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Rania Rizk is Vice President & Chief Legal Counsel for PepsiCo's Middle East Africa (MEA) Region. In this role, Ms. Rizk is responsible for all legal aspects of PepsiCo's vast portfolio of food and beverage businesses across the MEA Region. She was appointed to this role in 2009. From 2005 to 2008, Ms. Rizk was head of legal for PepsiCo's GCC and North Africa Business Units. Personally committed to functional excellence and the role of legal as business partner, Ms. Rizk leads a strong and talented team of lawyers and paralegals based in five countries across the Region.

A passionate champion of Diversity & Inclusion, Ms. Rizk has played an active leadership role in furthering PepsiCo's D&I agenda within the region. She has been a driving force behind the Region's female talent development initiatives, leading the Work Life Balance (WLB) task force in 2006 and 2007 and representing the Asia, Middle East & Africa (AMEA) Sector on the PepsiCo International Women's Council in 2008. In addition, Ms. Rizk is a member of the Arab International Women's Forum (AIWF) and the steward of PepsiCo's partnership with AIWF.

Prior to joining PepsiCo, Ms. Rizk was in private practice in the US and Egypt from 1996 to 2001. She headed Legal Services for Andersen and Ernst & Young in the Middle East from 2001 – 2005, and was a Visiting Lecturer at Cairo University Faculty of Law from 2003-2005.

Ms. Rizk is a member of the Dubai Businesswomen's Council and a Board Member of the American Business Council of Dubai. She holds a Juris Doctor (JD) degree with specialization in International Business Transactions from Georges Mason University School of Law (1996) and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in International Relations from Boston University.

She lives in Dubai with her husband, Mohamed Sbay, and their two children Sherine and Omar.