# 2019 Middle East Environmental Law Scholars' Conference

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Speakers' Bios

#### **CONFERENCE TEAM**



### Professor Dr Riyad Fakhri – Conference Chair

Vice President of Hassan 1<sup>st</sup> University in Settat in charge of Pedagogical and Academic Affairs

March 2007 : University Proficiency Certificate. 1996-2000 : State Doctorate in Business Law — First Class Honors- obtained from Law Faculty. University Ain Chems at Cairo-Egypt.

### SKILLS:

- ullet Since September 2012: Vice President of Hassan  ${\it 1^{st}}$  University in Settat in charge of Pedagogical and Academic Affairs;
- From 2005 to 2012 : Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law in charge of Pedagogical and Academic Affairs ;
- Representative member of the administration of the joint committee of Hassan 1<sup>st</sup> University;
- Since 2009: Founder and Director of Research Laboratory in Business Law;
- Since September 2012: President of the pedagogical commission of the council of Hassan 1<sup>st</sup> University of Settat;
- Since April 2018: Director of Joint Research Center on Belt Initiative and Road and Sino-Moroccan Relations;
- Author and director of several national and international scientific publications, books and articles in the field of business law in three languages: Arabic, French and English;
- Speaker in several national and international conferences and congresses in the field of business law:
- Coordination of several activities and academic missions at the international level;
- Permanent university lecturer at the faculty of law at Hassan 1<sup>st</sup> University;
- Part-time lecturer and visiting professor at several Moroccan (Cadi ayad, Med V) and French (Lyon 2 and Franche-Comté) universities;
- Active member of the board of several civil associations;
- Supervisor of more than 17 defended doctoral thesis;
- Supervising more than 7 doctoral thesis;
- Member of jury of defense of several doctoral thesis at national and international level (in Morocco and France);
- Scientific Director of the website www.droitetentreprise.com;

Scientific Director of the journal of scientific publication le droit et les affaires (14 Issues).

### Dr. Susan L Karamanian, Dean, College of Law, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar



Susan L. Karamanian is Dean of HBKU's College of Law. She previously held leadership positions at the American University of Sharjah and the George Washington University Law School. Susan is a member of the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) and was previously Vice President of ASIL. She was also President of the Washington Foreign Law Society. She has lectured on international law at the University of Paris, the OAS Academy of International Law, Tamil Nadu National Law School, the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, and the Hague Academy of International Law (Director of English Studies). She has presented two lectures ("The Right to Property under International Law" and "The Intersection of Public International Law and Private International Law") as part of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law. She is a trustee of the Center for American and International Law, where she chairs the Southwestern Institute for International and Comparative Law, and a director of Texas Appleseed. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Council on Germany, the American Bar Foundation, and the Texas Bar Foundation.



**Dr. Damilola S. Olawuyi**, LL.M (Calgary), LL.M (Harvard), DPhil (Oxford) Associate Professor of Law, HBKU College of Law

Damilola S. Olawuyi is an associate professor of petroleum, energy and environmental law at the HBKU Law School, Qatar, and chancellor's fellow at the Institute for Oil, Gas, Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development (OGEES Institute), Nigeria.

A prolific and highly regarded scholar, Dr. Olawuyi has published several influential peer-reviewed articles, books, and reports on climate finance, energy infrastructure, and extractive resource governance. His most recent book publications are THE HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH TO CARBON FINANCE (Cambridge University Press 2016) and EXTRACTIVES INDUSTRY LAW IN AFRICA (Springer, 2018). Dr. Olawuyi was formerly an international energy

lawyer at Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP, Calgary, where he served on the firm's global committee on extractive resource investments in Africa. He has lectured on energy and environmental law in over 40 countries in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and the Middle East.

Dr. Olawuyi has been admitted as Barrister and Solicitor in Alberta, Canada; Ontario, Canada; and Nigeria. He serves on the executive committees and boards of several organizations. He is Vice President of the Nigerian Branch of the International Law Association; co-chair of the Africa Interest Group of the American Society of International Law, member of the International Law Association's Committee on Sustainable Natural Resources Development; and board director of the Environmental Law Centre, Canada. He is a member of the editorial/ advisory boards of several leading journals and is Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy*.

Dr. Olawuyi is a regular media commentator on all aspects of natural resources, energy and environmental law.

### **PLENARY AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

Aphrodite Smagadi, Legal Officer, Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme



Aphrodite Smagadi is a Legal Officer with the United Nations secretariat. She joined the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi in 2016 after seven years with the secretariats of the Aarhus and Espoo Conventions in Geneva. Prior to joining the UN, she worked with the World Bank legal department (Washington DC), the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (London) and ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability (Freiburg, Germany), with short assignments with the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations (New York) and the European Commission DG Trade (Brussels). She holds a PhD from the European University Institute and LL.M. from Freiburg University (Germany). She is a qualified lawyer with the Bar in Greece.

