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Mervat Tallawy is an Egyptian diplomat and politician. She is the first woman to receive the Alumni Association's lifetime achievement award. Previously, Tallawy was the Deputy Director of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. She was the Ambassador of Egypt to Austria and Japan, and the first Egyptian woman to occupy such a position. In November 2000, she was appointed Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA). She also founded the left liberal Egyptian Social Democratic Party.



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Mervat Tallawy, President of the Egyptian National Council of Women, meets with UN Women's Executive Director Michelle Bachelet during the 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women. From 1985 to 1988, Mervat Tallawy was the Deputy Director of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (now UN Women).



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Mervat Tallawy meeting UN Secretary General Kofi Annan. This picture was taken when Ms Tallawy served as Undersecretary General and Executive Secretary of UN ESCWA in Beirut, Lebanon from 2000 to 2007.



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Mervat Tallawy was the Deputy Director of the Arab Women Organisation (AWO) from 2014 to 2018. Here we can see a group of the participants at an AWO seminar in 2017 on mechanisms to fight violence against women with Ambassador Tallawy in the middle.

