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CITIES INTERPORT OF TRANSITION

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CONFERENCE TEAM FES REGIONAL CLIMATE AND ENERGY TEAM



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The 11th Sustainable Cities Conference; Cities in Transition will focus on how our cities face the diverse challenges that ranges from population growth, rapid urbanism, financial obstacles while at the same time, not making the link between planning and implementation.

The conference will cover topics related to low carbon infrastructure, developments within the context of cities along with shedding light on the role of municipalities in achieving sustainability while discussing financial and economic opportunities. Furthermore, the conference will offer space to learn from the experience of the cities who previously hosted the COP while linking them to the actions and plans for the upcoming COP in Egypt.

We are partnering with one of the most prestigious institutions in Egypt, Bibliotheca Alexandria thus paving the pathway for sharing ideas and creative solutions that will be implemented in MENA cities.

For Registration; Please Scan QR Code, or use the following link: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEpcOCurj0pH9EtuhMio9OyRrYVtmB98wuo





Time (Cairo)	Activity
Morning-Noon	Arrival of international participants to Egypt - Transfer of all participants from Cairo to Alexandria
Afternoon	City Tour around Alexandria
20:00	Welcoming Dinner

DAY 01

TUESDAY 29TH MARCH 2022

Time (Cairo)	Topic & Description	Speaker
09:30	Registration	
10:00	Opening Remarks	Sarah Hepp, Director Regional Climate and Energy Project MENA, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
		Richard Probst, Resident Representative, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
		Agnes Deboulet, Director of CEDEJ
10:15	Key Note Speakers	H.E. Mohammed Naser, Head of Climate Change Department, MFA, Egypt (TBC)
		Amira Saber; Member of the Egyptian Parliament/ Egyptian Social Democratic Party (TBC)
		Saiful Islam, IPCC Representative
		Arne Lietz, (SPD) former Member of European Parliament in the Group of Socialist & Democrats (S&D)
10:45	Session 1: COP Cities Hosting a massive conference like the Conference of the Parties entails so many stresses on the hosting city, ranging from infrastructure, security, resource manage- ment and transport. This session will highlight the experience and expectations for cities hosting the COP, with focus on Green Sharm (Strategic Plan for Sharm Al Shaikh).	Moderator: Nabil Al Hadi, Professor of Architecture, University of Cairo Speakers: - Yann Francoise, Deputy Director, Head of Climate Department, City of Paris - Said Chakri, Member of the organizing team of COP 22 at Morocco - Amr Lashin, Urban Governance and Legislations Programme Director, UN Habitat - Karim Elgendy, Co-Founder of Carboun
12:00	Coffee Break	·

DAY 01

TUESDAY 29TH MARCH 2022

Time (Cairo)	Topic & Description	Speaker
12:30	Session 2: Municipalities and Institutions' Role in Supporting Cities Towards Achieving Sustainability	Moderator: Dina Kisbi, Program Manager Climate and Energy Regional Project, MENA
	A panel session with different representatives from the region discussing the following: - Zooming into Municipal and Neighborhood level - Gaps in the legal system and how supportive	Speakers: - León Díaz-Bone, Chief, ICLE, Local Governments for Sustainability - Sajida Al Rahaifa, Head of Development Unit, Karak Municipality, Jordan - Wijdan Alsharif, CEO, Palestine Green Building
	is the system? - Reporting and Monitoring; Missing Link	Council (PalGBC) - Hadeel Mohammad, Architect and Urban Planner, AE Business Council
13:45	Lunch Break	
15:00	Session 3: Low Carbon Infrastructure / Landscape Strategies of Cities	Moderator: Rawan Attour, Project Manager/ Urban Planning Expert, GIZ
	 Redesigning urban infrastructure Real Estate Development and integrated new development within existing cities/urban centers Implementation of low carbon infrastructure, potential and challenges 	Speakers: - Rami Daher, School of Architecture & Built Environment, German Jordanian University / TURATH: Architecture & Urban Design Consultants Ahmad Zazza, co-founder of 10 Tooba: Applied Research on the Built Environment - Ahmad Dorghami – UN Habitat Basic Services and Climate Change Programme Officer - Mohammed Ayoub, Researcher & Urban Designer, NAHNOO
16:15	Summary and Conclusions of Day 1	
16:30	End of Day 1	
19:30	Networking Reception	

