

Keynote Speaker's Profile



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Ms. Belfali supports the OECD Directorate for Education and Skills in providing strategic direction to the work on knowledge generation and its policy implication concerning skills development in early childhood education, care and school systems. She oversees large scale surveys including the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), Teaching and Learning International Survey programme (TALIS) and thematic analyses and reviews. These programmes are key components of the OECD's work to help countries promote learning opportunities for all, which contributes to economic growth and social progress.

Ms. Belfali joined the OECD in 2013 as a Senior Analyst in the Directorate for Education and Skills' Policy Advice and Implementation Division, where she managed knowledge mobilisation, and education policy country reviews.

Ms. Belfali spent the last 20 years in France, the US, and in several countries of South East Asia, Africa and Middle East and North Africa regions. Before joining the OECD, she worked for UNICEF as Chief of the Education Section in Morocco and the World Bank in the field of human development between 2002 and 2012. She had a leadership role in advising governments for education reforms and gender mainstreaming, as well as managed co-operation projects on early childhood, teaching, learning, and youth development. She started her career as an associate expert of the UN and also worked for JICA and a consulting firm in Japan.

Ms. Belfali, a Japanese national, holds a Master's degree in International Educational Administration and Policy Analysis from Stanford University and a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from Tsuda College, Tokyo.