

Biographies of the Members of the Advisory Board of the WTO Chair at TBS

Pr. Chiheb Bouden is the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research. Previously, he was the Managing Director of Higher Education at the Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Information Technology during the period August 2014 to February 2015. He led the National Engineering School of Tunis for 6 years. He also coordinated several research projects (within the Ministry of Research and Cooperation with Europe), conducted research in European and American laboratories, and has published articles on solar energy and energy building.

M. Hubert Escaith joined the World Trade Organization in 2006 as Chief Statistician. He began his academic career as a researcher for the Center of Research and Economic Statistics at the University of Toulouse in France before joining the United Nations in 1982 as an economist. He held various positions in the Middle East and Latin America between 1988 and 2006. His last position at the UN was Director of the Division of Statistics and Economic Modelling of ECLAC (Santiago, Chile). Hubert holds a Masters degree in Economics and Econometrics from the University of Aix-Marseille (France), a PhD in Applied Mathematics in Economics from the University of Toulouse (France) and a Master in Management, with a specialty in Computerized Management Information and Decision Support Systems from ESSEC Business School (France).

M. Hakim Ben Hammouda is the Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the WTO Chair at Tunis Business School. He is the former minister of the Economy and Finance of Tunisia. Prior to his appointment as Minister, Hakim Ben Hammouda served as a Special Advisor to the President of the African Development Bank (ADB). From 2008 to 2011, he was the Director of the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation Division at the World Trade Organization (WTO). Previously, he was the Chief Economist and Director of the Division of Trade, Finance and Economic Development of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). He was also the Director of the Trade Division and Regional Integration of the CEA (2003-2006) and the Director of the ECA Office in Central Africa (2001-2003).

Hakim Ben Hammouda is also the author of several books, reports and articles. In 2007, he received the Alan Powell Award, for his contribution to the debate on trade and international economy. This annual award is the highest distinction in the discipline.

Hakim Ben Hammouda holds a PhD in International Economics from the University of Grenoble and a degree in Research Management from the same university.

Mme Amel Bouchamaoui Hammami is the chair of Tunisia's PNB Advisory Board (since June 2011). She is also a member of the PNB-NAPEO International Advisory Board.

Amel has been nominated as a Goodwill Ambassador to represent AmCham Tunisia before international institutions and regional organizations including the US-Tunisia Joint Economic Commission and AmCham North & West Africa Council "ANWAC" (since March 3rd, 2016). She is also a board member of the International Council On Women's Business Leadership (ICBWL). Amel has been appointed as the Honorary Counsel of New Zealand in Tunisia (since January 1st, 2014).

Amel was the President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Tunisia (AmCham Tunisia) for two mandates (April 2011 till December 2015). In this capacity, she was elected Chair of the Mena AmCham Council in July 2011. Amel was also a member of the international policy committee of the US Chamber of Commerce. Also, on the regional level, Amel served as the Vice President of the Middle East North Africa Business Women's Network (2008-2010).

Amel was the first Vice President of the National Chamber of Women Business Owners Tunisia (CNFCE) and she led the Women's Handicraft Program with the object of empowering artisan women to be export-ready (2010).

Amel is currently the Chairperson of HBG Holding (since 2012), a holding company aimed at developing business activities in different sectors of industry, both locally and across the region. She is also the Chair of the Board of City Cars Company (exclusive distributor of Kia Cars in Tunisia) and Board member of several companies of the Group.

Amel served as a Global Ambassador in the Global Ambassadors Program (Vital Voices program) in London to accelerate women's leadership throughout the world (22- 26 February 2016). She also holds certificates of achievement from Dale Carnegie Training in "Leadership and Management" and "Communication and Leadership" (25-28 February 2008, Dale Carnegie). She holds a Bachelor Degree from the Higher Institute of Management in Tunisia and an MBA in International Business & Marketing from University of Miami, Coral Gables, USA.

Pr. Patricia Augier is the President of the Scientific Committee and Coordinator of FEMISE, Economist at the Institute of the Mediterranean and is a Professor of Economics at Aix-Marseille University.

Pr. Daniel Mirza is a Professor of Economics and the Head of the Economics Department at the Francois Rabelais University, specializing in International Trade and globalization, more broadly. He is also the Co-Director of the Department International Trade and Sustainable Development (EI2D) at the Economics Laboratory of Orleans (LEO). He is also a Research Associate at CEPPII, as well as at the Cepremap and at Nottingham University.

Mrs Fatma Brahim is the Director of the Multilateral Trading System and Relations with WTO in the Ministry of Trade in Tunisia. Her work in the Ministry focuses on issues related to Tunisia's international trade agenda, including trade in agriculture, intellectual property trade and investment.

Fatma holds Master's Degrees in International Trade from the High Commercial Studies Institute, IHEC Carthage, Tunis as well as from the Maghreb Arab Institute of Development Finance, IFID.

Since 2009, Fatma has been leading the work related to WTO issues in Tunisian Ministry of Trade, including the preparation of position papers and preparation for and participation in the WTO Ministerial Conferences, as well as preparation for Tunisian trade policy review.

Fatma is responsible for the preparation and coordination of the Tunisian negotiation positions regarding WTO issues in the framework of the Doha Development Agenda. She was the chairperson of the national preparation group for the negotiations of the trade facilitation agreement, and the chairperson of the working group on Tunisian foreign trade procedures.

Fatma participated in the WTO Doha working parties in services and then in trade facilitation. Her main fields of interest include economic development, multilateral and regional trade agreements, agriculture and intellectual property rights.

M. Elyes Lakhel is Deputy Director in Charge of Cooperation with International Economic and Financial Bodies in the Directorate General of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to that, he was head of Division in Charge of Cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank, ESCWA (Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia), the World Organization (WTO), the World Organization of Intellectual Property (WIPO) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), as well as the Directorate for Multilateral Cooperation Branch Organizations and International Conferences in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.