

# Current Challenges Facing the Arab World

## His Excellency Hussein Hassouna

Ambassador of the League of Arab States

**Thursday, 13 October**  
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**Hussein Hassouna** was appointed ambassador of the League of Arab States to the United States of America in July 2002. Hassouna previously served as ambassador of the League of Arab States to the United Nations; as assistant minister of foreign affairs of Egypt for international legal affairs and treaties (1996–97); ambassador of Egypt to Morocco (1992–96) and to Yugoslavia (1989–92); director of cabinet to the deputy prime minister and minister of foreign affairs of Egypt (1986–89); and director of the Egyptian Press and Information Bureau in Paris, France (1983–86). During his international diplomatic career, he has also served as a member of the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations and as a representative of Egypt to major United Nations conferences, non-aligned, African, and Arab meetings. He served as a member of the Egyptian delegation to successive Middle East peace negotiations in Cairo, Tel Aviv, and Washington, D.C., that led to the signing of the Egyptian–Israeli peace treaty. Hassouna has lectured at major universities in the U.S., Canada, England, and France, including Yale, Georgetown, UCLA, McGill, Cambridge, Duke, and the Sorbonne. His publications include the book, *The League of Arab States and Regional Disputes, a Study of Middle East Conflicts*, and numerous articles on international law and world affairs, which have appeared in the *American Journal of International Law*, *World Policy Journal*, and various UN publications. A native of Egypt, Hassouna received his LLB and PhD in international law from Cambridge University in England. He and his wife, Nevine, are living in Washington area for the second time. In the early 1980s, he served as political counselor of the Embassy of Egypt to the United States. The League of Arab Nations represents more than 200 million people living in twenty-two countries and provides a forum for its members to strengthen ties, coordinate policies, and promote common interests.