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Professor Dr. Maha El Rabbat is a Professor of Public Health, Cairo University and one of six WHO Director General Special Envoy on COVID 19, a position held since February 2020. She is a former Minister of Health and Population, Egypt and former Executive Director of the MENA Health Policy Forum, a regional NGO. Dr El Rabbat has held several high-level political, academic and leadership positions and has accumulated more than 35 years of strategic leadership, policy, advocacy and operational public health expertise. She has worked closely with national, regional, and international organizations as a public health expert on a wide range of health issues and on health policies, system strengthening and reform particularly in lower and middle-income countries for the progressive realization of health equity and universal health coverage; addressing regional specificities and people's needs, in leading health sector emergency reform, taking into account regional diversities, challenges and demographic changes, and moving toward a cost-effective, relevant, evidence-based, integrated health sector response in various contexts, such as fragile settings, deprived areas and among vulnerable groups. Dr. El Rabbat has wide experience in conducting system-wide assessments and reform in response to emerging needs and supported strengthening of service delivery at different levels.



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