

Curriculum Vitae
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Professional Summary

Dr. Meshari Alfaras is an expert in Crisis and Disaster Management with a distinguished academic and professional career. He served as an Officer in the Kuwait Fire Force and as a National Focal Point with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR). He is also a member of the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) global expert team, having participated in several international and national disaster management operations, including the Derna Flood Disaster in Libya (2023), the Kuwait Heavy Rain Response (2018), and the Emergency Dispatch Center Plan during the COVID-19 pandemic (2020).

Dr. Alfaras played a key role in organizing the 6th Arab Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (Kuwait 2025) and chaired the Scientific Committee that drafted the 'State of Kuwait Declaration for Disaster Risk Reduction'. He also presided over the 10th Arab Partnership Meeting for Disaster Risk Reduction (2024) and served as Rapporteur of the National Committee for the Implementation of the Sendai Framework in Kuwait. He holds a PhD in Crisis and Disaster Management from the University of Salford, UK, and is the Founder and General Manager of MORVA for Environmental & Technological Consulting Co. and MORVA Institute for Training in Kuwait, as well as the MORVA Management of Resilience & Vulnerability Assessment Co. in United Arab Emarat.

Education

Degree	Major	University / Country	Year
PhD	Crisis and Disaster Management	University of Salford, Manchester – UK	2019
MSc	Crisis and Disaster Management	University of Portsmouth – UK	2013
BSc	Fire Safety and Risk Management	University of Central Lancashire – UK	2011
HDiploma	Fire Safety Engineering	University of Central Lancashire – Muscat	2005
ISO 14001	Environmental Lead Auditor (40 hours),	Exemplar Global – USA	2025

Professional Experience

- Partner and CEO for Asia & America – MORVA Management of Resilience & Vulnerability Assessment Co. United Arab Emarat. (2025 – Present)
- Owner and General Manager in MORVA Environmental & Technological Consulting (2025 – Present)
- Owner and General Manager in MORVA Institute for Private Training (2025 – Present)
- Fire Officer – Kuwait Fire Force, Retired Rank - Colonel (2005 – 2025)
- Head of Deputy Firefighting Sector Office – Kuwait Fire Force (2022 – 2025)
- Head of Plans & Emergency Center – Kuwait Fire Force (2020 – 2022)
- Head of the Emergency Dispatch Center 112– Kuwait Fire Force (2018 – 2020)
- Head of Planning & Information Division – Kuwait Fire Force (2016 – 2018)
- National Focal Point for Kuwait – United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) (2017 – 2025)
- National Focal Point for Kuwait – UN Emergency Response Branch UNDAC (2018 – Present)
- Crisis & Disaster Management Expert – UNDAC International Team (2018 – Present)
- Disaster MGT Lecturer – Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (2017 – 2019)
- Certified OSHA Instructor – OSHA Academy (ID 50286) (2013 – Present)
- Trainer & Lecturer – Various Training Institutes (2013 – Present)
- Owner and General Manager - Professionals Consulting & Training Company (2013 – 2016)

Research & Publications

- Developing a Framework to Enhance Crisis and Disaster Management Requirements in Kuwait – PhD Thesis, University of Salford, UK (2019)
- Earthquake Probability and Damage Assessment for Kuwait – MSc Thesis, University of Portsmouth, UK (2013)
- Comparative Study of Enclosed Space Fires Using FDS Simulation – BSc Project, University of Central Lancashire, UK (2011)

Achievements and Accomplishments

- Prepared the **“Incident Command – Part I”** Guide for the Kuwait Fire Force. 2014
- Prepared the **“Urban and Rural Incident Command Procedures – Part II”** Guide for the Kuwait Fire Force. 2017
- Developed the **“Earthquake Disaster Management Response”** a National Plan for Kuwait. 2018
- Developed the **“Heavy Rain and Flood Disaster Management Response Plan”** under the National Plan for Kuwait 2019
- Conducted a **fire risk assessment** for Kuwait International Airport – **Terminal 1**.
- Designed a **system to identify persons with disabilities during emergencies**, specifying the type of disability through the Operations Center. 2014
- Developed a **national risk register** for the State of Kuwait. 2023
- Standardized **terminology and concepts** related to crisis and disaster management across the State of Kuwait. 2023
- Developed a **scientific methodology** for crisis and disaster management in Kuwait. 2023
- Drafted the **National Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction** for the State of Kuwait. 2025

