

# Challenges of Ending Wars and Peacebuilding in the Middle East

This symposium aims to discuss how to end wars and create sustainable peace in the Middle East, including Gaza and Syria, together with Mr. Abdallah Al Dardari, Assistant Secretary-General, Director of the Regional Bureau for Arab States, UNDP in New York. This symposium is also planning to have experts from the University of Jordan and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to have global dialogue to address this critical question. This is the second event after Sophia University and the University of Jordan signed MoU in May 2025.

## Initial Remarks

**Prof. Sali Augustine**

Chancellor at Sophia University

**Amb. Hideki Asari**

Japanese ambassador in Jordan

**Mr. Hirofumi Miyake**

Deputy Director-General,  
Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan

## Keynote Speech

**Mr. Abdallah Al Dardari**

Assistant Secretary-General, Director of the Regional Bureau  
for Arab States, UNDP in New York



## Speakers

**Prof. Hasan Al Momani**

Director, Center for Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan

High Ranked Official at Organization of Islamic Cooperation (TBC)

## Planning & Moderator

**Prof. Daisaku Higashi**

Professor, Director at Graduate Program of International Cooperation, Center for Global Education



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Date: **Tuesday, 21 October 2025**

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(7:00am to 8:30am in NY time)

**Online only (Zoom)**

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Open to public

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