



# **Invitation to Attend The Day After Side Event**

At the Sixth Brussels Conference to Support Syria and the Region



Supporting the future of Syria and the region Brussels Conferences

TDA invites you to attend its side event at the Sixth Brussels Conference to Support Syria and the Region, which includes two sessions:

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# - Housing, Land, and Property Rights in Syria -

This session will discuss the importance of HLP and its relevance to several critical issues related to Syria, and they include:

- Demographic change in Syria and how forced displacement became a catalyst
  in re-engineering the demographic identity of communities.
- Transitional justice and reparation and compensation mechanisms, and theirrole in addressing HLP problems in Syria.
- The constitution, and how the Syrian constitution covers the right to property,and the authority's circumvention of the constitutional text.

## Speakers:



## Barbara McCallin:

is an expert consultant on housing, land and property in forced displacement contexts. She has 20 years of professional experience as a field practitioner, researcher, advocate, and trainer working on these issues for UN organizations and NGOs, particularly the Norwegian Refugee Council.



## Raghdaa Zeidan:

Director of the Civilian Center for Strategic Thinking, a researcher specializing in issues related to constitutions and society, member of the sub-committee for drafting the Syrian constitution, and a founding member of The Syrian Commission for Election Monitoring.

## Moderator:



## Mutasem al-Syoufi:

Executive Director of The Day After. Mr. al-Syoufi was formerly program manager for the Democratic Council funded by the US State Department to empower Syrian civil society organizations, with a focus on developing work strategies for a number of Syrian civil society organizations.



## Anwar al-Majanni:

Legal advisor to The Day After, he currently holds the positions of legal advisor for a number of international and Syrian organizations, and is a researcher in several areas, including property and housing rights. He is a member of the HLP Expert Network with GIZ, and a member of the Constitutional Committee for Civil Society. 

## Ayman Abu Hashem:

Palestinian-Syrian lawyer and researcher, and holds a Master's Degree in law, he has published several books and research papers covering refugees. Mr. Abu Hashem is a trainer in the field of international humanitarian law and human rights.

## date: 2 May - 2022

Time: 11:00 -13:00 CET Place:: Zoom Language: Arabic & English

Registration link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_k8xPZ2ZLR52v\_axaGRA6uA

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## The second session:

# - Electoral Reform and Democratic Transition in Syria -

This session will provide an analytical and critical review of the legal and institutional frameworks relevant to elections in Syria. It will also provide a vision and suggestions for future electoral processes, aselectoral reform is an important element of democratic transition, and is necessary in countries that suffer from political crises, civil wars and external interventions, as is the case in Syria, where a just and fair electoral process will contribute to strengthening democracy and sustainable peace.

The session will highlight the most significant factors required for inclusion in the Syrian electoral system, to ensure a political transition compatible with the demands of the Syrian people in building a state of law and citizenship based on equality for all.

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## Roula Baghdadi:

is a lawyer and legal researcher preparing PHD degree in constitutional law from Beirut Arab University. She is the Executive Director of Dawlaty Organization.

### Khaled Adwan Al-Helou:

Holds a Master's Degree in law from the University of Aleppo 2005. He practiced law for seven years, and then became a judge in Syria until 2012. Legal advisor to more than one entity. Member of the Syrian Constitutional Committee, a smaller entity of the civil society bloc. He has authored several research papers, and participated on issues of constitutions, institutional reform, elections, transitional justice, and protection of HLP rights.

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Time: 15:00 -17:00 CET Place:: Zoom Language: Arabic & English

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