DAY 02

WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH 2022

Time	Topic & Description	Speaker
09:30	Registration	
10:00	Opening Remarks	Sarah Hepp, Director Regional Climate and Energy Project MENA, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

DAY 02

WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH 2022

Time	Topic & Description	Speaker
10:15	Special Insight on Bibliotheca Alexandrina Role in Supporting Sustainable Development and Building Capacities Serving Alexandrian Community, Municipality, General Public and Children	Speakers: - Mohammed Mehaina; Deputy Director of the Alexandria and Mediterranean Research Center - Riham AbdelHamid, Coordinator of Sustainable Development Studies Program
	Social Responsibilities in Building Youth Capacities In Sustainable Development	
11:00	Session 1: Gender Lens (showcasing projects that are related to Gender inclusivity)	Moderator: Maya Elgebeily, Thomson Reuters Foundation
	 Gender Action Plan for Equitable Mobility Developing Framework for Gender Responsive Public Transport Infrastructure – a case of Delhi Metro Femmedina: Inclusive City Program in Tunis A Gendered Perspective on Promoting Active Mobility in Egypt 	Speakers: - Deyala Tarawneh, Assistant Professor at the School of Engineering, Architecture Department, University of Jordan - Preeti Vajpeyi, Co Founder, Architect at VINYÃS, Centre for Architectural Research & Design - Ikbel Dridi, Urban Specialist, Cities Alliance - Heba Attiyah, Founder/ Director of Tabdeel
12:15	Coffee Break	
12:45	Session 2: Economy and Cities - Local Banks Experiences at supporting municipal projects - Invest4cities - Circular Economy in Cities of the MENA Region	Moderator: Bilal Sugheyer, Investment and Banking Specialist Speakers: - Osama Azzam, General Director of Cities and Villages Development Bank - Marwa Ahmed, Head of International and Local Funding, Urban Development Fund - Andy Deacon, Acting Managing Director of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) - Jamila Elmir, Sustainable development strategy and policy expert
14:00	Lunch Break	
15:30	Session 3: Artificial Intelligence, Data and Digitalization in the service of Sustainability	Moderator: Jawad Dukhgan, Architect, Researcher and Curator
	The session will discuss how cities are utilizing different technologies into making their cities more sustainable	Speakers: - Mohannad Ashhab, Sager Autonomous Robotics - Karim Tarraf, CEO and CO Founder, Hawa Dawa - Ghada Abdulaziz, Urban Mobility Analyst, Transport for Cairo - Soraya Boudia, Case of Paris
16:45	Summary of the Day and Conclusions, End of the Conference	







PROF. AGNÈS DEBOULET

DIRECTOR OF CEDEJ &

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Agnès Deboulet is director of the CEDEJ since October 2019. She is a sociologist and a professor at Université Paris 8.



AHMED ZAAZAA
RESEARCHER AND URBAN DESIGNER

Ahmed Zaazaa is a lecturer and researcher, focusing on social justice in housing and planning. Zaazaa co-founded two entities; the latest is "10 Tooba: Applied Research on the Built Environment". Through 10 Tooba, Zaazaa contributed to conducting research and manuals concerning spatial equalities and participatory upgrading fields. Also, he leads participatory projects with deprived and marginalized communities in different informal areas in Cairo. Zaazaa is also the co-founder of "Madd Platform" that works closely with local communities, in participatory research, planning and advocacy.



AHMED EL-DORGHAMY BASIC SERVICES & CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM MANAGER UNHABITAT

Ahmed El-Dorghamy is leading the Basic Services and Climate Change Programme at UN-Habitat Egypt, and was previously an environmental expert at the Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE). He received his PhD from Humboldt University in Berlin in the topic of sustainable mobility in disadvantaged areas, and both his Master in Science degrees in Energy Technology and in Environmental Engineering from the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in Sweden. He has also been a co-founder of grassroots environmental organizations including Green Arm, aiming to raise environmental awareness and promote healthier lifestyles and promoting cycling in specific as a symbol of environmental activism, and was a former board member of Nahdet El-Mahrousa NGO, Egypt's first incubator of social enterprises.



