

Members of the Scientific Committee of the Rabat Institute - Driss Benzekri - of Human Rights

Ms. Amina Bouayach, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Council (CNDH).

Ms. Bouayach was the first woman to chair a human rights organization in Morocco (the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights - OMDH). She was the coordinator of several human rights advocacy and mobilisation coalitions and working groups, at national, regional and international levels. She chaired and took part at several election observation and investigation missions at national and international levels. Former Vice-President and then Secretary General of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Ms. Bouayach was appointed in 2011 to sit at of the royal advisory commission that drafted the Moroccan Constitution. Before she was appointed to chair the CNDH in December 2018, she served as Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to Sweden and Latvia (from February 2016 to December 2018).

Mr. Raji Sourani, Lawyer and founding president of the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights in Ghaza. He is member of the International Commission of Jurists and Vice-President of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH). He was imprisoned by the Israelis because of his activities. He won the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award in 1991 and the Alternative Nobel Prize in 2013.

Mr. Ahmed Chaouqui Benyoub, lawyer (serving at the Rabat Bar until 2011) and Inter-ministerial Delegate for Human Rights (appointed by King Mohammed VI in December). He was Vice-President of the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights (OMDH), expert with the the National Observatory of the Rights of the Child (ONDE), member of the Equity and Reconciliation Commission and member of the Advisory Council on Human Rights (CCDH). He is known in the MENA region as an expert on human rights and transitional justice. Mr. Benyoub authored several books published within the framework of national, regional and international human rights programs.

Ms. Souhayr Belhassen, former president and then honorary president of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH). She was the first woman to chair the FIDH, created in 1922. Political sciences graduate and Vice-president of the Tunisian League of Human Rights (LTDH), Ms. Belhassen worked as a journalist. She worked as Reuters correspondent in Tunis and development manager at the “Canal Horizon” channel, Maghreb and sub-Saharan Africa. The Council of Europe awarded her the North-South Prize for her outstanding commitment to promoting solidarity between North and South in 2011.

Mr. Mohamed Benalilou, the Mediator (Ombudsman). He was Director of the Administrative and Training Department at the Higher Council of the Judicial Power in Rabat, Director of Human Resources in the Ministry of Justice, Head of the Office of the Minister of Justice, and Director of Studies, Cooperation and Modernization at the MOJ. Mr. Benalilou is a magistrate by training. He holds a Master’s Degree in law. He is a graduate of the Rabat-based Higher Institute of Judicial Studies.

Mr. Hanny Megally, Senior Fellow at New York University’s Center on International Cooperation focusing on violent extremism, human rights and rule of law. He chaired the Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions (ICC) after being Chief of Asia, Pacific, Middle East and North Africa at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva. He is also one of the three commissioners of the UN Independent

International Commission of Inquiry on the Syria Arab Republic. Previously, he was Vice-President for Programs at the International Center for Transitional Justice. Mr. Megally began his professional career at Amnesty International Secretariat where he chaired the Middle East Research Department. Later, he led the Ford Foundation's social justice program in the Middle East. He was the Executive Director of the Middle East and North Africa Division of Human Rights Watch. He has overseen several country programs in MENA and the Asia / Pacific. He is considered as an expert on human rights and political developments in the MENA region.

Ms. Asma Lamrabet, Biologist. For several years, she volunteered at public hospitals in Spain and Latin America. Essayist committed for several years to promoting reflections on Muslim thought reform and women issues in Islam. Ms. Lamrabet is member of the academic committee of the *Musawah* international network, based in Kuala Lumpur. She chaired the Gender Studies Chair at the Euro-Arab Foundation of the University of Granada. She was also Director of the Center for Women's Studies in Islam (CERFI) at the *Rabita Mohammadia of the Ulema* in Morocco.

Mr. Mabassa Fall, Professor of political sciences at the University Cheikh Anta Diop and founding member of the National Organization for Human Rights in Senegal. Mr. Fall was a member of the International Commission of Jurists, before joining the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH). He is also a founding member of the Inter-African Union for Human Rights and the African Center for Conflict Prevention at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR). He initiated Resolution 79, establishing the Working Group on Death Penalty at the 38th Ordinary Session of the ACHPR.

Mr. Hassan Tariq, Political scientist and a former parliamentarian. He is a professor at the Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco. He is also President of the Moroccan Association of Political Sciences and author of several books.

Mr. Mustapha Raïssouni, Lawyer and former President at the Tangier Bar Association (Morocco). Mr. Raïssouni is former President of the Moroccan Bar Association. He chaired the *Association de Soutien aux Établissements Universitaires* (supporting university institutions), the Abdellah Guennoun Foundation for Culture and Scientific Research, the Tangier Development Association (*Association du Développement de la province de Tanger*) and *Dar AL Hanae Association* (for handicapped orphans). He is a former member of the Independent Arbitration Commission, member of the group of experts of the Equity and Reconciliation Commission (IER) and member of the former Advisory Council on Human Rights. He is currently Adviser to the Chairperson of the CNDH. He published several studies in specialized magazine.

Ms. Marcela Cubillos Poblete, social historian of classical antiquity. Ms. Cubillos studied at the Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaíso in Chile. She holds a Ph.D. in ancient history from the University of Pisa in Italy. She teaches at the Institute of History and Social Sciences, University of Valparaíso, Chile. She is an active member of several organizations including the European Institute of Food History and Culture, the Chilean Society for Classical Studies, the Argentinian Association of European Studies, the International Commission on the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (ICAF), and the Association of Researchers in Arts and Humanity of Chile.

Mr. Tayeb Biad, historian and professor of contemporary and current history at Hassan II University of Casablanca. Mr. Biad is an expert assessor at the National Centre for Scientific and Technical Research. He contributed to the ENTRENOVA (ENTerprise REsearch InNOVation Conference). He published several research and writings including « Journalisme et histoire » (journalism and history) in 2019 and « L'enferment, Le partage, Lieux et mémoire » (about collective memory and places of detention) in 2015.

Mr. Mohammed Mhaifid, Professor of Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion at Ibn Tofail University of Kenitra. He is a founding member of the Laboratory of Philosophy and Society at the same University. From 1997 to 2011, Mr. Mhaifid held several senior positions at the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights (OMDH). He collaborated as an expert with the Equity and Reconciliation Commission and contributed to several thematic research groups. He also contributed to numerous national and international reports and seminars on human rights and democracy.

Ms. Katharina Rose, representative of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) in Geneva. Ms. Rose coordinates GANHRI's engagement with the United Nations and other organizations. Previously, she worked for the German Parliamentary Assembly and the Marc Bloch Center in Berlin. She is a lawyer certified to practice in Germany. She studied law and human rights at the Humboldt University of Berlin and at the University of Geneva. She studied literature at King's College and international relations at the University of Bologna.

Mr. Mbarek Boudarqa, lawyer and former member of the Equity and Reconciliation Commission (IER). He chaired the IER's investigation team. He was member of the former Advisory Council on Human Rights. He has held several positions in human rights networks in Western Europe and the Arab world. He is the author of the *Lettre de Paris* (Paris Letter) and *AHADITH* (Memories of former Prime Minister of Abderhmane Youssoufi). He co-authored a book about the IER's experience. Since 2008, Mr. Boudarqa has been working as an advisor at the Chairperson's Office, at the National Human Rights Council.