Professor Mahjoub El Haiba, Expert on Transitional Justice and Environmental Law, and Member of the National Council for Human Right



Mahjoub El Haiba is an Expert on Transitional Justice and Environmental Law, and Member of the National Council for Human Right. He was Secretary General of the Human Rights Advisory Council (2005- 2011) and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law of Casablanca from (1997-2000).

He has a PhD in political science, and serves as national and international consultant in the field of environmental law, human rights and international law of information and communication.

He is also a founding member of the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights (OMDH).

Mr El Haiba is member and vice-president of the Centre for Studies and Research on Migration and Human Rights (CERMEDH), and a founding member of the Moroccan Network of International Humanitarian Law and member of the Moroccan Association of Maritime Sciences.

Mr El Haiba is a former member of the Equity and Reconciliation Commission and the Human Rights Advisory Council.

**Dr. Omar Khataibeh**, Faculty of Law, University of Jordan, Senior Legal Fellow at the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), McGill University, Canada



Chairman of the National Assembly Arbitration Center for Investor Protection in Jordan Founder of Al Khataibeh Center for Arbitration, Law and Legal Training

Lawyer, Member Of Jordanian Bar Association since 1 july 1991

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Member of international association of environmental law

Member of Jordanian association for environment since 1993

Member of international constitutional law IACL) (

President of Arab Association of Climate and Environment and Sustainable Development

### Author of two books in English:

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Arab Investment Agreements and its Contribution to Arab Investment "bearing ISBN 978-3-659-82474-6, Lambert Academic Publication, 2016

**Author of 17 academic research in various areas of law**, including *Civil Liability in the Nuclear Legislation and It's Implementations in Jordan 86-104* European Journal of Social Sciences. issn 1450-2267 Volume 44 No 1 June, 2014

The Role of the Professional Associations in Boosting D emocracy in Jordan

**Aisa Mustafa Hammadeen** (Jordan) Regional Vice-Chair for West Asia, IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy



Aisa M Hammadeen has over ten years' experience in legal works and researches. He holds a lawyer license from the Jordan Bar Association. His Research interest includes Environmental law and human right He wrote and lectured on several legal topics relating primarily to environmental law and human rights and participated in many conferences. He worked as a Legal advisor in an environmental project between Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. He is the owner and founder of the Life Center for Legal Studies and Researches. Aisa M Hammadeen is a member of several nonprofit organizations. He is a Member in IUCN Environmental Law Centre (ELC) and IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL). He is also a member in the Jordan Environment Society. He earned his Master's degree in law in 2005 and Bachelor's degree in Law in 1999. He is currently a CEESP Regional Vice-Chair for West Aisa 2017 -2020.

### **Professor Randall Abate**





Randall S. Abate is the inaugural Rechnitz Family / Urban Coast Institute Endowed Chair in Marine and Environmental Law and Policy, and a Professor in the Department of Political Science and Sociology, at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey. He teaches courses in domestic and international environmental law, constitutional law, and animal law. Professor Abate joined the Monmouth faculty in 2018 with 24 years of full-time law teaching experience at six U.S. law schools. He has taught international and comparative law courses—and delivered invited lectures—on environmental and animal law topics in Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, the Cayman Islands, China, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, the Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Serbia. South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, the U.K, and Vanuatu.

Professor Abate has published five books—and more than thirty law journal articles and book chapters—on environmental and animal law topics, with a recent emphasis on climate change law and justice. He is the author of CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE VOICELESS: PROTECTING FUTURE GENERATIONS, WILDLIFE, AND NATURAL RESOURCES (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming October 2019); editor of CLIMATE JUSTICE: CASE STUDIES IN GLOBAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES (ELI Press 2016), WHAT CAN ANIMAL LAW LEARN FROM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW? (ELI Press 2015), and CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON OCEAN AND COASTAL LAW: U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES (Oxford University Press 2015); and co-editor of CLIMATE CHANGE AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: THE SEARCH FOR LEGAL REMEDIES (Edward Elgar 2013). He is currently working on the second edition of WHAT CAN ANIMAL LAW LEARN FROM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW? (ELI Press, forthcoming May 2020). Early in his career, Professor Abate handled environmental law matters at two law firms in Manhattan. He holds a B.A. from the University of Rochester and a J.D. and M.S.E.L. (Environmental Law and Policy) from Vermont Law School.

