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Name: Jauad EL KHARRAZ**Title: Executive Director, Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE)****Bio:**

Dr. Jauad El Kharraz is the Executive Director of the Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE), an intergovernmental organization with diplomatic status based in Cairo with 17 Arab countries onboard. Dr. El Kharraz took his office on October 2021 bringing over 20 years of experience in various sustainable energy fields including energy policies, wind and solar technologies, and green hydrogen in addition to water management, desalination, water-energy-food-climate nexus, climate change, and environment. As the Executive Director, Dr. El Kharraz undertakes the strategic management of RCREEE. He leads RCREEE Secretariat in implementing its strategy aiming to enable and increase the adoption of renewable energies and energy efficiency practices in RCREEE 17 member states. With the region's great potential, rapid sustainable energy market changes, Dr. El Kharraz is entrusted with tailoring innovative initiatives to deepen Arab-Arab cooperation in sustainable energy fields & to boost our member states' efforts towards energy transition.



Name: Giorgio GRADITI**Title: President of Mediterranean Association of National Agencies for Energy Management (MEDENER)****Bio:**

Engineer, 53 years old, Giorgio Graditi is Director General of ENEA and has held various positions including that of Director of the Department of Energy Technologies and Renewable Sources. Since 2019 he has been president of MEDENER, the association recognized by the European Commission that brings together the national agencies of the Mediterranean countries engaged in the field of energy efficiency and renewable sources. He is coordinator of the Scientific Technical Committee of the National Energy Technology Cluster and was an expert member of the MUR Working Group for the Thematic Area "Industrial Energetics", Area "Climate, Energy and Sustainable Mobility", National Research Plan 2021-2027. He is deputy coordinator of the Joint Program on Smart Grids within EERA, the European Energy Research Alliance, and responsible for numerous national and european projects and agreements with Ministries, in particular the Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security, and stakeholders in the energy sector.

He is the author, with Scopus H-index 38, of scientific books, and of over 250 articles published in international journals and in the proceedings of international congresses.



Name: Dr. Ahmed Mohamed MOHINA

Title: First Undersecretary for Strategic Planning and Performance Follow up and International Cooperation, Egyptian Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy

Bio: Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Mohina has over 30 years of experience in the Egyptian Electricity and Renewable Energy Sector. He is currently First Undersecretary for Strategic Planning and Performance Follow up and International Cooperation. He has held senior positions such as Undersecretary for Authorities' Follow up, General Manager for Technical Follow Up and General Manager for Minister's Technical Office.

In addition, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Egyptian New and Renewable Energy Authority. He is a member of the Energy Committee in ESCWA. Also, He was a Secretary of IEC National Committee of Egypt.

He participated in several national committees for the preparation of strategies, policies and legislation, such as Egypt's strategy for sustainable development 2030, The Egyptian integrated sustainable energy strategy for 2035, and preparation of Egyptian Electricity Law and the incentives for renewable energy investment Law.

He has wide responsibilities include overview the whole sector requirements and performance, Power system expansion plans and the required adjustments, investments for the projects implementation, coordination with international financing institutions, cooperation with other countries, etc.

He represented Egypt in many international and regional conferences as well as He was a head of some energy meetings.

Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Mohina holds a PhD degree in Electrical Energy Economics, a master degree in public administration and a bachelor degree in electrical engineering.



Name: Mohamed BERNANNOU**Title: Member of the Board of ARNE**

Bio: Mohamed Bernannou a obtenu son diplôme d'ingénieur généraliste de l'Ecole des Mines, France, en juin 2000. Il a ensuite reçu un Master, en 2007, en économie et stratégie d'entreprise de l'université Dauphine, France. En 2009, il a été admis à la formation du corps des Ponts et Chaussée, de Pont ParisTech, d'où il est sorti avec un mastère d'administration publique (MPA).

