

SHAHBAZ, Mohammad (Jordan)

Current employment and/or position/title:

Advisor, National Center for Research and Development, Higher Council for Science and Technology, Jordan

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

- MSc in chemical engineering, industrial waste water treatment, 1982
- Chief of Water Protection Division, Jordan Department of the Environment, 1983
- Assistant Director, Environment Sector, Higher Council for Science and Technology, 1989
- Director, Badia Research and Development Program, BRDP, 1995
- President, Badia Research and Development Centre, BRDC, 2005
- Member, Jordan Environment Society, 1987
- Member, Jordanian Society for the Combating of Desertification and Badia Development
- Member, IUCN National Committee, 1997
- Chair, IUCN National Committee, 2001–2009
- Certificate of Appreciation: Global Environmental Facility, 2001
- Advisor and National Team Leader to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Government of Jordan, Environmental Gulf War Compensations, National Task Force, 1997–2005
- Member of team, “Science and Technology Policy and Strategy in The Environment Sector”. Formulation and Plan Execution, Policy Analysis, 1993
- Jordan National Strategy and Action Plan To Combat Desertification, 2006, co-author, UNDP (Drylands Development Center) – Ministry of Environment, Jordan
- IUCN Councillor, 2008–2012
- Member of Steering Committee CEESP, 2011

Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:

Presently Mr Shahbaz is a member of the Council representing West Asia, contributing in the Steering Committee of CEESP, in addition to being a member of the Constituency Committee and the Private Sector Task Force reporting to the Council.

Mr Shahbaz is the Chair of the IUCN Regional Committee, with many regional initiatives and contributions, lately engaged in the success of the West Asia Regional Conservation Forum.

For many years he served as a member of the National Selection Committee for the Global Environmental Facility/World Bank, 1998 up till now, providing assistance and guidance to many national NGOs in the expansion of the green funds provided by GEF.

Supervision and Foreword writing for a recent book “Badia: the Living Desert”, 2011, describing the Badia (Desert) environment and its various living components.