**Prof. Patricia Kameri-Mbote, SC, EBS, SJD (Stanford)** Chair, Association of Environmental Law Lecturers in African Universities (ASSELLAU), Professor of Law, School of Law, University of Nairobi, Kenya



Prof. Patricia Kameri-Mbote is a Professor of Law and former Dean at the School of Law, University of Nairobi. She is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and was conferred the rank of Senior Counsel in 2012. She was a member of the Committee of Eminent Persons appointed by His Excellency the President of Kenya in February 2006 to advise the government on the way forward for the stalled constitution review process. She was also awarded an honorary degree in law by the

University of Oslo (UiO) in 2017 for outstanding contribution to research through groundbreaking work cutting across established fields such as Women's Law, Natural Resources Law, Human Rights and Law and Development.

Kameri-Mbote earned her doctorate from Stanford University in 1999 specializing in property rights and environmental law. She had earlier studied law in Nairobi, Warwick and Zimbabwe. She has taught law globally for the last 30 years and currently teaches Women, Access to Resources and the Law at the Southern and Eastern Africa Research Centre on Women's Law (SEARCWL), Property Law and Equality Law at the University of Nairobi.

She is an engaged and public spirited global citizen who has served and currently serves on various national, regional and international boards such as: the Global Council of the Water and Sanitation Program (WSP); the International Development Law Organization (IDLO); Lewa Wildlife Conservancy; Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE-Uganda); the Kenya Land Conservation Trust; Chair, Kenya School of Law Board; Chair, Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB); and the Pell Centre for International Relations, Salve Regina University, Rhode Island among others.

Kameri-Mbote is the chairperson of the Association of Environmental Law Lecturers in African Universities (ASSELLAU). She has published widely in her areas of research interest: international law, environmental law, women's rights, legal education, rule of law and property rights - and participated in international, regional, national and local conferences. Her recent publications relevant to this convening include:

- 1. Environmental Law in Africa, editor Recht und Verfassung in Africa; Law and Constitutionalism in Africa, Nomos Publishers, (Forthcoming November 2018) (Co-edited with Oliver Ruppel; Alexander Paterson; Emmanuel Kam Yogo & Bibobra Orubebe)
- 2. Environmental Governance in Kenya: Implementing the Constitutional Framework, International Development Law Organization & School of Law University of Nairobi (Forthcoming 2019) (Co-edited with Robert Kibugi)
- 3. Unlocking Africa's Future: Biotechnology & Law Fountain Publishers, Kampala (2018) (With Professor Idah Sithole Niang University of Zimbabwe & Godber Tumushabe)
- 4. Navigating Uncharted Terrains: Professor Okidi's Enduring Legacy in the Development of Environmental Law in Africa, University of Nairobi School of Law, Nairobi (Forthcoming 2019) (Co-edited with Collins Odote)

5. Water is Life: Women's Human Rights in National and Local Water Governance in Southern and Eastern Africa, Weaver Press, Harare, (2015) (With Anne Hellum and Barbara Van Koppen)

# WORKSHOP 2: TEACHING CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN THE MENA REGION: CURRENT ISSUES AND FUTURE DIRECTION

**Chair: Professor Arrach Abdeljabbar,** Department of Public Law/Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences, University Hassan the First, Settat, Moroc

### Speakers:

**Dr. Mohsen Abdollahi**, Head of Department, Environmental Law, University of Shahid Beheshti, Iran



Mohsen Abdollahi is Associate Professor of International and Environmental Law at University of Shahid Beheshti (SBU) of Iran. He serves as the Head of Human Rights and Environmental Law Department in the faculty of law at SBU, the Head of International law Committee of Iran Expediency Discernment Council and Legal Adviser at the Presidential Office. His main areas of research interest include environmental law, international responsibility, law of anti-terrorism, law of immunities, and international criminal law.

Col. Dr. Hussein Mohamed Faleh Tifla Al-Ajmi (Kuwait), Director of Environment Police Department



**Col. Dr Al-Ajmi** joined the Kuwait Police force in 1998 as a lieutenant. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in 2017. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Police Science from the Saad Al-Abdullah Academy for Security Science in Kuwait, a master's degree in environmental sciences from the University of Kuwait, ad a PhD in Public International Law from Manofeya University.

