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Luay Shabaneh, currently serves as Arab States Regional Director of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund starting May 2016.

A native of Palestine, he has held a number of high-profile national and international public service positions over the last two decades in the area of official statistics, population census, population and development, monitoring and evaluation, programme management and advocacy within the UN System, in government and in the multilateral arena.

He served as chief statistician of Palestine from 2005 until he started his UN career in 2009 with both UNDP/UNCT and UNFPA in Iraq, and the Regional Office for Arab States since 2015 as the Regional Adviser for Population Data and Policies in ASRO.

Within the Arab region, he served as chair or member of several regional professional and research committees. Such as the Chair of the Statistical Committee of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Arab regional statistical forum and as member of the board of the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics.

Prior to that, Luay Shabaneh started his professional career at Palestine Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) in 1994 – 2005 he crowned his career there to be the second President of PCBS.

Luay holds a PhD in Applied Social Statistics from Lancaster University, UK, a Master's Degree in Mathematical Statistics from the University of Jordan and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Baghdad University.