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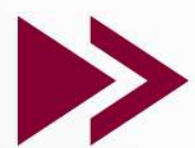
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SPEAKERS



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## **Ms NATHALIE KHALED**

**Ms Nathalie Khaled, Coordinator of the Competition and Consumer Protection Project,  
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Currently, she is leading the implementation of several regional and national projects in ESCWA, among them: Improving competition and protecting consumers in the Arab region; Enhancing Integrated National Development Planning in the Arab Region; The Arab Business Environment Legislative Framework. She served in the United Nations peacekeeping mission with UNIFIL before starting her career at ESCWA. She has a graduate certificate from Cornell University in Public Sector Leadership, and she holds a master's degree in business administration from the Lebanese American University. She has many publications and studies related to economic and social developments in the Arab region and her contribution to developing several online courses



## **Dr LEILA DAGHER**

**Assistant to the President for Public Policy**

Dr. Leila Dagher is Assistant to the President for Public Policy and Associate Professor of Economics at the Lebanese American University (LAU) and has been an adjunct lecturer at the George Washington University (GWU) since 2016. She currently serves as an editor for Energy Policy, as well as on the editorial boards for Finance Research Letters and Utilities Policy. Dr. Dagher is a regular participant in academic and policy debates. Her research applies her econometric knowledge to the areas of energy, environmental, and financial economics with a focus on producing policy-relevant studies. Dr. Dagher received her Bachelor of Engineering from the American University of Beirut and her Ph.D. in Mineral Economics from the Colorado School of Mines.







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## **Dr MOHAMAD ABOU HAIDAR**

Director General of the Ministry of Economy and Trade, Lebanon

Dr. Mohamad Abou Haidar has a Ph.D. from Claude Bernard University – Lyon and an MBA in Management coupled with a bachelor's degree in political sciences. He was appointed as an Adviser to the Minister of Public Health in 2012. Dr. Mohamad joined the World Health Organization as a Technical Support for the Ministry of Public Health and in the Summer of 2014 He joined the International Federation of Red Cross – Iraqi Red Crescent as a Project Manager in 2015 he joined the United Nations development program as a Quality Development Officer within the Ministry of Economy and Trade till the decree of appointing him as Director General in June 2020. He is a lecturer at Sagesse University and Saint Joseph University. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Banque du Liban and the Board of Directors of the Capital Markets Authority. Dr. Abou Haidar was appointed as General Commissionaire of the Lebanese Pavillion at Expo Dubai 2020. He is currently the commissioner General of Expo Doha 2023.



## **MR ELIE MEFLEH**

Attorney at Law and Legal Researcher, United Nations  
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Elie is a lawyer and legal researcher at UN-ESCWA. Over the past seven years, he has specialized in the field of business law, focusing on various aspects such as business transactions, litigation, arbitration, and policy research.







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## MR NATHANIEL MARTIN

Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Shared Economic Prosperity Cluster,  
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His research focuses on debt and fiscal policy in the Arab Region. He assisted with developing the Social Expenditure Monitor tool and contributed to the report on Social Expenditure Monitor for Arab States, jointly produced by ESCWA, UNDP, and UNICEF. Nathaniel has previous experience as an Associate Economist at Moody's Analytics. He holds a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Economics from Cornell University.



## DR ROSSI ABI RAFEH

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Rossi holds a PhD in Economics and Econometrics from the Toulouse School of Economics, an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics, and an MEng from ENSAE Paristech. Since 2022, Rossi is a senior economist in a multinational food logistics company, where he leads a research agenda integrating economics in tech product development, particularly around balancing consumer preferences and network efficiency. He's also a research fellow at the Institute for Fiscal Studies working on industrial organization. His writings on antitrust have been published in multiple outlets including Competition Policy International and nominated for the Antitrust Writings Awards. Rossi co-chaired the DG COMP Young Experts conference in 2022 and co-founded a film blockchain startup in 2016.