Bouhania Goui, Dean, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Ouargia, Algeria



**Dr. Ibrahim Ghoumghar,** Professor, Public Law and Environmental Law, and Vice Dean for Scientific Research, Faculty of Law, Ait Melloul Agadir, Morocco

# WORKSHOP 3: HOW TO BETTER PREPARE CLIMATE CHANGE LAW PRACTITIONERS: THE KNOWLEDGE BASE

**Speakers:** 

Dr. Aziza Moneer



Aziza Moneer has a PhD in Environmental Politics from the Chair of Forest Policy/ Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources/ Freiburg University, Germany (2015). She works as Postdoctoral Fellow at the Research Institute foe a Sustainable Environment of the American University in Cairo. In 2013, She was a Visiting Scholar to the Institute of Social Ecology at Alpen Adaria University in Vienna. In 2018, She was a Visiting Research Fellow to the Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden. Her current research focuses on environmental justice, natural resources management, environmental movements, environmental conflicts, environmental education and citizenship. Beyond her research accomplishments, she works as Freelancer journalist, writing for Al Hayat Newspaper and a number of Arabic and English blogs.

Dr. Mohsine El Ahmadi, Professor of Public Law, Cadi Ayyad University of Marrakech, Morocco

**Mohamed Ftouhi,** Professor of Law at Mohammed V University and Vice President of the Arab Network for Environment and Development, Morocco

**Dr. Kejji Hasna,** University Professor of Environmental Law and Political Science, Hassan II University,

#### **WORKSHOP 4: EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE LAW**

Chair: Dr. Ardit Memeti, Associate Professor of Law, Kuwait International Law School, Kuwait



Dr. Ardit Memeti is a full time Associate Professor of International Law at Kuwait International Law School. He holds a PhD from the Faculty of Law, Maastricht University (2013), an LL.M in International and Comparative Law from the University of Pittsburgh (2005) and a degree in Law from the University of St. Cyril & Methodius, Skopje (2003). In 2007 he was also admitted to the BAR of the R. Macedonia.

Dr. Ardit Memeti is a recipient of the NUFFIC Fellowship of the Netherlands Fellowship Programme of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ron Brown Fellowship of the US State Department and the Open Society Institute Fellowship for Returning Scholars.

Previously he worked as an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law of South East European University in R. Macedonia and a Lecturer of Maastricht University. At CESL- China EU School of Law at China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China he teaches WTO Law.

His area of research is international and comparative law, in particular power relations in international institutional law.

### **Speakers:**

Dr. Lofti Chedly, Professor of Law, Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences, Tunisia



Lotfi Chedly, né le 16 mai 1968 à Nabeul (Tunisie). Etudes universitaires à la Faculté des sciences juridiques, politiques et sociales de Tunis.

Professorat de l'enseignement supérieur de Droit privé et sciences criminelles session 2008; Agrégation en Droit privé et sciences criminelles session 2003 (Major de Tunisie); Habilitation à diriger les recherches universitaires : de la Faculté des sciences juridiques, en novembre 2002; Doctorat en sciences juridiques, 2001, Mention : Très honorable, avec l'obtention des félicitations du jury, ouvrage publié par le Centre de publication Universitaire, Tunis, en 2002; DEA en Droit économique et des affaires, juin 1994; Certificat d'études spécialisées en études judiciaires, 1992; Certificat d'aptitude à la profession d'Avocat, session 1992; Maîtrise en sciences juridiques, 1992, Mention Bien, proposé par la Faculté des sciences juridiques au prix du Président de la République Tunisienne; Diplôme universitaire d'études juridiques, 1990.

Assistant, Maître-assistant, Maître de conférences et Professeur à la Faculté des sciences juridiques, politiques et sociales de Tunis (Université de Carthage depuis 1994); Doyen de la Faculté des sciences juridiques, politiques et sociales de Tunis (depuis août 2014 jusqu'à décembre 2017); Directeur du département de Droit privé et de sciences criminelles à la faculté des sciences juridiques, politiques et sociales de Tunis: avril 2005- Juin 2008; Responsable du Mastère en Droit des affaires de 2002 à 2010, Responsable du Mastère en Droit des entreprises et des affaires de 2010 à 2012; Co-fondateur et Co- Responsable du Mastère de recherches en Droit international et relations Maghreb – Europe à partir de l'année 2012 jusqu'à 2014. Directeur de l'Unité de recherches « Relations internationales privées » de 2011 à 2014.

