

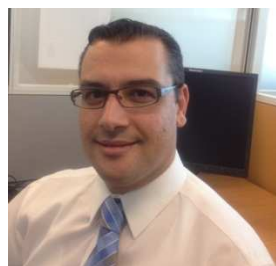
## United Nations Language and Communications Programme



**Javier Zanón** is the head of the United Nations Language and Communications Programme (UNLCP). He came to UNHQ as Coordinator of the Spanish Language Programme in 2001. He earned an MA in Educational Psychology and a PhD in Psycholinguistics from the *Universitat de Barcelona*. Mr. Zanón has been both a lecturer and academic director of the Master of Arts programme in Teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language at *Universitat de Barcelona*, and was Academic Director of the Cervantes Institute in Chicago, USA. In addition, he has been teacher and teacher trainer in Spain, Morocco, Mexico, the United States, and Portugal. He has authored a number of Spanish language teaching books and materials and has served as Learning Manager at the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Mr. Zanón describes himself as a firm believer in cultural and linguistic diversity as a tool to fight discrimination and inequality. His favourite quote is: "The intellectual health of the planet is dependent on multilingualism." (D. Crystal)

## Arabic Language Programme

### Full-time Teachers



**Riadh Bounatirou** has been the Coordinator of the UN Arabic Language Programme since August 2014. Before that, he was the Coordinator of the Arabic Language Programme at The Pennsylvania State University for 5 years, where he also taught different classes. For the past 3 years, he was the lead instructor of a STARTALK teacher training program, a professional development program for teachers of Arabic focusing on the implementation of standards-based instruction and the effective integration of technology in the classroom. He earned a *Maîtrise* in English Language and Literature from the *Institut Supérieur des Langues de Tunis*, and an MA in the same field from La

Mannouba University, Tunisia.

**Youssef Lamhaffad** has been working for the United Nations since 2001 in several Departments at UNHQ, in addition he was in field assignment of two years in MONUSCO in D.R. Congo, as Protocol Coordinator, then Welfare Coordinator, and he is currently pursuing an online MA in Public Administration at the American Public University in West Virginia.



**Thouria Benferhat** has been teaching Arabic in the United Nations Arabic Language Programme since 1982. In addition, she has performed the tasks of Arabic Language Programme Coordinator for five years. Ms. Benferhat holds an MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and Bilingual Education (Arabic-English) from Georgetown University, Washington D.C., USA. She has taught adult Arabic language learners in New York City, at institutes and at The Juilliard School of Music, and on a mission assignment in Baghdad, Iraq. She has also developed and maintained a website for students in the United Nations Arabic Language Programme.

### Part-time Teachers

**Majid Seif** has been a part-time teacher in the United Nations Arabic Programme since 2008. Majid has holds university degrees in Arabic Calligraphy, Archaeology and History.

**Mohamed Abdelhalim** joined the Arabic Language Programme in 2008 as a part-time teacher. He holds a university degree from the University of Alexandria in Egypt, is a NYC Department of Education Certified English/Arabic Translator and has worked with United Nations Arabic Radio as a producer, translator and broadcaster.