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Dr Chadia Wannous is a public health professional with a doctorate degree in International Health and Development. She has more than twenty-five years of experience working in the public health field in a number of countries in the Middle East, South East Asia, the Caribbean, and North America.

Dr. Wannous is currently a Senior Advisor at the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) in Geneva, Switzerland, coordinating implementation of the health components of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and supporting the Science and Technology Partnership.

Prior to this Chadia served as a Senior Policy Advisor to the UN Secretary General Special Envoy on Ebola and the UN System Influenza Coordination.

Chadia is also coordinating the Toward A Safer World Network, which aims to contribute to increased societal resilience in the face of pandemics and other comparable threats to health through strengthening the capabilities of the network's committed individuals to implement best multisectoral, whole-of-society preparedness practices.

Prior experience included working since 2006 on emergency preparedness with a focus on Pandemics Preparedness and Response in various capacities first as a Technical Officer at WHO Regional Communicable Disease Surveillance and Response sub-unit in Bangkok, and then as a Senior Advisor for the UN Resident Coordinator in Egypt and a Regional Coordinator for the UN System Influenza Coordination (UNSIC) in the Middle East and North Africa region and a Senior Policy Advisor to the UN Senior Coordinator for Pandemic influenza.