

CURRICULUM VITAE OF MR. MOHAMED-SÉGHIR BABES, MEMBER OF THE PANEL OF
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Mr. Mohamed-Séghir Babès is an Algerian citizen who has extensive experience as a Public Administrator holding various high-level positions in the economic and social sphere. He has made important contributions in teaching and research in academia.

Mr. Mohamed-Séghir Babès was a Counsellor to the President of the Republic, especially in the social sector until 2005. He was elected Chairman of the National Economic and Social Council [CNES] in June 2005.

Early in his career, during the 1980s and 1990s, he was appointed to various posts in Algeria, including those of Director General of Social Security, Secretary General to the Minister of Social Protection, Chairman of the Board of Management of the “Services” Participation Fund, Representative of the Head of the Government in the field of Economic Reform, and finally Minister of Health and Population.

Mr. Babès contributed to some important developments such as the plan for the reorganisation and modernisation of the social security system, driving and actively implementing a policy on population in order to control and create a framework for demographic growth, as well a plan for the advancement of economic reform. He was also involved in the design and the formulation of “local health action plans” – PLAS – a truly novel approach supported by a large number of practitioners and users of health services, with the singularly strategic aim of thoroughly renewing the national health system through the re-establishment of a basic pyramid of health care.

Due to these various responsibilities at the international level, Mr Mohamed-Séghir BABES has extensive experience of the complex fabric forming its substrata and exogenous contingencies on the sub regional and sub regional level, as well the continental and universal level. As a result he is particularly aware of the evolution of the structure of international relations, especially with regard to the United Nations and its various executive agencies and specialised institutions.

Mr. Babès has worked for the National Institute of Public Health of Quebec, the International Health Unit of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Montreal, the University of Nice and the Francophone Energy and Environment Institute IEPF – of Quebec. He is Lecturer and Research Associate at the Institut Québécois des Hautes Etudes Internationales (Quebec Institute for Advanced International Studies) of the Laval University of Quebec. He conducted several sessions of the “Africa” seminar within the framework of the Masters Degree Program in International Relations, while co-chairing the Chair of Maghreb Studies, working with Professor Albert Legault, Ex-Director of the IQHEI, in terms of the 2001 – 2004 mandate, then with Professor Pierre Lemieux, Dean of the Faculty of Law at Laval University in terms of the 2004-2007 mandate. In addition Mr Babès has played a defining role in setting up the Algeria-Quebec University Partnership dedicated to doctoral and post-doctoral research, involving about twenty Algerian and Canadian Universities, Schools and Institutes.