AMR LASHIN

URBAN GOVERNANCE, POLICIES AND

LEGISLATION PROGRAM MANAGER

Amr Lashin is an urban planner occupying Urban policies Governance and legislation programme manager position at UN-Habitat Egypt, he has more than 20 years working experiences with different nation and international organization. Currently he is working towards to tackling the multi-dimensional urbanization context with a special attention to urban management, urban planning and urban economy where all stakeholders are empowered and enabled to engage and play their expected role(s). He is working with his colleagues towards setting some new appropriate, realistic and context driven ways of making sure that the urbanization processes are providing acceptable spatial standards and services.



ANDY DEACON
ACTING MANAGING DIRECTOR
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BILAL SUGHEYER

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DEYALA TARAWNEH

LECTURER AT

UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN

Andy Deacon is the Acting Managing Director of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM). Previously he held the role of the Director of Strategy and Operations at GCoM, guiding program delivery across multiple areas of activity. Immediately prior, Andy was Policy Coordinator for Climate Alliance, where among other projects, he was project technical coordinator for the series of EU Sustainable Energy Investment Forums. Andy has worked for 20 years across a range of environmental protection issues focusing on climate change, energy and air quality in local, regional and central government, academia and NGOs. He has been part of and led major initiatives on city carbon reduction strategies, community energy, large-scale home retrofit financing, household energy saving behaviour, and air pollution assessment and management. Andy has a BSc in Geography and Environmental Studies from the University of Surrey Roehampton Institute and an MSc in Applied Meteorology and Climatology from the University of Birmingham.

Arne Lietz works with companies in their transformation on climate and sustainability issues, reputation management and stakeholder engagement. He specializes on the interconnectivity of German, European and International political & regulatory issues and change management & opportunities of companies and global organizations.

Bilal Sugheyer, has over 20 years of global experience in investment, corporate and Small and Medium Enterprises banking. He joined International Finance Corporation (IFC) in 2006 as an Investment Officer covering financial markets in MENA, Africa and Eastern Europe and now is IFC resident representative in Iraq. Prior to joining IFC, he managed the European Union Loan Guarantee Program in Jordan, assumed the responsibility of Senior Investment Officer in Arab Palestinian Investment Bank, and SGBJ. Mr. Sugheyer holds a B.A. in Business Administration from Cairo University, Masters and Ph.D candidate in Islamic Finance from the World Islamic Science and Education University.

Deyala Tarawneh holds a PhD degree in Urban and Regional planning obtained from the University of Birmingham, UK. Her research focused on mitigating the impacts of Brownfield sites through temporary urbanism and under the spatial justice umbrella. She was Chairperson for the Architecture Department at the University of Jordan between 2019-2021. She is also the Counsellor and Advisor for the Women In Engineering (WIE) affinity group as part of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Deyala is a founding member and currently treasure for the Watershed and Development Initiative (WADI) funded by the United States Forestry Service (USFS) to advance water conservation and land stewardship practices to build resilient communities and healthy watersheds across Jordan.



DINA KISBI
PROGRAM MANAGER AT REGIONAL
CLIMATE & ENERGY PROJECT MENA AT FES

Dina Kisbi is an enthusiastic environmentalist, she has over 14 years of experience, with an extensive knowledge in climate change, environmental and social assessments and ozone protection. She works with governments, civil society organizations and youth towards achieving climate justice, sustainable cities and just transition of energy.



GHADA ABDULAZIZ

URBAN MOBILITY ANALYST

AT TRANSPORT FOR CAIRO

Ghada Abdul Aziz is an urban mobility analyst at Transport for Cairo. Academically trained as an architect, Ghada analyses cities through maps, data, and social and physical parameters. She works on understanding mobility patterns and user experience to come up with inclusive policies and interventions.



