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Personal Information

Name : Yahia Bakour
Nationality : Syrian
Date of Birth : Feb 20, 1938
Place of Birth: Banias - Syria
Marital status: Married with 3 Children

Skill Highlights

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- Public policy background.
 - Community development
 - Economic development
 - Exceptional organizational skills
 - Public speaking
 - Local government background
 - Advanced problem solving skills
 - Analytical thinker
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Education

Ph. D in Agricultural Economy	1973
Maissen University Germany	
Diploma in Agricultural Economy	1968
Maissen University Germany	
B.Sc in Agricultural Engineering	1963
Alexandria University Alexandria - Egypt	

Professional Experience

Secretary General	1980-2018
The Arab Agricultural Engineers Union Damascus - Syria	
Founder and General Director	2002 - Current
The Arab Region Center for Agricultural and Developmental Studies and Consultancies (ARCADSAC)	

Damascus, Syria

General Director 1992-2001
The Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD)
League of Arab States
Khartoum – Sudan

Director 1978-1992
Regional Office in Damascus
Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD)
Damascus - Syria

Assistant Professor 1973-1978
Faculty of Agriculture – Damascus University
Damascus - Syria

General Director of the Agricultural Cooperatives Directorate 1968-1973
Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform
Damascus - Syria

Head of Agricultural Cooperation Department in Lattakia 1966-1968
Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform
Lattakia - Syria

Organizations and Additional Responsibilities / Memberships

1- Regional & International Organizations:

- **World Academy for Art and Science** since 1997
Washington D.C – USA
- **Friends Of Europe Group** since 2008
Brussels
- **Member of Board of Trustees of International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)** 1982-1990
Washington D.C – USA
- **Reporter of International Bureau for Man & Biosphere**
United Nations Organization for Education, Sciences & Culture. (UNESCO) 1982-1990
- **Member of Arab Cooperatives Experts Committee** 1969-1975
League of Arab States

2- National institutions:

- **Head of Syrian Agricultural Engineers Syndicate (NGO)** 1975-1993
- **Member on the Syrian Supreme Agricultural Council. (G.O)** 1983-1993

- **Reporter for the Syrian Committee for Man & Environment**
The Syrian Higher Council for Science (G.O). **1981- 988**

3- Scientific Associations:

- **Member of Arab Association of Agricultural Economics and Social Sciences.**
- **Member of Arab Association of Agricultural Economists.**
- **Member of the Syrian Association for Economic Sciences.**
- **Member of the Syrian Agricultural Engineers Syndicate.**

Awards & Certificates of Appreciation

- 1- **Medal of the Two Niles** - excellent class
President of Sudan **2001**
- 2- **Al Sharif bin Hussein bin Ali Medal** - excellent class
King Abdulla Bin Al Hussein - King of Jordan **1998**
- 3- **Al Fateh Medal** - excellent class
President of Libya **1990**
- 4- **Certificates of Appreciation & Thanks for outstanding achievements**
from:
 - a. **General Assembly of Arab Agriculture Ministers.** **2001**
 - b. **Most of Arab Agriculture Ministers; individually.** **1980-2002**
 - c.
- 5 – **Medal of the Arab league Secretary General for outstanding Achievements As G.D. of AOAD** **2018**

Publications

1-Published Books

- a. **Agricultural Cooperation: Theories & Applications,** **1981**
Damascus University, Damascus – Syria
- b. **Economics of Agricultural Cooperatives.** **1975**
Damascus University, Damascus – Syria

2- Published Studies and Scientific Papers:

2-1 At National Level:

