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**Ahmed Ibrahim (Egypt)** is the assistant of the high commissioner of the Egyptian Federation of Scouts and Girls Guides. Through his involvement with the Federation, Ahmed works with schools, universities, mosques and churches to engage children and youth into community service. Through environmental projects and social work, the Federation offers vocational trainings to youth with the aim of enabling them to become active members of their communities.



**Christine Goussous (Jordan)** is the country manager at Humanitas Technologies a startup based in San Francisco that leverages social media and AI to address philanthropic issues. In collaboration with local and international organizations, she is in charge of piloting Dandi, a social media app seeking to help nonprofits engage youths on issues within their communities, in Jordan and the MENA region.



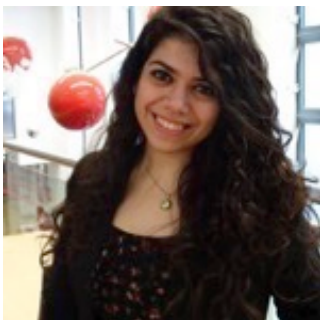
**Khadeja Abuhaliqa (Qatar)** is a youth consultant at the Ministry of Culture and Sports of Qatar and works directly with the Minister on issues related to youth engagement and sports at local and international levels. Creative and independent, she is eager to meet peers from other regions of the world and collaborate with them in the field of youth engagement.



**Khalifa Alroom (U.A.E.)** is a digital forensic examiner for the Dubai police and focuses on digital monitoring and forensic investigations under the taskforce combatting cybercrime. In 2017, he was appointed as the Secretary General of the Dubai Police Youth Leadership Council. He dedicates his free time to develop platforms engaging local youth in volunteering activities.



**Mohammed Razaq (Iraq)** is an EFL/ESP instructor at the University of Fallujah. As an IDP and returnee, he witnessed and survived violent extremism. He has worked as a community protection officer for the International Rescue Committee in the IDP camps. After the retreat of ISIS, he worked as a humanitarian field coordinator for UNFPA.



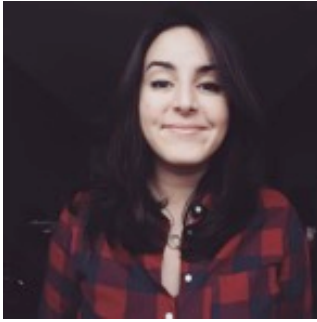
**Monica Ibrahim (Egypt)** is a communications specialist, currently working at the UN Migration Agency in Egypt. She previously worked with a number of grassroots initiatives in Cairo including HarassMap and was consulted on communication campaigns by international agencies such as MSF. Monica completed a master's degree at the London School of Economics where she worked as a research assistant on a project studying media and youth participation in the Middle East.



**Simon Shahin (Syria)** is a Syrian former refugee living in Australia since 2015. His passions are in youth engagement and Sustainable Development innovation and designing. He is currently working on a number of projects that support and integrate the newly arrived young refugees and asylum seekers with Settlement Services International and Western Sydney University, and is a youth representative and speaker for the Refugee Council of Australia and Australian Red Cross.



**Walaa Ahmed (Iraq)** is a founder and director of Better World Organization for Community Development in Kurdistan, which is which is an LNGO that advocates for peacebuilding and women empowerment senior community leaders and young people from different ethnicities. Prior to that, she has worked with various NGOs in the field of humanitarian development.



**Yasmine Chaouch (Tunisia)** is a project coordinator at Mobdiun – Creative Youth, a local NGO working with youth from unprivileged areas to create solutions to prevent violent extremism, and to promote their political and social inclusion through education, arts, and sports. Prior to that, she was a researcher for the Center of Arab Women for Training and Research, where she focused on women empowerment across the Arab world.



**Zahra Alqattan (Kuwait)** is the Vice President of Soroptimist Kuwait, a network of professional women that seeks to educate, empower, and enable opportunities for women and girls in their communities and beyond. Through her work in the organization, she has helped organize a number of projects and events that address issues related to women's security and wellbeing such a Perspectives on Gender Equality Symposium 2017, and OrangeQ8 Campaign 2017.



**Ziad Bakri (State of Palestine)** is an assistant project officer for the Catholic Relief Services in Gaza. In the past, he has worked with different organizations such as Mercy Corps and AMIDEAST on youth initiatives promoting cultural exchange. Ziad also hosted and produced a radio show called “Gaza Talks” in which he addressed topics related to youth and gender issues.



**Zied Touzani (Tunisia)** is the founder and president of Tun'Act, an NGO working on raising citizenship awareness and youth implication in decision process.. Zied is regularly invited as an expert to talk about youth issues and challenges such as radicalization and lack of political engagement. Zied also advocates for the preservation and restoration of synagogues as part of the Tunisian national cultural identity.