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Habiba Hassan-Wassef, a graduate of the Cairo University Medical School (First Class Honors), obtained high quality training in clinical, laboratory as well as public health nutrition research in Egypt, before further developing her academic career in France and the United States where she was a Whitehall Research Fellow at the Institute of Nutrition Sciences, Columbia University. Policy related aspects of her career were developed through twenty years of service with the World Health Organization with the last 6 years at WHO Headquarters in Geneva. Dr. Hassan-Wassef's knowledge and expertise was further strengthened through continued national and regional research and expert services in Europe, the Middle-East, and Africa. Dr. Habiba is Vice-President of the African Society for Mycotoxicology (ASM); a Trustee of the Africa Nutrition Society (ANS); and a Council Member of the Federation of African Nutrition Societies (FANUS). She is a member of regional and national think tanks and technical advisory boards in her fields of expertise and is author of several scientific publications and four times co-author of the Egypt Human Development Report. She received a number of national and international awards in recognition of her contribution to health and nutrition. They include the 2008 Gold Medal of the Academy of Agriculture of France; the 2016 Africa Award for Distinguished Services to Nutrition. In October 2018, she received the RUFORUM Award and Prize to Individuals Making Impact for Africa's Development.

