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**Short Bio:** On 1st May 2023, Mr. Abdallah Al Dardari started in his current role as Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and Director, Regional Bureau for Arab States of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). He has previously served as UNDP Resident Representative in Afghanistan, where he has been instrumental in launching ABADeI, an area-based programme that enhances bottom-up, inclusive community engagement to boost local economies and restore basic services. Prior to this Mr. Al Dardari has held senior posts at the World Bank covering the MENA region, and at ESCWA. He previously served as Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs in Syria and as Chairman of the State Planning Commission in Syria. He also served as Chief of the Trade Promotion section in the Arab Trade Financing Programme/Arab Monetary Fund group, and as a Programme Officer at the UNDP Syria country office. Mr. Al Dardari started his professional career in 1986 as an international affairs writer and bureau chief of the Pan-Arab newspaper Al Hayat, and then became the Economist at the London Office of the League of Arab States.

