Day 1
Jan 12, 2025



Luna Shamieh, PhD

International Expert in Public Administration Reform and Strategic Planning

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Day 2
Jan 13, 2025



Paulina Lopez Ramos,

Policy Analyst, Public Governance Directorate, OECD

Paulina Lopez Ramos is an experienced professional with more than ten years of experience in the delivery of policy analysis and technical assistance on a broad range of public governance issues, including public administration reform to youth empowerment, open government, civic space, stakeholder and civic participation as well as public communication. With a distinguished academic background, she holds a Master's Degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science on public management and governance. Paulina has been working as a policy analyst in the OECD for over 8 years, supporting public administration reforms in OECD countries and the Mi…

Day 3
Jan 14, 2025



Yosra Bedair

Yosra Bedair is a seasoned economist and public finance management (PFM) expert with extensive experience in budget reform, fiscal policy, and macroeconomic analysis. She holds an MPhil in Development Studies from the University of Cambridge and a BA in Economics from the American University in Cairo.

Yosra currently works with the OECD's Public Management and Budgeting Division as a Resident Advisor under the EU-funded project "Support to Enhanced Administrative and Public Economic Governance in Egypt," where she acts as the on-site PFM focal point for the project. In this role, Yosra provides technical advice and organizes capacity-building activities on PFM reforms with Egypt's Ministry of Finance. Her areas of focus include medium-term budgeting, fiscal risk management, program and performance budgeting, and gender budgeting.

Her career includes impactful roles with the World Bank Cairo Office and the Technical Office of the Egyptian Minister of Finance. At the World Bank, she contributed to preparing development policy loans, drafting analytical macroeconomic reports, and leading a study on competitiveness. At the Ministry of Finance, Yosra was part of the core team that developed Egypt's medium-term macro-fiscal framework, managed Egypt's engagements with credit rating agencies, and supported technical negotiations with the IMF and the World Bank.

Fluent in Arabic, English, German, and proficient in French, Yosra combines technical expertise with cross-cultural communication skills to advance sustainable economic and budgetary reform initiatives.



Indre Bambalaite-Desjardins

Indre Bambalaite-Desjardins is an experienced Policy Analyst working in the Public Governance Directorate's Public Management and Budgeting Division. With over six years of experience, she specialises in supporting OECD member and non-member countries in implementing budgetary reforms, with a particular focus on performance and programme budgeting, as well as spending reviews. Indre provides technical assistance to help countries design and implement effective reforms tailored to their institutional and political contexts.

Previously, Indre held roles in the OECD Economics Department, where she worked on fiscal rules for sub-national governments. She also gained valuable experience in think tanks and the private sector, broadening her expertise in public policy and governance.

A Lithuanian national, Indre holds a Master's degree in Public Policy and Economics from Sciences Po Paris. She is fluent in English and Lithuanian, with a working proficiency in French. Indre combines her technical knowledge with a strong understanding of international governance dynamics, contributing to practical and impactful policy recommendations for OECD member and non-member states



Sara Hamouda

Sara Hamouda leads the Agenda 2063/SDGs Governance Program and the South-South Cooperation Portfolio for the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), based in Johannesburg.

Previously, she worked with the Egyptian Ministry of International Cooperation, the European Investment Bank, and other global organizations. A PhD candidate at Stellenbosch University, Sara holds dual master's degrees in International Development (Hankuk University, South Korea) and Governance (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa), alongside a diploma in Peace Promotion and a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

She actively contributes to African integration and governance research, serves on the Mo Ibrahim Governance Index panel, and has been recognized among Egypt's Top 50 Influential Women for her leadership and service.



Dr. Enock Nyorekwa Twinoburyo

Senior Economist

Enock joined SDGC/A in April 2018 as a Senior Economist, where he is supporting the center's mandate of accelerating the SDG implementation by African Countries. This entails providing policy and technical support to the respective countries in the different areas of economic policy making and implementation. The primary focal are in the realm of financing for SDGs and predominantly tax revenue mobilization and other innovative ways of financing. Previously and over the last 11 years, Enock served as an economic advisor at the European Union Uganda since March 2015, at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Uganda from October 2012 to February 2015 and at the Royal Danish Embassy in Uganda from June 2008 to September 2012. He also served as the Chair to the Donor Economist Group (DEG) in Uganda since 2012. The roles include but not limited to; promoting coordinated, prioritized, and economically informed policy dialogue with Government and other stakeholders. He also has done part time economics lecturing at the Uganda Technology and Management University (UTAMU) and Kyambogo University Uganda.

