

## **Oula Ramadan, Badael**

Oula Ramadan is a human rights advocate, and the founder and Director of Badael, an independent civil society organization dedicated to supporting grassroots activism, rights-based campaigning, and active citizenship within the Syrian context through civil society support, oral history, advocacy and research. She has co-authored a number of research reports, which explore civil society activism in Syria and women's involvement in peacebuilding and feminist movement post-2011 Syria. Prior to this, she worked for UNHCR on sexual and gender-based violence prevention and response interventions in refugee communities of the MEAN region. She holds an MSc in Politics of Conflict, Rights and Justice from SOAS University of London.



**Rola Baghdadi, Dawlaty**

Rola Baghdadi is a lawyer and the executive director of Dawlaty.



## **Mona Zeineddine, Women Now**

Mona Zeineddine is the Programmes Manager at Women Now for Development, a feminist, women-led NGO dedicated to deepening and strengthening women's role in Syrian and host communities by enhancing their political, social, and economic participation. WN works to amplify Syrian women's voices by supporting local women-led advocacy as well as through conducting in-depth feminist research and analysis on gender-based violence, Syrian women's living conditions, and perceptions, among other topics.

Mona's role is to guide the programmatic strategy in line with the organization's values and priorities. She is particularly focused on WN's work in Lebanon and has led the development of Women Now's transformative justice and accountability program, whether through advocacy initiatives that support strategic litigation, collaborative training sessions for independent participants and victims' associations, as well as research. Prior to joining Women Now, Mona was the Litigation Programme Coordinator at the Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression (SCM), a Syrian human rights organization. Her work focused on women's participation in judicial proceedings as well as developing and implementing comprehensive gender-sensitive litigation strategies. Mona holds an MSc In Global Governance and Diplomacy and a BA in Political Studies from the American University of Beirut.



## **Paola Salwan**

Paola Salwan Daher is the Senior Global Advocacy Advisor at the Geneva Office of the Center for Reproductive Rights, a legal advocacy organization that uses the power of law to advance sexual and reproductive rights as fundamental human rights around the world. Her work focuses mainly on advocacy at the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms (UPR and Special Procedures) and on the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls affected by conflict. She previously worked at the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, the Center for Research and Training on Development – Action in Beirut, the World YWCA and the IFRC. She holds a BA from the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies in Geneva and an LLM from the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and is a Board member of Urgent Action Fund for Women’s Human Rights.

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### **Reham Kannout El Rifai, Young feminist from Syria**

Reham Kannout Alrefaei (Pronouns: She/her/هي) is an intersectional feminist from Syria and based in Lebanon. In the past 15 years, she moved from graphic design, advertisement, and radio announcing, to media analysis, gender studies, and psych-education; her eclectic background and interests created a path that she likes to call narratives' creation and analysis. She values creative and therapeutic self-expression, lifelong learning, and empathy. If you lose her, check the nearest library or art supplies store.



**Christoffer Burnett-Cargill, Swedish Embassy**

Christoffer Burnett-Cargill is currently the Counsellor and Head of Development Cooperation, at the Embassy of Sweden in Beirut, responsible for implementing Sweden's Regional Strategy for the Syria Crisis: He has more than 20 years of experience within international development cooperation and humanitarian aid, including more than 10 years in various part of the Middle East and in the Balkans as well. Most recently he worked at the Embassy of Sweden in Iraq, and has previously worked for different international organisations, NGOs and government agencies, both in Sweden and abroad. He has always been a champion for issues related to gender equality and human rights. He studied at Lund University in Sweden.



### **Carla Akil, young feminist from Asfari Institute**

Carla Akil is an activist and gender researcher at the Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship. As a believer in the power of dialogue, she organizes webinars and campaigns revolved around different gender-related issues, ranging from gender-based violence to sexual and reproductive health. Carla enjoys reading philosophy, especially ethics and existentialism. She is a very curious person who likes to understand the deep roots of thoughts, feelings, and behavior, especially from a critical feminist lens.

