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Bios of Plenary Speakers

Organised in Alphabetical order according to the last name



Taoufik ABBAD, Head of Division, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Morocco

Dr. Abbad joined the Department of Studies and Financial Forecasting in 2005. His areas of expertise include economic growth, competitiveness and macroeconomic forecasts. Holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis, Center for Studies in Macroeconomics and International Finance CEMAFI in 2004. He has directed several studies and published numerous works in the fields of macroeconomics.



Samir ABDELKRIM, Founder, StartupBRICS and EMERGING Valley, France

Between 2014 and 2018, Abdelkrim traveled Africa's innovation and analyzed the digital ecosystems of 25 African countries. A field experiment from which he pulled a book, Startup Lions, prefaced by Xavier Niel and Tidjane Deme. He is also a columnist on African tech in major national titles like Les Echos or Le Monde where he specializes in African startups. He is also the founder of StartupBRICS.



Roger ALBINYANA, Director, Mediterranean Regional Policies and Human Development department at the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

Dr. Albinyana is associate professor of teaches international economic policy at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Barcelona. From 2013 to 2016, he served as secretary general for Foreign and EU Affairs of the Government of Catalonia. During that period, he was also a member of the EU Committee of the Regions. From 2010 to 2013 he served as advisor and expert on private sector development at the Secretariat of Union for the Mediterranean. He is also a board member at CIDOB, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs.



Patricia AUGIER, President of Scientific Committee & Coordinator of FEMISE and IM and Professor at Aix-Marseille University, France

Professor at Aix-Marseille University, and researcher at Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE). She has conducted numerous research projects for various international institutions, particularly in areas related to trade integration, women in the MENA region and private sector development. She holds a PhD in Economics from Aix-Marseille University, France and a Graduate M.S. in International Economics and Finance from the same University.



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Elina BARDRAM, Head of the International Policies Unit, European Commission, DG CLIMA

Dr. Bardram was appointed as the Head of Unit for International & Inter-Institutional Relations in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Climate Action in April 2014. Previously she had been Head of the International Carbon Markets, Aviation and Maritime Unit. Between 2003-2010, She worked in the Strategy Directorate of the External Relations Directorate-General. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Her academic work has focused on the impacts of globalization.



Felix BEAULIEU, Head of the International Development of Makesense

Other than his position in makesense, a social enterprise engaging citizens, entrepreneurs and organisations towards the achievement of the SDGs, Mr. Beaulieu also serves on the Board of the Social Entrepreneurs Mouvement (MOUVES) and teaches about social innovation at the Sorbonne University. Before that he founded On Purpose in France, a leadership development and career transition program for high-flyers professionals willing to dedicate their work to build an economy that works for all. He also worked in the field of social investments at Big Society Capital and the field bottom of the pyramid at GravityLight.



Samah BEN DHIA, President, Altafemina, France

Holder of a double degree in Marketing, then in Information Science and Communication, Ben Dhia worked for two years in a network of Textile, Clothing and Fashion in the Mediterranean based in Marseille. In 2009, she joined a Mediterranean Finance and Council Association as General Delegate, and manages a network of banks, lawyers and accountants in the Mediterranean to support companies in their access to financing and their international development. As a network woman, she joined the Altafemina network and became president in 2018.



Wolfgang CRAMER, Research Director (CNRS), Mediterranean Institute for Biodiversity and Ecology (IMBE), France

Professor Dr. Cramer, environmental geographer and global ecologist, is research director (CNRS) at the Mediterranean Institute for Biodiversity and Ecology (IMBE), in Aix-en-Provence (France). He received his academic training at the Universities of Gießen/Germany and Uppsala/Sweden (plant ecology, Ph.D. 1986). He was elected associated member of the Académie d'Agriculture. He is (with Elena Bennett, McGill University) co-chair of the Science Committee of ecoSERVICES and a PECS Fellow.



