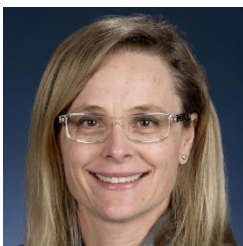




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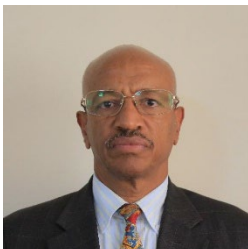
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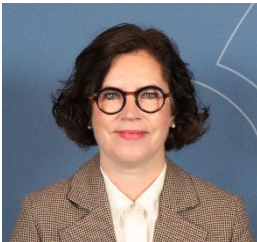
Qatar: Mr. Faisal Mohamed Al-Emadi is the Secretary-General of the Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS). Prior to his current role, he served as Executive Director of QRCS's International Relief and Development Sector. Between 1999 and 2016, Mr. Al-Emadi held several government positions. He is an active member on several national committees, including on International Humanitarian Law, Rescue, Relief, and Humanitarian Assistance Operations, and in the Civil Defense Council.



Somalia: Mr. Mohamed Abdirizak is the former Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Government of Somalia. Mr. Abdirizak has considerable experience as a senior diplomat and has previously held positions with the World Bank, UNDP, and the UN Political Office for Somalia.



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