M. Bernannou a passé dix (10) années dans le Conseil dans des domaines aussi divers que les systèmes d'information, les télécommunications, le ferroviaire, la stratégie..., pour des organismes publics et des entreprises : Ministère des finances, Réseau Ferré de France (RFF), OLAF (Commission Européenne), Altran Technologie, Capgemini, Transiciel, etc.

En 2010, il a rejoint Masen (Moroccan agency for sustainable energy) en tant que chargé de mission senior. Il a occupé plusieurs postes de responsabilité : directeur du plan de développement (POD) du complexe solaire de Ouarzazate. En 2011, il a été nommé directeur de développement durable, puis directeur de la formation et le développement industriel.

En 2015, il est nommé directeur général du Cluster Solaire et du Moroccan climate innovation center (MCIC), mis en place avec la Banque Mondiale.

En 2018, M. Bernannou rejoint le Cabinet du Ministre de l'Energie en tant que Conseiller Énergie.



Name: Tounao KIRI

Title: Directeur de l'Institut de la Francophonie pour le développement durable (IFDD)

Bio: Tounao KIRI est Ingénieur d'État en Automatisation de l'Institut National d'Hydrocarbures et de la Chimie (INHC) de Boumerdes en Algérie, avant de se spécialiser en Planification énergétique et en gestion opérationnelle des Projets et Programmes. Il a occupé plusieurs fonctions de Directions au Ministère des Mines et de l'énergie du Niger entre 1989 et 1999 avant de rejoindre la Coopération Suisse pour diriger un important programme d'infrastructures rurales jusqu'en 2006.

Après un Master International en Études Avancées du Développement de l'École des Hautes Études Internationales et du Développement (EHEID) de l'Université de Genève, il rejoint le Fonds Mondial pour la Nature (WWF) en 2006 comme Chargé de Programme Énergie, Changements Climatiques et Partenariat.

Il rejoint l'Organisation internationale de la Francophonie comme Responsable de Programme en 2009, puis Spécialiste de Programme et cumulativement Coordinateur de Programme.

Après un diplôme de 2ième Cycle Universitaire en Analyse systémique de la Durabilité (ASD) de l'Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC), il est admis comme Coordinateur principal de l'Institut de la Francophonie pour le Développement Durable (IFDD) en avril 2019.

Il a assuré l'intérim du poste de Directeur de l'IFDD de mars à novembre 2021.



Name: Samir RACHIDI

Title: Acting General Manager of the Institute of Research in Solar Energy and New Energies (IRESEN) Secretary General of the Moroccan Cluster of Green Hydrogen (Cluster Green H2)

Bio: Dr. Samir Rachidi is a leading expert in renewable energy and green chemistry. He is currently the acting general manager of IRESEN, a public research institute that supports innovation and development in solar energy and new energies in Morocco. He leads a team of researchers and engineers who work on cutting-edge projects and demonstration activities in areas such as Power-to-X, green chemistry, energy storage, concentrated solar power (CSP) and hybridization of solar and bioenergy.

Before joining IRESEN, Dr. Rachidi was the head of the R&D program at the Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy (MASEN), where he was responsible for catalyzing national R&D efforts in solar energy, establishing partnerships and collaborations for international R&D projects in solar applications, and contributing to the definition of a strategic R&D orientation to help unlock the industrial potential of Morocco in the solar sector



Name: Mohammed ELHUSSEINY**Title: Energy Expert, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)****Bio:**

An Egyptian diplomat who worked in the embassies of Egypt in Libya, Warsaw, and Addis Ababa. He worked in the Headquarters of the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Cairo from 2018 to 2020 in the department of International Cooperation when he was assigned to work on cooperation projects executed by the UNDP and UN Habitat in Egypt. He joined the Union for the Mediterranean UfM in late 2020 as energy expert in the Energy and Climate Action Division ECA. Since then, he has been following the energy file in the UfM to apply the strategies adopted by the member states and the UfM Co-presidency on energy in the region.