Nathalie CRESTE, Adviser to the Director for Mobility of workers, Directorate General Employment and Social Affaires, European Commission

In 1991, she worked in the General Secretariat of the Council Department of Agriculture, the Cabinet of the Secretary General of the Council and the Legal service. In 2005, she joined the European Commission where she occupied the posts of Head of Unit "Communication" in Directorate General Justice Freedom and Security, Head of Unit "Monitoring, Reporting, and others. She is currently Adviser to the Director for Mobility of workers in Directorate General Employment and Social Affairs.



Vera DANILINA, Research and Teaching Assistant, Aix-Marseille Université, France

Dr. Danilina is a Research and Teaching Assistant at Faculté d'Economie et Gestion, Aix-Marseille Université. She obtained her Ph.D. in Economics from the Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE). Dr. Danilina's principal research areas are Environmental and International Economics. She pays special attention to the voluntary approaches to environmental policy arguing for their high potential in mitigating ecological threats.



Astrid DESJOBERT, Head of the Mediterranean New Chance Network and representative IECD PACA region, France

She began her career in business development with multinationals, at Safran and then at Aldebaran Robotics. She joined the IECD in 2015. She acquired expertise on training and professional integration of young people by piloting industrial training programs, a group of expert NGOs to improve the practices of the sector, then the Mediterranean New Chance network. This network aims to leverage second-chance solutions all around the Mediterranean, with institutional support.



Pierre DUQUESNE, Ambassador, Interministerial Delegate in charge of Mediterranean Affairs, France

Ambassador Mr. Duquesne took up his duties as Interministerial Delegate in charge of Mediterranean Affairs by mid-October 2017. In that position, he is the French Coordinator for the CEDRE Conference (Conférence économique pour le Développement, par les Réformes et avec les Entreprises) in support of Lebanon. From 2008 to 2014, Mr. Duquesne was Ambassador for economic issues related to reconstruction and development in the French ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Ibrahim ELBADAWI, President & Coordinator, FEMISE and ERF Managing Director, Egypt

Earlier he served as the director of research at the Dubai Economic Council, which he joined in March 2009. Before that, he was lead economist at the Development Research Group of the World Bank, which he joined in 1989. He was the thematic leader of the Natural Resource Management and Economic Diversification theme at the ERF for five years and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Arab Planning Institute. He holds a PhD in economics and statistics from NC State and Northwestern Universities.



Zouhair EL KADHI, General Director, Tunisian Institute of Competitiveness and Quantitative Studies (ITCEQ), Tunisia

He was economic advisor to the Tunisian Ministry of Finance in charge of fiscal and macroeconomic studies. He is ex-director of research and studies of the Tunisian Institute of Strategic Studies. Dr. ElKadhi holds a PhD, on economics from the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis (2007).



Abdelkader EL KHISSASSI, Expert in Social and Civil Affairs, UfM, Morocco

Dr. EL KHISSASSI is working actually as an Expert in Social and Civil Affairs at the Union for the Mediterranean, in charge of the youth and civil protection sectors. He also served before as a political, economic, communications and civil society advisor in Moroccan embassies in Africa and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Morocco. He was a professor of European Law at the Higher Education Institute By Alternation – Strasbourg.



Miguel GARCIA-HERRAIZ, Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean

He is a Spanish career diplomat who has served the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the past twenty years, holding positions as Deputy Director General for International Affairs of Terrorism and Disarmament, and, lately, as Counsellor in charge of the relations between the European Union and Southern Mediterranean countries in the Permanent Mission of Spain to the European Union.



Michael GASIOREK, Senior Lecturer in Economics, University of Sussex and Managing Director of a University spin-out company, InterAnalysis

He was previously Director of the Centre for the Analysis of Regional Integration at Sussex (CARIS), and is on the FEMISE Board of Directors. He has more than 15 years of experience in managing large-scale international projects involving teams of people and has delivered advice and training to a wide range of governments, international organisations, and regional economic communities (such as the EAC, ECOWAS, EU).



Arnault GRAVES, Senior Climate Adviser, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, France

He is, since October 2017, Senior Climate Adviser of the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean. He holds a degree in Environment and Public Works Engineering from the École Nationale des Travaux Publics (France). He was senior officer and head of the team Energy Climate – Sustainable Buildings at the French National Center for Studies on Risks, Mobility, and Urban and Country Planning (CEREMA).