- a. **Achievements of the Arab Agriculture developments and its future trends.** 2007
Presented to The Arab Conference for Food Security, Beirut – Lebanon.
- c. **Study on the Syrian milk market** (with 3 experts) 2006
Submitted to The Arab Authority for Investment and Agricultural Development, Khartoum – Sudan
- d. **Study on the Syrian olive oil market** (with 3 experts) 2006
Submitted to The Arab Authority for Investment and Agricultural Development, Khartoum – Sudan
- e. **Reform of the Syrian agricultural sector and its future Expectations.** 2005
Presented to the Syrian Association of Economic Sciences Damascus – Syria.
- f. **Study on Developing The Arab companies for manufacturing irrigation equipment** (with two experts). 2005
Submitted to The Arab Authority for Investment and Agricultural Development, Khartoum – Sudan.
- g. **Reinforcement of national and local capacities for enhanced municipal solid waste management in Syria** (with 4 other experts). 2004
Submitted to the World Bank ,Washington DC- US
- h. **An Analytical Study on the Impact of Technological Change in The Arab Agricultural Sectors, Syrian Case Study.** 1992
Submitted to The FAO Head quarter, Rome – Italy
- i. **Study on Planning and Management of Natural Resources in Syria.** 1991
Submitted to The FAO Head quarter, Rome – Italy
- j. **Study on Substituting Foreign Expatriates Working in the Agricultural Extension in Syria by Nationals.** 1989
Submitted to FAO Head quarter, Rome – Italy
- k. **Study on Agricultural intensification and its Role in Extending Agricultural Services and Inputs to Small Farmers.** 1988
Submitted to the AOAD to be presented in Agricultural Intensification seminar, Khartoum – Sudan
- l. **The Syrian Experience in Agricultural Cooperation and its Role in Planning The Agricultural and Integrated Rural Development.** 1987
Working Paper presented to the Meeting of Experts of The Arab Planning Institutes, Kuwait – State of Kuwait

- m. **Study on Existing Relationships and Cooperation between Agricultural Extension Systems and Agricultural Research Institutions in Syria.**
Submitted to The FAO Head quarter, Rome -Italy to be presented at the Seminar on Linkages between Rese and Agri. Exten. Systems - Damascus – Syria **1987**
- n. **Present situation of the food security in Syria.** **1985**
Working Paper presented during the Science Week, Damascus – Syria.
- o. **The prospects of Applying Agricultural Collectivization in the Syrian Agriculture.** **1984**
Working Paper presented to the Agricultural Cooperation Seminar Damascus – Syria.
- p. **Analytical Study on Major Changes in Agrarian Structure and Tenure System in Syria.** **1984**
Presented to the Seminar on accelerating the Agrarian Reform Damascus – Syria.
- q. **Sources of Losses and Waste in the Agricultural Sector.** **1984**
Working Paper presented to the Syrian Conference on Control of Losses, Damascus – Syria.
- r. **Study on Agricultural Extension units and their Efficiency in the Syria rural development.** **1982**
Presented at the international Seminar on Agricultural Cooperation, Sana'a - Republic of Yemen.
- s. **Study on Economics of Milk Production in Syria.** **1982**
Submitted to The Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD), Khartoum – Sudan.
- t. **Study on Policies and Supporting Services for expanding the Agrarian Reform Program in Syria.** **1978**
Submitted to FAO Head quarter, Rome – Italy.
- u. **Study on Existing Agricultural Relationships between the rural institutions in Syria.** **1977**
Submitted to FAO Head quarter to be presented to FAO Seminar, Rome – Italy.
- v. **Study on Popular and Cooperative Organizations and their Effect on Rural Development in Syria.** **1977**
Submitted to FAO Head quarter to be presented to the FAO Seminar on Rural Development, Rome –Italy.
- w. **Study on the Requirements of Syria for Agriculturists & Agricultural Technicians.** **1976**
Submitted to Syrian Government, Damascus – Syria.
- x. **Case Study on the Structural Transformation in two Rural Communities in Syria.** **1976**
Presented to FAO Seminar on Rural Development, Rome – Italy.

- y. **Study on the Evaluation and Development on the Agricultural Cooperation Movement in Syria.** 1973
Presented at the Conference on Agricultural Cooperation.
Damascus - Syria.
- z. **Study on Agricultural Planning in Syria.** 1971
Submitted to the Arab League Committee of Arab Cooperation
Experts, Khartoum - Sudan.
- aa. **Study on Cooperative Education in Syrian Arab Republic.** 1970
Submitted to the Arab League Committee of Arab Cooperation
Experts, Cairo - Egypt.

2-2 At International and Regional Levels:

- a. **Study on current situation and future perspective of the Arab food security.**
Presented at the Sudan food security, Khartoum-Sudan April-2016
- b. **Study on Syrian agricultural social development and its importance for rural development.**
Presented to ESCWA , Damascus-Syria November 2015
- c. **Study on reform of the research, development and extension for achieving Arab food security.** November 2014
- d. **Study on challenges facing the establishment, operation and evaluation of water users associations (WUAs).**
Presented to the Arab Water Users workshop 2012
- e. **Reform of the research, development and extension systems in the context of an Arab comprehensive vision for food Security.**
Presented at the general conference of the Arab chambers for economics, industry and agriculture, Khartoum – Sudan 2011
- f. **Concept note on thematic working groups in the waste sector,** prepared for the regional solid waste exchange of information and experiences network. SWEEP Net, Tunisia 2010
- g. **Future trends of the Arab Food Security** 2004
Presented to the Arab Food Security seminar, Beirut – Lebanon.
- h. **Arab food security in the context of world globalization.** 2001
Submitted to Arab Organization for Agricultural Development
Khartoum - Sudan.
- i. **Arab water security and its role recently in social and economic development.** 2000
Presented at AA union technical conference, Amman – Jordan.
- j. **The political decision and its role in increasing (development) the serial productivity and Production in the Arab world.** 1999
Submitted to Arab League seminar in the importance of increasing the serial production in Arab countries, Cairo – Egypt.

