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Dr. Wassim Dbouk is a Marine and Maritime Policy Research Fellow at the University of Southampton and a United Nations Climate Change Negotiator for Lebanon. With expertise in maritime law, ocean governance, and climate policy, Wassim specializes in just transitions, sustainable development, and the intersection of science and policy in global climate negotiations.

With a strong background in interdisciplinary research, he has contributed to high-impact projects on carbon capture and storage (CCS), the decarbonization of shipping, and the just transition of the ocean economy. He has advised policymakers at the UK Parliament, UNFCCC negotiations, and international maritime forums, ensuring that research translates into tangible policy outcomes.

As a negotiator at UN climate summits (COPs), Wassim plays a key role in building consensus on climate action, particularly within the UAE Just Transition Work Programme and discussions on international shipping and aviation emissions. His ability to bridge technical, legal, and policy perspectives positions him as a key contributor to shaping climate governance.

Wassim holds a PhD in Marine Environmental Law and an LLM in Maritime Law (Distinction) from the University of Southampton (UK), as well as a BA in Lebanese and French Law from Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth (Lebanon). He is fluent in Arabic, English, and French, with an elementary understanding of Spanish.

Beyond his professional work, Wassim is passionate about mindfulness, climate activism through public awareness and education, and knowledge exchange. He is a member of the Beirut Bar Association of Lawyers and actively contributes to climate and maritime policy networks worldwide.