

Secretary General of the National Council for Scientific Research of Lebanon

Lebanese scientist in the field of material science, born in 1977 in Lebanon. She is laureate of the "L'OREAL-UNESCO for Women in Science" prize (Levant-Egypt region 2016), in addition to the distinction of "Lebanese women pioneers" by the "National Initiative of the Centenary of Greater Lebanon". In 2017, she received the "International Rising Talent" award from the "L'OREAL-UNESCO for Women in Science" program. In October 2020, she has been named, by the French Republic the first woman

In addition to her duties as Secretary General of the National Council for Scientific Research, she is co president of the French-Lebanese committee of the PHC CEDRE program. She is also Vice-President of the Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO. She served as advisor for scientific research and Francophone affairs to the current Minister of Education and Higher Education. In addition, between 2016 and 2022 she had been a member of the international scientific board of UNESCO. In October 2023, she becomes the jury member of the "International Rising Talent" program for both Levant and Middle East regions.

Regarding her scientific career, after a PhD in physical chemistry from the University of Haute-Alsace (2002), she was appointed in 2003 Maître de Conférences at the same university. At the end of 2013, she asked to be placed on leave to return to Lebanon and join the Lebanese Atomic Energy Commission of CNRS-L where she established a new research unit on "innovative materials for radioactive decontamination". Her scientific research has been published in two international patents and more than 69 articles and international conferences.

In addition to her professional commitment, she is active in the field of open science and to linking Science and society. In this context, she represented Lebanon as an expert in the Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts (Second Category) on the UNESCO recommendation on Open Science (2021). She got support from UNESCO to implement her project "Unlocking Science" which aimed to popularize