lebanon where she was a speaker and panelists in many events: Microsoft Ignite in Orlando, Women in STEM in Dubai, TechGirls launching event in Washington DC, in addition to universities Tech events in Lebanon and being a judge in Hult Prize competition in many universities in Lebanon.

Ameni Khorchfi

Cybersecurity Engineer, Women in Cyber Mentorship Programme mentee, Tunisia



Ameni pursued her Engineering studies at SupCom University - Tunis with a major in Cyber Security and Defense. Upon graduation, she joined 2SB as a Cybersecurity Engineer. Her role includes various tasks such as technical pre-sales, post-sales and support.

Apart from the technical side of her job, Ameni enjoys engaging with customers and peers. She values communication and cooperation.

She is part of Netskope Partners Prime Group and an alumni mentee of ITU Women in Cyber 2021. She is a cat lover and a horse rider.

Menat-Allah Kamaledin

She Trades Global Hackathon participant, Egypt



Menat-Allah is a story-teller, a self-starter and an advocate for civic activism. For more than 10 years, Menat-Allah has been involved in different projects that aim at empowering people,

communities while also conserving nature. After taking a gap year to learn French, she joined l'Institut de Droit des Affaires Internationales, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne in Egypt and graduated with a law degree.

In her journey, she founded different projects and managed others while demonstrating leadership and Management skills. She was the project manager of an environmental awareness campaign funded by the U.S. department of state targeting school and university students. She also founded a cross-cultural project called “The Intercultural” that aims at connecting people beyond borders through the power of Social Media as she believes in the power of stories, and their ability to direct real on ground change.