HADEEL MOHAMMED

ARCHITECT AND URBAN DESIGNER

Hadeel Ayed Mohammad is a project architect at Praxis Architects in Amman, Jordan. She received her Bachelor's of Architecture from the University of Jordan (2013) and was later granted a Fulbright Scholarship to pursue graduate studies in the US, where she attended the University of Pennsylvania, and received a Master's of Architecture (2016). Hadeel has previously held positions at SHoP Architects (NY), Ewing Cole (Philadelphia), and Sahel Al-Hiyari Architects (Amman).



HEBA ATTIA
FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR
AT TABDEEL

Heba Attia is an architect and an urban planner, who graduated from Alexandria University in Egypt and TU Berlin in Germany. Her career and urban advocacy activities are focused on socially and environmentally conscious planning. She initiated multiple projects in Egypt and elsewhere to advocate for sustainable urban mobility, circular economy, and social justice in planning. She founded, Tabdeel center for cycling urbanism in Egypt, and now she is working as an international cooperation officer in the Egyptian Informal Settlements Development Fund.



IKBEL DRIDI
URBAN PLANNER
AT CITIES ALLIANCE

Ikbel Dridi is an urban planner, expert in local governance and urban development, she has an experience of 11 years. She had the opportunity to work with the German Cooperation (GIZ) since 2011 as a technical expert in governance, decentralization and networking. Then since 2018 she held the position of "National program Coordinator" with the TADAEEM project funded by USAID and managed two major projects: the development of the National Waste Management Strategy and the Geographic Information System (GIS) of the municipality of Tunis. Since March 05, 2021 she has strated a new adventure with UNOPS (Cities Alliance) as a partnership & development Advisor to manage Femmedina project that aims to integrate women in public spaces.



JAMILA ELMIR
MENA SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY
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Jamila El-Mir has over 15 years of experience in environmental and sustainability strategy and policy development covering a wide range of projects in large-scale urban and infrastructure development, city planning, city carbon transition and circular economy. Her role typically involves close engagement with key stakeholders to gain buy-in and enhance overall sustainability outcomes.



JAWAD DUKHGAN
ARCHITECT, RESEARCHER AND CURATOR

Jawad Dukhgan is an architect and a curator based in Amman. For the past years, he has developed and led research initiatives and public programs on architecture and urbanism in the Arab region for Columbia University GSAPP's Studio-X Amman and other universities, focusing on urban planning and urban design in the region.



KARIM TARRAF
CEO & CO-FOUNDER
AT HAWA DAWA

Karim Tarraf is the CEO and co-founder of Hawa Dawa, a Munich-based company named one of the Top 10 Innovators in Germany and Top 35 in Europe by the MIT Technology Review. Forbes named Hawa Dawa one of the 100 most innovative start-ups in Germany in 2018. For its pioneering use of satellite data to track and analyse traffic and logistics movements the company was also honoured in 2018 by the German Federal Ministry of Transportation and the European Space Agency's Copernicus Masters Programme. Before founding Hawa Dawa, Karim worked for several years at the Frankfurt-UNEP Collaborating Centre for Climate and Sustainable Energy Finance. There he worked on climate change mitigation in Southeast Asia and the MENA region. He is a frequent guest of stakeholder consultations on matters of climate change and air pollution organised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and UN Environment. Next to his work at Hawa Dawa, Karim is also a start-up mentor at the FEPS Incubation Center of Cairo University.



KARIM ELGENDY FOUNDER OF CARBOUN

Karim El-Gendy is a urban sustainability and climate consultant based in London. He is an Associate Fellow at Chatham House (The Royal Institute for International Affairs), and a Non-Resident Scholar at the Middle East Institute in Washington. Karim is also the Founder and Coordinator of Carboun, an advocacy initiative promoting sustainability in cities of the Middle East and North Africa, through research and communication.