Hajar KHAMLIHI, President, Mediterranean Youth Climate Network, Morocco

She is an Environment and Sustainable Development Expert. She holds two masters degrees in Environmental Sciences, Water Engineering, and sustainable development. She is the President and co-founder of the Mediterranean Youth Climate Network 'MYCN'. Hajar is Also a board member of the Moroccan Alliance for Climate and Sustainable Development, and the Observatory of the Protection of the Environment and the Historical Monuments.



Patrick KLEIN, Team Leader, Social Economy, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW), European Commission

He is currently Head of the Social Economy Team within the Unit "Advanced Technologies, Clusters and Social Economy". He also coordinates the European Commission's expert group "Social Economy and Social Enterprise" which aims to develop public policies in this area. He has previously worked in Access to finance from 2002 to 2011 before joining the European Economic and Social Committee from 2011 to 2014.



Michael A. KÖHLER, Director of Policy and Cooperation with the Southern Neighborhood of Europe, European Commission

He holds a Ph.D. in History and Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Hamburg. Dr. Köhler joined the European Commission in 1994 and was Head of Cabinet of the Energy Commissioner from 2010 to 2013 and Chief of Cabinet to the Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries from 2008 to 2009. He was representative of the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation in Morocco and Tunisia. Since 1997 he is professor for Europe and the Mediterranean at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium.



Przemyslaw KOWALSKI, Project Leader and Former President CASE – Center for Social and Economic Research, Poland

Dr. Kowalski is Project Leader and former President of the Management Board at CASE - Center for Social and Economic Research, Warsaw, Poland. He worked at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). He has also thought economics at the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom, the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) in France. He holds a PhD in economics from the University of Sussex, United Kingdom in 2006.



Maryse LOUIS, General Manager, FEMISE, France

Dr. Louis is also a member of staff at the Economic Research Forum (ERF, Cairo Egypt). She holds a PhD in Economics from Aix-Marseille University, France and an MA in Economics and a B.Sc. in Statistics from the Faculty of Economic and Political Science, Cairo University. Dr. Louis has completed many projects (with donors such as the EU, World Bank, EIB, Arab Fund, etc.) and participated in a large number of research reports across the two organizations.



Henry MARTY- GAUQUIÉ, Honorary Director & Former Representative, European investment bank EIB Group, France

In 1978, he worked for the French Prime Minister (Raymond Barre) in the legal department of the S.G.C.I. In 1989, he joins the European Investment Bank as Spokesperson and Director of Communication. In 2003, he becomes the EIB Group Representative in Paris. Since end of 2016, he is Board Member of the French Institute for PPP (IGD), Paris, and Member of the Advisory Board of the FEMISE Network, Marseille and Cairo.



Natalia MENHALL, Founding Partner and Chairwomen, Beyond Reform & Development/ Irada Group SAL (BRDI), Lebanon

She is a founding partner and the current Chairwomen at Beyond Reform & Development (BRD). She pioneered multiple initiatives on social entrepreneurship and innovation in the MENA region. She teaches a course on Opportunities and Challenges of Lebanon Social Entrepreneurship Ecosystem. She holds a MA in Environmental Policy Planning from the American University in Beirut.



Mahmoud MOHIELDIN, Senior Vice President, World Bank Group, Washington, D.C., USA

Dr. Mohieldin is a Senior Vice President at the World Bank Group, responsible for the 2030 Development Agenda, UN Relations and Partnerships. Before joining the World Bank Group, Dr. Mohieldin held numerous senior positions in the Government of Egypt, including Minister of Investment from 2004 until 2010. Dr. Mohieldin is a Professor of Economics and Finance at Cairo University. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Warwick.



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Karine Moukaddem is a policy analyst intern at the Union for the Mediterranean, previously a political economist at Institut de la Méditerranée / FEMISE and a student at Sciences Po Paris. She specializes in sustainable development issues in the South Mediterranean, including inclusiveness, women empowerment and social entrepreneurship.



