**Dr. Nadim Khouri**

**ESCWA Deputy Executive Secretary**

In August 22, 2011, Dr. Nadim Khouri joined ESCWA as the Deputy Executive Secretary. Dr. Khouri, a national of Lebanon, is transferring from a sister UN agency, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, where he was the Director of Near East, North Africa and Europe Region for the last three years. In this capacity, he led the strategy and operational work that covered a portfolio of more than $1.2b in investments in rural poverty alleviation.

Prior to joining IFAD, Dr Khouri had a 20-year career at the World Bank in Washington DC, where he held various policy and operational positions related to economic, social and environmental development in the Middle-East, North Africa, South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. Between 1979 and 1988 he held various positions as a Researcher at the American University of Beirut and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst as well as a 5-year period as task manager at Dar Al-Handassah (Shair and Partners), an international consultancy firm.

Dr. Nadim Khouri has a PhD in Agronomy from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (USA), an MSc from the Rural Economics Department of Wye College (University of London-UK) and a BSc and MSc in Agronomy from the American University of Beirut (Lebanon).

Born in 1956, he is married and has two daughters