KSHITIJ KUMAR SINHA
AR. AT INDIRA GANDHI DELHI
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Kshitij Kumar Sinha is an architect, construction management expert, and an academician. He has worked extensively on capacity building, social outreach and research projects on multidisciplinary areas. He is currently pursuing PhD in application of Artificial Intelligence in Architecture. He is also a founder of start-up business idea called 'Family Script', focused on documenting family stories.



LEÓN DÍAZ-BONE
CHIEF, SECRETARY GENERAL'S OFFICE
AT ICLEI

León Díaz-Bone is Chief of the Secretary General's office at ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, a global network of more than 2,500 cities and regions in 125 countries committed to sustainable urban development. Prior to his current role, he worked as an urban planning consultant in Barcelona, Spain, and in London, United Kingdom.

León holds a MSc in City Design and Social Sciences from the Londons School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He currently resides in Bonn in his native Germany.



MARWA SOLIMAN
HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL & LOCAL FUNDING
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Marwa Soliman has about 22 years of experience as an urban planner and designer. Currently, she works as the Head of international and the local funding department and she is the technical supporter for projects at UDF. In the last 8 years her work has focused on preparing and reviewing technical reports, formulating TOR's, supporting the staff with tools and methods for intersection of urban development, financial tools, management and governance.



MAYA GEBEILY

CORRESPONDENT AT

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Maya Gebeily focuses on the Middle East for the Thomson Reuters Foundation, writing about climate change, tech, socioeconomic developments, and other trends shaping the MENA region. Previously, she was a reporter for Agence-France Presse for six years, where she addressed Iraqi politics, security, economics, and societal developments.



MOHAMED MEHAINA

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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Mohamed Mehaina's practice includes 20+ years in GIS projects related to regional/urban planning, heritage preservation, public health, oil and gas, climate change, and cartography. He also has a long history in education managing GIS capacity building programs. Graduated in 2001 from Faculty of Engineering, Alexandria University, where he also got his Master's degree in 2006, in the environmental planning field. Later in 2016, he achieved his Ph.D. in the field of regional planning with special emphasis on using composite indices and advanced spatial planning.

Through his career, Dr. Mehaina participated in extensive national and international strategic development projects related to governmental authorities and international entities like the UNDP, UNESCO and the UNHES. His publications vary from books, articles, atlases, city guides and official national reports.



MOHAMMAD AYOUB

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AT NAHNOO

Mohammad Ayoub is the founder and Executive Director of NAHNOO, a Lebanese NGO empowering young citizens towards an inclusive society. Additionally, he participates in the local and urban development of Lebanese cities, conducting comprehensive capacity building programs to municipalities throughout Lebanon with a team of experts. In parallel, Mohammad has been leading several mediatized campaigns for the development of public spaces, the promotion of good governance and the preservation of cultural heritage.



MOHANNAD ASHHAB
ENGINEER AT
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Mohannad Ashhab is an Energy Engineer. He works at Sager Autonomous Robotics, the leading drone-data solutions company in Jordan and the region. He conducted thermal & visual drone inspections for more than 400 MW of renewable energy projects. He has many international certifications in the energy field such as certified Energy Manager (CEM) and Renewable Energy professional (REP).



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OSAMA ALAZZAM

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Osama Al Azzam is the Director General of the Cities and Villages Development Bank (CVDB). He has extensive experience in finance and management reforms and previously worked as part of World Bank, EU, USAID, UNDP, UN-Habitat and GIZ of Germany projects. Mr. Al Azzam is certified public accountant (ACPA), Certified Anti-Corruption Manager (CACM), EFQM certified Lead Assessor, and holds MBA. He is board member of the International Arab Society of Certified Accountant.



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Preeti Vajpeyi is an Architect, Urban planner and Academician also. She has worked extensively on application oriented, interdisciplinary research and design, capacity building and policy support. She was the founder Head of the Department of Architecture and Planning, Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women. Under her leadership, the course now has a distinct social orientation in architectural design & planning with a focus on gender responsive design & planning.



