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Biographical Note

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A passionate, humanitarian driven, motivator leader and a champion for women gender equality, keen advocate for Human rights, peace & security, youth empowerment, as well as poverty alleviation & inclusive governance, Her Excellency Dr. Abu Ghazaleh is the Assistant Secretary General, Head of the Social Affairs Sector at the League of Arab States from 2018 – current, was previously appointed as the Assistant Secretary General, Head of the Media and Communication at the League of Arab State from 2013-2018 (LAS) .

She is a laureate of numerous prestigious international and regional leadership awards, who published over 100 papers, publications, and journal articles based on her knowledge and expertise. Her Excellency Dr. Abu Ghazaleh was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005 following her nomination selection for the '1000 women for Noble Peace Prize 2005 ' .

Before becoming the Assistant Secretary-General at the League, Dr. Abu Ghazaleh was appointed as a Special Envoy for the League of Arab States Secretary-General to the Civil Society (2007), and as a Jordanian Representative to the Arab Women Organization Arab Women Organization (AWO) from 2007- 2013, Senator to the Jordanian Upper House of Parliament from 2007- 2011.

By His Majesty King Abdullah II royal decree, she was appointed as a Minister of Tourism and Antiquities in 2011.

During the period of 2007 – 2010, Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah II appointed Dr. Abu Ghazaleh as a Secretary-General at the National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA). Dr. Abu Ghazaleh conducted pioneering work for more than 12 years while being the Regional Director of UN Women (previously known as UNIFEM) - Arab States Regional Office.



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Among Her Excellency Dr. Abu Ghazaleh's most remarkable achievements as the Assistant Secretary-General at the League of Arab States, was the formulation of Pan Arab Network for Early Warning and Crisis Responses through a joint LAS-EU-UNDP programme to respond to political, social, economic and environmental crises. She has also helped with the formulation of several strategies at the national and regional levels, most notably the Regional Strategy against Violence Against Women, the Regional Strategy for Women, Security and Peace and the Regional Framework for the Protection of Women from Violence, which is a member of many national and international organizations. Formulation of Arab Women Network Mediation (ANWM) as part of the Global Alliance of Women Mediators, Formulation of Arab women strategy for women peace & security and Co-Supervise the Arab regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugees (ARCP).

Chairperson of the League of Arab States Monitoring Committee of the Egyptian Presidential, Parliamentary and Constitutional Elections from 2014 to 2015.

For more than Three decades, Dr. Abu Ghazaleh has been heavily involved and active at the Global Regional and National level in the areas of policy and legislative reform, gender mainstreaming, strategic planning, human rights, peace and security, Media & Communication and Early warning.

Dr. Abu Ghazaleh holds two Ph.Ds in Education & Psychology, an MA in Educational Counseling and a BA in Psychology and Sociology. . She is fluent in Arabic and English.



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