- k. Arab - European partnership and its impact on Arab agricultural sector.** 1998
Presented to FAO seminar, Tunisia – Tunisia.
- l. Study on the importance of national agriculture marketing development in the Arab countries on Arab agriculture integration.** 1997
Presented at the Arab seminar on agriculture marketing, Manama Kingdom of Bahrain.
- m. Study on the importance of the rural Arab women capacity building on the agricultural and rural development.** 1996
Submitted to AOAD and presented during the Raba Seminar. Rabat- Morocco.
- n. The importance of The Arab water users associations on the Rationalization of irrigated water and agricultural resources.** 1993
Submitted to AOAD seminar, Rabat – Morocco.
- o. The Arab Agricultural Integration and its Importance for the Development of Agricultural and Rural Development.** 1996
Presented at the AA union seminar, Tunisia – Tunisia.
- p. Study on Needs and Feasibility of Investing in Food Security.** 1996
Presented at Arab Investors Conference, Beirut – Lebanon.
- q. Study on Possibilities of Arab Self Sufficiency of Main Crops.** 1995
Presented to the Arab Food Security Conference (AOAD) Cairo – Egypt.
- r. Study on Food Security in the Arab World.**
Presented to Arab agriculture ministers meeting ,Khartoum – Sudan
- s. The Arab Mashrek Hydrologic History, Problems & prospective.**
Working paper Presented to Harvard (USA) Symposium on Water in the Middle East. **October 1993**
- t. Study on the Present Situation of the Middle Level Agricultural Education in the Near East Region.** 1990
Submitted to FAO Head quarter, Rome – Italy .
- u. Study on the Present Situation of Food Production and Consumption in the Arab World and Subsequent Consequences of Food Shortages.** 1989
Submitted to AOAD Head quarter, Khartoum – Sudan
- v. Follow-up Study on Graduates of Agricultural Colleges Tunisia, Sudan and Syria.** 1989
Submitted to the Arab Centre for Higher Education Research, Arab Organization for Education, Culture and Sciences (ALECSO),
- w. Comparative Study on Institutions of Middle and Secondary Agricultural Education in Arab Countries.** 1988
Submitted to the Arab Center for Higher Education Research.

- x. **Follow-up Study of Graduates of Faculties of Agriculture in their Job Locations.** 1985
Submitted to the Arab Center for Higher Education Research.
- y. **Study on Possibilities and Conditions to achieve Arab Food Security Presented at the Seminar on Arab Food Security. Damascus – Syria.** 1983
- z. Evaluation of the Agricultural Extension Programs in Arab World and the Organization of their Activities with Agricultural Research Institutions (with other two experts). 1980
Submitted to the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development, Khartoum - Sudan.
- aa. **Study on Problems of Food Security in the Arab World.** 1980
Presented at the Arab Agricultural Union Conference, Damascus - Syria.
- bb. **Study on Training Programs on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development.** 1978
Submitted to FAO Head quarter, Rome – Italy.
- cc. **Study of Main Trends in Illiteracy Control and its Role in Integrated Agricultural Development.** 1977
Presented at the Technical Conference of the Arab Agricultural Engineers Union, Baghdad – Iraq.
- dd. **Study on Agricultural Cooperatives and its Role in Economic and Social Development.** 1974
Presented at the Technical Conference of the Arab Agricultural Engineers Union, Cairo – Egypt.
- ee. **Study on Joint Agricultural Cooperatives and their Efforts in Agricultural Development.** 1972
Presented at the joint Cooperatives Conference Damascus – Syria.
- ff. Comparative Study on Cooperative Movement in the Arab World.
Submitted to the Syrian agricultural ministry to be presented at the Conference on Agricultural Cooperation, Damascus – Syria. 1969

Languages

Arabic : Fluent reading/ writing / speaking.

English : Excellent reading/ very good writing / Good speaking

German : Excellent reading/ writing / speaking