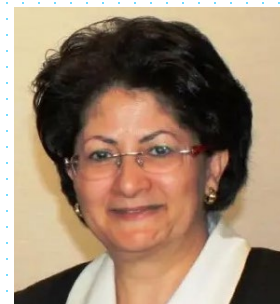


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In 2009, she was appointed member of the Board of the Arab Women's Leadership Institute (AWLI) where she served until 2012, and a member of the Women's Democracy Network (WDN). They are Networks supported by the Government of the United States to empower women and girls in the Arab Region.

From 2010 to 2017, she was appointed by H.E., the Secretary General of the UN, to serve as a member of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (UN-CEPA), where she served for 2 Terms (2010-2013 and 2014-2017), including as the Chairperson of this Committee in 2012 and 2013. She also served as a member of the Sub-Committee of CEPA in charge of evaluating the United Nations Public Service Award (UNPSA) nominees.

On August 2018, she was elected Vice-President of the African Public Service Human Resources Managers Network (APS-HRMNet).

On July 2019, she was elected member of the Board of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA) for the Term 2019-2022.

On 21 February 2020, she was appointed Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the International Commission on Accreditation of Public Administration (ICAPA) education and training programs of IASIA.

On 12 May 2021, she was appointed by H.E. the Secretary General of the United Nations as a member of the UN-CEPA for a Third Term (2021-2025).

She chaired or served in many ministerial or inter-ministerial committees in charge of devolution, simplification of administrative procedures and moralization of the public service, promotion of investments, promotion of childhood conditions, mainstreaming gender approach, and modernization of human resources management at the subnational level. She has authored a number of essays and articles on issues related to public administration and public service. In 2008, she published a book on trade and development, from the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) to the World Trade Organization. She received her Ph.D. in Political Sciences from the University Mohammed V of Rabat (International Relations option) and is also a graduate of the National School for Public Administration of Rabat (Honor Student) and holds a Master degree from the University of Paris I (Pantheon-Sorbonne) in International, European and comparative studies. She is very involved in Civil Society work and supports her neighborhood and community.

When not busy with work, she enjoys writing, cooking, watching classic American and Egyptian movies, knitting, crocheting, caring for her plants, drying leaves from trees to make paintings, collecting quotes, buying books, going to the cinema, traveling, caring of her family, and having fun with her friends.

She received many national, regional, and international recognitions and awards for her outstanding commitment and contribution to the advancement of Public Administration, Public Services, and Public Policy in the World, namely:

- The National Order of Merit - Exceptional Degree from His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco -God Protect Him (2013);
- The UN Public Service Award (UNPSA), First Place in Africa (2013), for the integration and mainstreaming of the gender approach in the Strategic Plan of Training and Capacity Building of the Ministry of the Interior of Morocco;
- The Onkar Prasad DWIVEDI Award from IASIA (2015);
- The Gold Medal 2018 from the African Association for Public Administration and Management(AAPAM) (2018).

Dr. Zarrouk is the daughter of a soldier of the Royal Armed Forces (FAR) of the Kingdom of Morocco and a Veteran of the French Army. She is also the widow of a Doctor-Commander of the FAR and the mother of a daughter.