Languages

Arabic – Native

English – Excellent

Hobbies

Traveling, Fishing

Committee Participation

- Member of the **High Planning Committee**, Kuwait Fire Force.
- Rapporteur of the **National Committee for Developing the National Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction**.
- Rapporteur of the **National Committee for Monitoring the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction**, Ministerial Resolution No. (75) of 2023.
- Rapporteur of the **High Committee for the 6th Arab Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction**.
- Chair of the **Scientific Committee** and author of the **Kuwait Declaration** during the 6th Arab Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.
- Member of the **National Task Force for Reviewing the Establishment of the National Crisis and Disaster Management Center**, Supreme Defense Council.
- Chair of the **10th Arab Partnership Meeting for Disaster Risk Reduction**, held in the State of Kuwait in 2024 with participation from Arab countries.

References

Name	Position / Organization	Email
Lt. Gen. Eng. Khaled Rakan Al-Mekrad	Chief, Kuwait Fire Force	Almekradkh@hotmail.com
Fadi Al-Jannan	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)	jannan@un.org
Lucien Jaggi	Head, United Nations Emergency Response Branch	jaggi@un.org
Dr. Chika Udeaja	University of Salford, Manchester	c.e.udeaja@salford.ac.uk
Dr. Shephard S. Ndlovu	University of Central Lancashire	sndlovu@uclan.ac.uk
Prof. Richard Teeuw	University of Portsmouth	richard.teeuw@port.ac.uk

Some Activities



Chaired the Kuwait Fire Force delegation at the 9th Arab Partnership Meeting for Disaster Risk Reduction, organized by the United Nations in 2024.



Chaired the 10th Arab Partnership Meeting for Disaster Risk Reduction (2025) held in the State of Kuwait, in preparation for the 6th Arab Regional Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.



Presented Kuwait's Sendai Framework Report during the United Nations General Assembly meeting held in New York, 2023.



participated as an expert supporting the Libyan government in managing the flood disaster that devastated the city of Derna in 2023.



Presented the requirements for implementing the Sendai Framework in Kuwait during the 9th Arab Partnership Meeting, organized by the United Nations in Egypt 2024.



Led the preparations for hosting the 6th Arab Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction under the auspices of the League of Arab States.



Delivered a lecture titled "Earthquake Hazards in the State of Kuwait" at the Kuwait Fire Force in 2023.



Honored among the disaster experts who participated in the Derna City disaster response in Libya, by the United Nations Emergency Response Branch in Madrid, 2024.



Presented the requirements for Disaster Management during the 6th Arab Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, held in Kuwait, 2025.



Delivered a lecture titled "Disaster Management in the State of Kuwait" for the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) in 2023.



Explained the procedures for handling incidents and conducting rescue operations during the heavy rainfall that affected Kuwait in 2020.



Delivered lectures to various government entities on the management and coordination of (UNDAC) Expert Team, held at the United Nations Headquarters in Kuwait.



Kuwait TV 2020, to explain the response procedures for handling incidents during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Kuwait TV in 2021, to explain the procedures and requirements for managing crises and disasters.



Led the response to a major fire incident from the mobile operations center, coordinating efforts between fire stations and supporting agencies in 2018.



Presented and explained the Kuwait Fire Force's disaster management plans before His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah, during his tenure as Prime Minister.



With H.E. Anas Al-Saleh, Minister of Interior, as the first Kuwaiti to join (UNDAC).



Presented a copy of my PhD dissertation to H.E. Anas Al-Saleh, Minister of Interior, in 2020.



While managing the heavy rainfall disaster that affected Kuwait in November 2017, at the Emergency Dispatch Center



Kuwait TV to explain the location of the earthquake felt by most residents in Kuwait



delivering a workshop for personnel of the Kuwait Fire Force.



Participated in the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction held in Geneva, 2019.



Delivered a lecture on Crisis and Disaster Management for the Ministry of Health in 2016.



Conducted a workshop for various national entities on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in 2016.



Participated in the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) meeting on climate change, held in Beirut, 2016.



Participated in a workshop during the United Nations meeting held in Bonn, Germany.



Delivered a lecture on Disaster Management during a workshop at the Environment Public Authority 2015.



Delivered a lecture on Early Warning Systems during a workshop at the Red Crescent Society-Kuwait.



Participated with a research paper on Disaster Management at a conference held in Guangzhou, China (2014).



Conducted a Professional Health and Safety Manager (OSHA) training course for Schlumberger Company in 2014.