



**SCOUTS**<sup>®</sup>  
Creating a Better World

World Organization of the Scout Movement  
Organisation Mondiale du Mouvement Scout  
Всемирная Организация Скаутского Движения  
Organización Mundial del Movimiento Scout  
المنظمة العالمية للحركة الكشفية

## Biography



Ahmad Alhendawi of Jordan is the first-ever United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth. He assumed office in February 2013. Mr. Alhendawi was described by the UN Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon as "the youngest senior official in the history of the United Nations". Mr. Alhendawi previously worked as the Youth Policy Advisor in the League of Arab States and a Team Leader for the development of the World Bank-funded programme to the League of Arab States on institutional development to strengthen Arab youth policy and participation.

Prior to this, he served as a Team Leader for the National Youth Policy Project in Iraq, a Youth Programme Associate at the Iraq office of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), Emergency Programme Officer at the non-governmental organisation Save the Children, and as a regional consultant supporting the Danish Youth Council's projects in the Middle East and North Africa.

Born in 1984, Mr. Alhendawi holds a Master's degree in Advanced European and International relations, a diploma as "Policy Officer in European and International Organizations" from the Institut Européen in Nice, and a Bachelor's degree in computer information systems from the Al-Balqa Applied University in Jordan. Alhendawi has studied and worked in Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey, France, Germany, and the United States.

Mr. Alhendawi was named for two consecutive years as one of the 100 most influential Arabs under 40 and in the Diplomatic Courier's list of Top 99 most influential foreign policy professionals under 33. He is also a recipient of the Youth ActionNet Fellowship 2008 as a Young Social Entrepreneur by the International Youth Foundation.