RAMI DAHER
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Rami Daher is Associate Professor at the School of Architecture and Built Environment at the German Jordanian University (GJU) and a practicing architect and general director of TURATH: Architecture & Urban Design Consultants and Metropolis: Cities Research Council, the research arm of TURATH. He taught at the American University of Beirut's Department of Architecture & Design; at Texas A&M's College of Architecture, and at Jordan University of Science & Tech. Daher had earned a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Jordan (1988), a Master of Architecture from the University of Minnesota (1991), a PhD in Architecture from Texas A&M University (1995), and was a recipient of a FULBRIGHT Scholarship through which he did his post-doctoral studies at the University of California, Berkeley (2001).



RAWAN ATTOUR
URBAN PLANNING EXPERT/
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Rawan Attour currently a Project manager of ILCA project and previously was the Urban planning expert/ Partner manager at GIZ Cash for work project - "Improvement of Green Infrastructure in Jordan through Labor intensive measures"; Previously worked with UN HABITAT Jordan as an urban planning expert. Was the head of the Urban planning division within the Royal Scientific Society, Worked on various Masterplans for several cities with greater Amman Municipality and Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Have work experience as a senior architect with several Urban and architectural firms



RIHAM ABDELHAMID

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STUDIES PROGRAM AT THE BA

I graduated from faculty of pharmacy, I had a master in biotechnology and a doctorate degree in environmental sciences, Alexandria University. I joined Bibliotheca Alexandria in 2006 as specialist working in the field of environmental awareness and youth capacity building through organizing activities targeting youth: awareness campaigns workshops and seminars. I believe that youth have innovative ideas and once educated and getting involved in their community, they will become real contributor in their society and will achieve great thing and become leaders of tomorrow.



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- Management, Support and Monitoring of sustainable development and climate change projects
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SAJEDA RAHAIFE
EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF GREATER
KARAK MUNICIPALITY

Sajeda Rahaife is the Executive Manager of Greater karak municipality in Jordan (2017-upto now). She was working as water and environmental engineer at Karak Municipality(2008-2017) , she graduated with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering "Water and Environment Engineering branch " in 2008 from Mu'ta University of jordan ,She was a Head of Water and Environment department in Karak Municipality. She worked as a Head of GIS Department, KarakMunicipality. She has a membership in the CMI Network for Sustainable Development with the Water Youth Network for Mediterranean countries (water heros). She works as a key liaison officer for many developmental, scientific and community networks, as well as sustainable projects for knowledge transfer and exchange of experiences with interested people from all countries of the world.



SARAH HEPP

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PROJECT AT FES IRAO

Sarah Hepp is the Director of the Jordan-based Regional Climate and Energy Project MENA of the German Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and of FES Iraq. Prior to that she worked for the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Brussels, Berlin and Stuttgart. Sarah graduated from the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität in Bonn and the Alma Mater Università di Bologna with a Bachelor's Degree in Romance languages and Political Science and she holds a Master's Degree in European Studies from the RWTH Aachen.



SORAYA BOUDIA

PROFESSOR AT

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Soraya Boudia is a historian and sociologist of science and environment, professor at the University Paris Cité. Her work explores the transnational government of health and environmental risks. Among her publications, with A. Creager, S. Frickel, E. Henry, N. Jas, C. Reinhardt and J. Roberts, Residues. Thinking Through Chemical Environments (Rutgers University Press, 2021).



WIJDAN ALSHARIF
CEO OF PALESTINE GREEN
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Wijdan Al-Sharif, Civil Engineer with MBA.
Cofounder and CEO for Palestine Green Building Council (PalGBC).
Has recently been working on "Somoud" project (Arabic for resilience) which aims to encourage municipalities to create incentives for investors and for the public to adopt environmentally-friendly practices within their municipal areas.



YANN FRANÇOISE

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TRANSITION, HEAD OF CLIMATE STRATEGIES

Yann Françoise is currently deputy director on Climate and Ecological Transition, head of climate strategies at City of Paris. He has been working on cities and climate change for 25 years. He is an internatinal specialist on GHG emissions inventories, he led Paris Climate Action for becoming a carbon neutrail, fair, resilient and inclusive city. This plan received the United Nations Global CLimate Action Award 2021.



