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Curriculum Vitae

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PLACE OF BIRTH: Gaza, Palestine

SOCIAL STATUS: married with eight children

EDUCATION:

- 1986, PhD, School of Public Health, University of Texas, Houston, Texas, U.S.A.

Major Field: Environmental Sciences

Minor Fields: a. Disease Control

b. Biostatistics

Dissertation: " A Comparison of Two Methods for Detection of Fecal Pollution in Drinking Water"

- 1977, M.Sc., School of Public Health, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.

Major Field: Parasitology

- 1972, B.S., School of Arts and Sciences, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon

Major Field: Biology- Chemistry

- 1970, Diploma, Beir Zeit College (Now Beir Zeit University), West Bank, Palestine

Major Field: Sciences

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- June, 2002 – present: Chairman of Environment Quality Authority,
- 1997 - present: part time lecturer of environmental sciences ,
School of Public Health, Al-Quds university,

- ☛ 1997 – Present: supervisor and external examiner to PhD and Masters Degrees in environmental sciences and related fields.
- ☛ August, 1998 – June 2002: Minister for Environmental Affairs,
- ☛ Jan. 1996 – Jan. 2006: Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, and Chairman of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources until august, 1998,
- ☛ June, 1995 – March, 1996: President, College of Science and Technology, Khan Younis,
- ☛ June, 1994 – June, 1995: Director, Environmental Health Central Unit, Higher Council for Health,
- ☛ 1994 – present: Advisor, Palestinian Energy Research Center,
- ☛ Oct. 1993, - 2000: Core Team Member and Water Quality Expert, Gaza Environmental Profile,
- ☛ 1980 – 1998: Lecturer and assistant Professor of Biology, Parasitology, Ecology, Biostatistics and Environmental Sciences at the Islamic and Al-Azhar Universities, Gaza, Palestine,
- ☛ 1975 – 1977 Graduate Assistant, Department of Tropical Health, School of Public Health, American university of Beirut.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

In addition to the experience as a minister of Environmental Affairs and Chairmen of Environment Quality Authority, I had held the following administrative positions:

1. Acting Vice-President for academic affairs, Al-Azhar University, Gaza,
2. Chairman of the Department of Academic Development , Al-Azhar University,
3. Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs, the Islamic University, Gaza
4. Head, Department of Biology, the Islamic University,
5. Assistant to the Dean of Admission and Registration, the Islamic University,

MEMBERSHIPS:

1. Chairperson, WHO/EMRO Advisory Committee for Health and Environment.
2. Higher Council for Education, Palestine.
3. International Society of Environmental Epidemiology, USA.
4. Board, European-Arab Cooperation Center, Alexandria Egypt.
5. Technical Committee on "Sustainable Water Supply in the Middle East", National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C., USA.

6. Middle East Peace Negotiations, Multilateral Working Group on the Environment,
7. Steering Committee of the School of Public Health.
8. Board, Palestinian Energy Research Center.
9. Board, Jabalia Community Rehabilitation Society.
10. Board, Ard El-Insan Society (formerly, Terre des Home), Gaza.

PUBLICATION AND CONFERENCES:

-Many publications of researches, experiments, reports and conferences' proceedings in the fields of water, waste water and sanitation, air pollution, food sanitation, environmental sciences ,environmental epidemiology and occupational health.

-Attending and participating in most of the conferences, meetings and seminars related to the environment and development on the national, regional and global levels, and other related scientific conferences on my capacity as a university professor, scientist and expert, and/or as a minister since 1987. .

MAJOR ACHEIVEMENTS:

1. Founding member, the Islamic University, Al-Azhar University and College of Science and Technology, Gaza Strip.
2. Founding member, School of Public Health, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem.
3. Establishing the public health laboratory for water and food chemical and microbiological testing, 1995, operated by the Ministry of Health in Gaza, Palestine.

Establishing the laboratory for water chemical and biological quality testing, Gaza, 1991, currently operated by the Palestinian Hydrology Group.