Sami MOULEY, Professor of International Finance, University of Tunis, Tunisia

Dr. Mouley is Professor of International Finance at the University of Tunis. Economist researcher and active member of the FEMISE, he holds the PhD in International Finance from Aix-Marseille University. Former Chief Economist of the Center for Research and Financial and Monetary Studies at the Central Bank of Tunisia and member of its Monetary Policy Committee, he has also worked with international financial institutions, multilateral development banks, governments national public authorities and centers of analysis and economic research.



Davor PERCAN, Head of unit for bilateral and regional environmental cooperation, Global Sustainable Development directorate, DG Environment

He has a Master's degrees in environmental management and energy and environmental management from Oxford Brookes University, UK and Scuola Superiore Enrico Mattei, Italy. Prior to joining the European Commission in 2006, he worked in the energy sector, researching energy efficiency and renewable energy policies and managing related international assistance in Zagreb, Croatia.



Stéphane POUFFARY, Chief Executive Officer, ENERGIES 2050, France

He works in the field of international cooperation for more than 30 years. He is the Chief Executive Officer and the Founder of ENERGIES 2050 (www.energies2050.org). He has worked for several international and national institutions and has set up, coordinated and participated in more than 200 multi-partner international projects. He is also doing numerous lectures in French and international Universities, Engineer schools and professional courses



Jean-Philippe PLATTEAU, Emeritus Professor of Economics, Université de Namur, Belgium

He is a member and past director of the Centre for Research in the Economics of Development (CRED) at the same university. He is a co-academic director of the Economic Development and Institutions (EDI) international research programme that is funded by the Department of International Relations (DFID) of the UK government. He is also a member of FEMISE advisory Board.



Raed SAFADI, Chief Economic Adviser, Dubai and Former Deputy Director at OECD

As the Chief Economic Adviser at Dubai's Department of Economic Development, Dr. Safadi leads a team of experts entrusted with the implementation of Dubai's Strategic Plan 2021, and promoting the diversification and sustainable growth of Dubai and its transformation into a knowledge-based economy. Dr. Raed has previously worked for the OECD, the World Bank, ESCWA and as a consultant for numerous governments, regional development banks and UN agencies. He is also a member of FEMISE advisory Board.



Tobias SCHUMACHER, Chair holder, European Neighbourhood Policy Chair, European Interdisciplinary Studies Department, College of Europe

Since 1 July 2012 Prof. Dr. Schumacher is the holder of the Chair in European Neighbourhood Policy. He is also an Associate Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for International Studies (CEI-IUL) at the University Institute of Lisbon. He previously held positions at the University Institute of Lisbon, the Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission (EuroMeSCo) and others. He is also a member of FEMISE advisory Board.



Rafik SELIM, Principal Economist, Middle East and North Africa, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

He joined EBRD in February 2017 and covers the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean (SEMED) region, which comprises Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, and Tunisia. Prior to joining EBRD, Rafik spent 4 years with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington D.C. and Kuwait as an Analyst focusing on the Middle East and North Africa region. Rafik also worked as a Research Assistant in the World Bank Group's office in Cairo in 2011-2012. Rafik holds a Master's degree in Applied Economics from Johns Hopkins University, and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Cairo University.



Fathallah SIJILMASSI, Economist and Diplomat

After 1999, he held, at the Moroccan Ministry for Foreign Affairs, several senior level positions: Director of Multilateral Cooperation (1999-2001) and Director of European Affairs (2001-2003). In 2003, he was appointed by His Majesty the King of Morocco as Ambassador to the European Union in Brussels (2003-2004), then to France (2005-2009). From 2009 to 2012, he is appointed CEO of the newly created Moroccan Agency for the Investments Development (AMDI). From 2012 to 2018, Dr. Sijilmassi is Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM). He is also a member of FEMISE advisory Board.



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She is a historian by training, has worked in the European Commission for more than 20 years, focussing on external relations. She has dealt with Common Foreign and Security Policy, communication, humanitarian assistance and civil protection, as well with a number of policy files related to resilience building in fragile countries. Since 1 January 2019 she is responsible for regional programmes and cooperation in the Southern Neighbourhood in DG NEAR.



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