Enock also supervises academic thesis in other Universities as and when approached, as well as has peer reviewed journal papers namely the International Journal of Sustainable Economy and Ghanaian Journal of Economics. Additionally, he has published a number of journal articles in: International Journal of Sustainable Economy; Journal of Applied Economic Sciences, Contemporary Economics, Journal of Central Banking Theory and Practice, Journal of Bank and Bank Systems among others. Additionally published various economic newspaper articles in the local media in Uganda. Enock attained a PhD in economics from University of South Africa (UNISA), and prior to that he attained a Master of Arts in Economics with a focus on Monetary Economics, Public Expenditure Economics and Environment economics from University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM). Enock previously had attained a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Makerere University, Uganda. Enock is a Ugandan citizen and is fluent in English, 50% Swahili and interested in learning French.

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Day 4
Jan 15, 2025



Maryham Habib
Public Administration Reform and Policy Coherence Expert

Maryham Habib is a seasoned professional specializing in public administration reform, policy coherence, and governance, with over two decades of experience across Egypt and the MENA region. Her work has been instrumental in strengthening national and institutional frameworks, enhancing transparency, and improving service delivery.

Currently, Maryham serves as the **Senior Public Administration Reform Advisor** on the EU-funded OECD project, *Support to Enhanced Administrative and Public Economic Governance in Egypt.* In this role, she supports the implementation of Egypt's *Vision 2030* and the *National Administrative Reform Plan.* Her efforts focus on advancing public administration reforms to align with OECD standards, integrating gender equity, and fostering stakeholder collaboration to enhance governance mechanisms and policy coherence.

Maryham has made significant contributions to key development programs. While with the **Italian-Egyptian Debt Swap Program** at the Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation (AICS), she provided technical expertise in transforming debt into development financing, addressing sectors such as education, environmental sustainability, and food security. In the USAID-funded **WISE project**, she facilitated partnerships between businesses and technical schools to bridge labor market gaps and improve vocational training systems. Her work also includes developing monitoring frameworks to optimize program outcomes, with a focus on youth and women's workforce inclusion and sustainability in the WASH sector.

Her advisory roles with international organizations include conducting institutional assessments and policy reviews. Notably, she contributed to the OECD's SIGMA program by assessing public administration schools in the MENA region (Jordan, Tunisia, Palestine, and Lebanon). For UNDP, she developed strategies for local governance reform, while for UN Women, she created monitoring and evaluation frameworks for the programs of the National Council for Women.

Maryham's career highlights include designing actionable frameworks to address local challenges, such as introducing excellence tools like the **Common Assessment Framework (CAF)** for public administration bodies and creating evaluation tools to monitor public service performance. She has worked extensively with policymakers, local governments, and civil society to drive governance reforms that are inclusive, sustainable, and results-driven.



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Day 5
Jan 16, 2025



Dr. Sherifa Fouad Sherif

Professor of Public Administration and Head of the Public Administration Research and Consulting Center (PARC) at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University. She served as Vice Dean for Community Service and Environmental Affairs from 2013-2015 and as Chair of the Public Administration Department at Future University in Egypt (FUE) from 2015-2017. She has taught in the fields of public administration, corporate social responsibility (CSR), sustainable development, social entrepreneurship, environmental management, governance, gender, and development for nearly two decades. She previously held the position of Head of the Governance Center at the Ministry of Planning, Follow-up, and Administrative Reform in Egypt from 2017-2018 and Executive Director of the National Institute for Management from 2018-2020.

