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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES – SESSION III

MARIO AMANO

OECD Deputy Secretary-General

Mr. Mario Amano was appointed Deputy Secretary-General on 14 June 2007. He is in charge of Environment, the Development Cluster, the Policy Coherence dossier, G8 Co-ordination and the Executive Committee.

Prior to joining the OECD, Mr. Amano, a Japanese national, was Acting Executive Director of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization from 2004-2007.

During his successful 34-year career as a Japanese Foreign Affairs Official, Mr. Amano worked on policy issues in the areas of macroeconomic management, trade frictions, development aid, foreign investment, environment and energy. From 1976 to 2000, he was involved in an increasingly senior capacity in all G8 Summit Meetings. Mr. Amano served as Japan's chief negotiator for the Trade Related Investment Measures in the Uruguay Round and as Consul-General in Houston from 2001 to 2004.

In 1988-1989, Mr. Amano was in the Permanent Delegation of Japan to the OECD, where he covered the Council, Budget Committee and Ministerial Meetings.

Mr. Amano has an economics degree from the University of Tokyo and a Special Diploma in Social Studies from University of Oxford.

Mr. Amano is married and has three children.

Mr. Amano took up his functions on 14 June 2007.

LAMA KABBANI

Corporate Communications Manager Middle East, Visa Inc

Lama Kabbani, Corporate Communications Manager for Visa, is based in the Dubai office and responsible for all aspects of Visa's corporate communications in the region including strengthening the company's external communication and overseeing the brand's strategic positioning in the Middle East.

Ms. Kabbani joined Visa in March 2009, bringing with her a wealth of experience in corporate communications from across the region.

Over the last ten years Ms. Kabbani has developed and executed public relations and communications activities across a number of different Middle East markets for companies such as Dubai Properties Group and Cisco Systems.

Prior to joining Visa, Ms. Kabbani was a Senior Manager in Contact Communications for Dubai Properties Group for three years. She has a Bachelor of Arts with Honours, majoring in Communication Arts, from the Lebanese American University, Lebanon.

JEROO BILLIMORIA

Executive Director, Aflatoun

Jeroo Billimoria is a social entrepreneur who has founded six organisations including Aflatoun. She was named an Ashoka Innovator in 1999 and received the Schwab Fellowship for Social Entrepreneurs in 2001 among many other awards. She was featured in David Bornstein's book *How to Change the World*. She is a volunteer for several organisations in different capacities and consults with the Government of India on issues related to child protection. She has written several educational books for children and published academic literature on management of non-profit organisations.

She is also the founder/honorary secretary of the Childline India Foundation and the founder/board president of MelJol. Jeroo moved to Amsterdam and founded Child Helpline International in 2003. Aflatoun was founded in 2005.

Having brought ChildLine to over 120 countries, Jeroo is now about to take ChildFinance global. Building on Aflatoun's success in providing financial education, ChildFinance is poised to create a network of financial services for one million children by 2020.

IBRAHIM MUHANNA

Chairman, Board of Trustees, Muhanna Foundation

Mr. Muhanna founded i.e. Muhanna & co (Actuaries & Consultants) in 1986. He has consulted 121 Governmental bodies, 37 insurance Companies, and 79 Private Organizations. He also was the chairman & CEO of a UK life & disability insurance company. In 1994 he established The Muhanna Foundation, as a non-profit organization in Switzerland. In 1999 he formed the 1st regional insurance rating agency. Prior to that, he worked in the insurance industry both in the US & Lebanon.

Mr Muhanna holds a host of international qualifications and appointments, including:

1. BS Mathematics & BS Electrical Engineering; MS Actuarial Mathematics 1976 University of Michigan – Ann Arbor – USA.
2. Since 1995 Mr. Muhanna has been a member of the International Actuarial Association (IAA) Council. He is also served as a member of the IAA Executive Committee and is actively involved in other IAA Committees & Sections. For example, he was the Chairperson of the Members Services and the Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the IAA Education Program and currently he serves on its Nomination Committee.
3. The founding member of the IAA Health Section and served as a vice chair until 2005.
4. The vice-chairman of the actuarial technical commission of the International Social Security Association (ISSA).
5. The first Chairman of the Cyprus Actuarial Association, member of the Swiss Association of Actuaries and he is the President of the Lebanese Association of Actuaries.
6. A member of the Institute of Directors (IoD) in the UK.
7. Previous member of the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IASI).
8. In 2007, he was awarded "The National Order of the Cedar" by the Lebanese President. The award is in recognition of his great service & devotion to the Nation.

Ibrahim Muhanna published 9 scientific papers. He lectured in Mathematics of Finance, Probability and Statistics, and Operational Research at various universities. He has worked in 26 countries. Furthermore, he was a guest speaker in 520 different conference, seminar & workshop in 47 countries.

Ibrahim Muhanna has consulted/lectured in Algeria, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Finland, Ghana, Greece, Germany, Holland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Iran, Italy, Jordan, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Latvia, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Oman, Philippine, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, UK, USA, Yemen.

Mr. Muhanna provided instrumental advice to various governments while reforming the national healthcare financing structure.

The Muhanna Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of the Actuarial Education in actuarially under developed countries. The Foundation also acts as a forum for discussions of issues relating to Actuarial and Demographic topics in the Arab World. Information could be found on www.muhanna.org.

Ibrahim Muhanna likes to be known as a **FUTURIST ACTUARY**.

WISSAM H. FATTOUH

Acting Secretary General, Union of Arab Banks
Acting Secretary General, World Union of Arab Bankers

Recent Previously Held Positions:

- Deputy Secretary General, Union of Arab Banks
- Deputy Secretary General, World Union of Arab Bankers

Professional Experience:

- February 1990 – March 2007, Union of Arab Banks, Beirut, Lebanon
 - Director, Conferences and Seminars Department.
 - Information and Communication (ICT) Manager

Academic Attainment:

- Executive MBA from the Lebanese American University – Beirut (expected April 2011)
- Bachelor of Sciences – Computer Science from the Lebanese American University – Beirut

Achievements:

- Gained a worldwide channel of communication through innovating, marketing and maintaining various cooperative initiatives with International, reputable, official and governing bodies and entities (within the Middle East, Europe and the United States)
- Established the new line of technical trainings and Forums, that excelled for its scientific importance, among those Forums, the following subjects were addressed: AML, SME, Islamic Banking, Banking technology, Corporate Governance, Basel II.
- Established a number of Professional Associations, Group of Certified Compliance Officers (GCCO), Group of Certified Risk Managers (GCRM)
- Lead Alliances with Academic Institutes to issue joint Certificates and Diplomas:
- Established UAB IT infrastructure, Data Information Center (DIC):
- Member of the Advisory Board, Association of Certified Anti Money Laundering Specialist, USA.
- Member of the Steering committee, United State – Middle East and North Africa, Private Sector Dialogue