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Dr. Sonia Ramzi is an internationally recognized expert in cultural heritage, education, and international cooperation. She served as Head of the Promotion of World Heritage and Cultural Heritage at UNESCO in Paris, becoming the first Egyptian woman in the Arab region and Africa to hold a senior leadership role overseeing World Heritage within the organization.

During her distinguished career at UNESCO, she worked closely with Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, serving as his deputy and contributing to major initiatives in cultural diplomacy and global heritage promotion. She is also the founder of the International Network of FORUM UNESCO – University and Heritage, a global academic network connecting more than 300 universities worldwide dedicated to the preservation and study of cultural heritage.

Dr. Ramzi currently serves as President of the International Association Friends of the Museums of Egypt, supporting the protection and promotion of Egyptian heritage internationally. She has also acted as an international consultant for UNESCO on key issues including women's education, literacy, adult learning, higher education, and migrant integration.

Earlier in her career, she was a professor at the University of Algiers (1974–1980). She is the author of several recognized publications, including *Arab Women in the Maghreb and the Mashreq* (1982). Dr. Ramzi holds a PhD from the Sorbonne in Paris and has received international distinctions and decorations from several countries, including Canada, Spain, and China, in recognition of her contributions to education, culture, and international cooperation.