- Professeur invité dans plusieurs Universités étrangères, en particulier à Beyrouth (Liban),
   à Aix Marseille et à Besançon (France).
- Membre de la commission chargée de la réforme du Code de l'investissement (2012/2013)
- Membre des Commissions nationales de réforme des Code de Droit international privé et de l'arbitrage (depuis 2016); Membre de la Commission nationale pour l'étude et l'adhésion de la Tunisie aux Conventions de La Haye (depuis 2016...).
- Membre à plusieurs reprises du jury national de Professorat, d'agrégation, et de Maîtres assistants en droit privé et sciences criminelles. Président du jury national du concours pour l'obtention du certificat pour la profession d'avocat, en 2011.
- Membre de l'Association tunisienne de droit privé (Groupe tunisien Henri Capitant des amis de la culture juridique française), Membre de l'ARTD (Association pour la recherche sur la transition démocratique), Membre du groupe tunisien au sein de l'Académie internationale de droit comparé.
- Arbitre en droit interne et en droit du commerce international, ad hoc ou institutionnel ( CCI, CCAT etc)

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- Ph.D. in Law, Paul Cézanne Aix-Marseille III University, France (2005)
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- Bachelor of Law & Administration, Faculty of Law -University of Paul Cézanne Aix-Marseille
   III France

Highly qualified and accomplished Legal Professional with more than 15 years of experience specifically in the areas of environmental regulation and compliance, employment law, taxation law, bankruptcy and construction contracts. Expert knowledge of Municipal Law, Government Contract Law, Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), Federal Employment Law, Administrative Procedures Act, Credit Facilities, and Cost Principles and Financing. Possess excellent background in contract review and preparation, notary documentation, regulatory filings. Highly skilled in drafting legal negotiating finance-related activities for complex domestic and international business transactions. Able to manage all legal cases independently from answer to trial and will always passionately argue on behalf of clients.

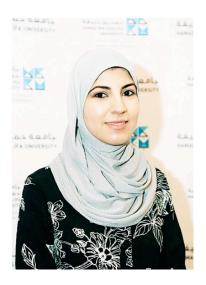
A highly analytical and self-motivated Legal Consultant with a Doctorate Degree in Law and extensive experience in Law. Ingenious and subtle with strong people administration skills and an inborn ability to enthuse and encourage teams.

Pursuing an opportunity as a Legal Consultant within a dynamic, forward-thinking organization supplying opportunities to progress intellectually, personally and professionally.

An ambitious and innovative Legal Consultant who enjoys being an integral part of or leading a team. Exhibits a robust commitment to deliver client value and is quick to grasp new ideas and concepts. Possesses outstanding problem-solving and analytical capabilities, good networking skills and is able to communicate concisely at all levels. Greatly motivated, passionate and well organized with an instinctive capability to work well under pressure.

**Professor Abdelaziz Adidi,** Professor, National Institute of Spatial Planning and Urbanism, Rabat, Morocco

WORKSHOP 5: CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN THE ARAB REGION: FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURAL CONSIDERATIONS



## Dr. DALAL AASSOULI Assistant Professor of Islamic Finance, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), Doha, Qatar

Dr Dalal Aassouli is an assistant professor of Islamic finance and Program Coordinator at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) in Qatar.

She was previously a visiting academic at the Durham Centre for Islamic Economics and Finance, Durham University Business School. Previously, she worked at the International Islamic Liquidity Management Corporation (IILM) in Malaysia where she assisted with the establishment of the IILM's sukuk programme. Before that, she held several positions in Europe where she had exposure to the African, European and Latin American markets.

Her areas of research interest include Islamic finance in general and its implications for corporate finance, ethical finance, development finance, green finance, sustainable development and socially responsible investing.

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WORKSHOP 6: CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN THE ARAB REGION: FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

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The Role of the Professional Associations in Boosting D emocracy in Jordan

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The judge/ Dr. GaafarTheebBadr Al Maani, born in Jordan in 1978. I Hold the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Private Law with honor degree. I occupied many posts in the Public Sector. The first post was Administrative Governor's Assistant at the Ministry of Interior, then I worked as a Judicial Mentor at the Ministry of Justice, thereafter I became a magistrate judge at Amman Court of First Instance. Now, I work as a judge for civil case management, judge at the right chamber and judge at the Appellate Body at As-Salt Court of First Instance.

In addition to duties of my work I work as a trainer in the continuous training program for the judges and lecturer in Master's Degree Program for the students of the Judicial Institute. I have previously participated in many internal and external practical conferences and I would like to mention in particular "The scientific conference for subject of investment and arbitration "in Ad Dar al Bayda' in Kingdom of Morocco, the training workshop in techniques course for commercial dispute resolution and arbitration as a model in Rabat in Kingdom of Morocco. I previously represented the Independent Election Commission in 2013 by supervising the election process of the municipalities in the Capital Governorate.

Moreover, I had many specialized training courses through my practical experience and I mention in particular the course of training the trainers on the training techniques in the civil and criminal issues.

I have many published writings and I mention in particular a book titled role of national judge in the activation of electronic arbitration.

I was in charge for long time in the public opinion cases, trials of the ministries, members of the Parliament and cases of the international extradition.

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