Sherif currently serves as the Executive Director of the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, the training arm of the Ministry of Planning, Economic Development, and International Cooperation. Sherif also serves as a member of the board of directors of the National Council for Women based on Presidential Decree No. 466. She has served as a member of numerous ministerial committees in Egypt, including Administrative Reform, Capacity Building of the Civil Service, the Egyptian Excellence Award, the Egyptian Anti-Corruption Committee, Governance Indicators, and the African Peer Review Mechanism. Dr. Sherifa currently serves as a member of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) under the United Nations Economic and Social Council and is the Egyptian coordinator of the Public Governance Committee under the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). She also leads several initiatives, including *Ambassadors for Sustainable Development, Climate Change Ambassadors, Together for a Digital Future, Green Minds*, as well as other programs targeting Egyptian and African women leaders.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the American University in Cairo, as well as a PhD in Environmental Management and Public Policy from the University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom. She also holds a diploma from the University of Oxford in the UK in the Executive Public Sector Leaders program. She has published research papers and articles in local and international journals and has received the *"Best Paper Award"* for many of her publications. She is also a member of specialized committees in many development programs and has collaborated with international universities such as *George Washington University, the University of Sussex, the University of Missouri, King's College London, Chicago Booth, the University of Cincinnati, Hertie School of Governance in Germany, the Mohammed bin Rashid School of Government in the United Arab Emirates, the Thunderbird School of Global Management in the United States, the United Nations University in Portugal, and the Al Maktoum College in Scotland.*

She was also a consultant on numerous development projects with the *United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the World Bank, and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women).* In 2020, she was chosen as one of the *50 most influential women in Egypt* for her exceptional contributions to the social, economic, and development sectors in Egypt. The *National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development*, under her leadership, has won two awards from the *European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD).*



Dr. Hanan Rezk

Dr. Hanan Rezk is currently the manager of the African Development Centre and the head of Training Network of Management Institutes in Africa (TNMIA) hosted by the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development (NIGSD). During 2019, she was appointed as the adviser to the Executive Director of the National Management Institute (NMI) under the Ministry of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform. Prior to joining NMI, Dr. Rezk was a visiting scholar at University of Osnabrück, Germany during the summer semester of the academic year 2018/2019. She also was a full-time assistant professor of public administration at the faculty of Economics and Political Science in Future University in Egypt (FEPS-FUE) for five years teaching ten undergraduate courses starting fall 2013. In addition, she was an active member of FEPS Strategic Planning Committee and FEPS supervisor of Fraternities activities for four years as well as a member in the Partnership Program with University of Cincinnati (UC) and FUE for three years.

Before joining the academic career, Dr. Rezk has been working as a senior researcher for more than 10 years in various international projects. She conducted workshops and training sessions in cooperation with the Egyptian ministries of Education, Tourism, and Youth. In addition, she designed and coordinated several European-Egyptian cultural exchange programs for women. Dr. Rezk worked for the UNDP's National Decentralization Project in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Local Development. Supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), she did research for both the Privatization and Investment Banking Advisory Projects in Egypt in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Public Enterprises.

On a continental level, Dr. Rezk is currently the vice chairperson of the Innovation Management Award jury of the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) and a member of African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)- CEPA Continental Task force. Dr. Rezk holds a master degree in Public Administration from the American University in Cairo (AUC), an advanced diploma of public policy from Cairo University and a PhD in advanced European Mediterranean studies from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science at Cairo University. Her main research interests include multi-level governance, policy analysis as well as higher education and scientific research reforms in Egypt. Dr. Rezk has also been engaged in philanthropy activities coordinating several female community-service projects in Egypt.



Lilas Sabbagh

International relations and capacity building expert with over 15 years of experience. Lilas has a **Masters of Arts** from the American University in Cairo (AUC) in Political Science (Specialization in Professional Development). Lilas has also a **Bachelor of Arts** from AUC with double majors in Political Science (Specialization in International Relations) as well as Mass Communications (Specialization in PR and Advertising).

Areas of expertise include program management, capacity building, research, organizational development, proposal writing and reporting. Lilas has worked in a wide range of challenging environments in the MENA region in countries such as Lebanon, Yemen and Kuwait. She is now a senior specialist at the TNMIA department at the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development (NIGSD). She has also worked as an International Relations Manager at NIGSD as well as a programs manager. Lilas has worked with a diverse array of international organizations, including the USAID, UNDP, OECD, OIF, as well as governmental bodies and civil society organizations.