



# I-House Alumni Spotlight:

## Dr. Abdelkader Abbadi

United Nations correspondent, international diplomat, journalist, and author

June 23 is United Nations Public Service Day



### Years at I-House:

1959-61 and 1966-67

Country of Origin: Morocco

### Education:

- Ph.D. in Political Science, UC Berkeley

### Roles:

- Former U.N. Director of the Department of the Security Council
- Former U.N. Special Advisor to the Delegation of Kyrgyzstan
- U.N. International Consultant on Global Affairs and Media Relations

### About Dr. Abbadi:

Dr. Abdelkader Abbadi is a long-time participant in international affairs, working for 30 years as a staff member at the United Nations Secretariat, and as a journalist and author. Supported by his illiterate parents, Dr. Abbadi began his education in his home village in the Atlas Mountains of Morocco. As a recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship in 1958, his education culminated 25 years later with a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Abbadi then served as an international diplomat at posts including Director of the U.N. Security Council and Special Advisor to the Delegation of Kyrgyzstan. He worked as a journalist for many publications, including *Jeune Afrique*, and as a U.N. Correspondent. In 2016, he published *From The Garden to the Glass House: An Undiplomatic Look at the United Nations*, a part-memoir and part-critique of his three decades of experience serving the Organization. He is married and speaks four languages (French, Arabic, Spanish, and English) at home with his three children and eight grandchildren.

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