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Support to Enhanced Administrative and Public Economic Governance in Egypt

High-level Conference
Agenda



8 – 9 February 2023
The Nile Ritz Carlton, Cairo

Overview of the conference

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Objectives

As part of the strategic partnership between the Government of Egypt and the European Union (EU), the **High-level conference** of the “**Support to Enhanced Administrative and Public Economic Governance in Egypt**” project funded by the European Union, will take place on **8 – 9 February 2023 in Cairo**. This five-year project implemented by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) aims to support the efforts by the Government of Egypt to strengthen the monitoring and implementation of priority public governance reforms. More specifically, the EU funded project addresses three priority areas, namely support to the Egypt Vision 2030 and the National Administrative Reform Plan (ARP), as well as support to the effective and efficient execution of robust public finance systems. These objectives respond to the EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities 2021-2027 and will be implemented through the strategic collaboration between the Government of Egypt, the EU, and the OECD.

This high-level conference will aim to foster discussions on how to promote an integrated approach for the implementation of priority public governance reforms in Egypt, including Egypt Vision 2030 and the Administrative Reform Plan. The conference will provide an opportunity to officially launch the call for applications of the Youth Policy Shapers Programme and kick-start activities of the OECD Public Governance Review of Egypt (PGR). This will include sessions to introduce the OECD PGR, its methodology and the way forward. The event will also gather public officials from various Egyptian government institutions to foster peer-to-peer discussions and the exchange of good practices with international experts through a series of technical workshops.

The meeting will be held in English with Arabic interpretation available.

Agenda Day 1 – Wednesday, 8th of February 2023

9.00 – 9.30 Welcoming of participants

9.30 – 10.45 Opening Remarks and Launch of the Youth Policy Shapers Programme

- **H.E. Rania Al-Mashat**, Minister of International Cooperation
- **H.E. Saleh El-Sheikh**, President of the Central Agency for Organization and Administration
- **H.E. Ambassador Christian Berger**, European Union Ambassador to Egypt
- **Dr. Ahmed Kamaly**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development
- **Eng. Ghada Labib**, Deputy Minister of Communications and Information Technology
- **Mr. Janos Bertok**, Deputy Director, OECD Directorate of Public Governance

Launch of the Youth Policy Shapers Programme (YPS)

This session will launch the call for applications of the Youth Policy Shapers Programme.

- **Dr. Sherifa Sherif**, Executive Director of the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, Egypt Delegate to the OECD Public Governance Committee

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.30 Session 1: Building a civil service that is fit for purpose

This session will reflect on the ongoing Public Administration Reform process in Egypt. The Central Agency for Organisation and Administration will present its efforts to modernise the civil service in the framework of the Administrative Reform Plan. The OECD and an expert will then share insights and international good practices on avenues to promote strategic management of human resources within the civil service, including with a gender-sensitive lens and youth perspectives. The session will finally open discussions with attendees on the opportunities ahead to equip the Egyptian civil service with the right tools and skills to face the current challenges of the 21st century.

Panel Discussion:

- **Dr. Saleh El-Sheikh**, President of the Central Agency for Organisation and Administration (CAOA)
- **Ms. Maria Oliveira Fernandes**, Adviser, Competence Centre for Planning, Policy and Foresight in Public Administration, Portugal
- **Mr. Donal Mulligan**, Policy Analyst, OECD

Questions and Answers

Moderators:

- **Ms. Graziella Rizza**, Counsellor, Head of Governance, Human Rights, Civil Society, Migration and Gender, the European Union Delegation to Egypt (TBC)
- **Ms. Paulina López Ramos**, Policy Analyst, OECD

12.30 – 13.45 Session 2: Delivering Vision 2030 through an integrated Public governance approach

This session will explore potential avenues to enhance the strategic role of Egypt Vision 2030 as the umbrella policy framework under which all governments' strategies are aligned to promote economic growth, social inclusion, and prosperity for future generations in Egypt. It will begin with a presentation by the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development on the existing mechanisms to lead the strategic planning and prioritisation process across government for the implementation of Egypt Vision 2030. It will be followed by a presentation by the OECD to share good practices and principles on how centre of government institutions can sustain whole-of-government co-ordination, promote multi-dimensional policy-making, and lead strategic planning and decision-making to deliver better outcomes for all, including women and youth. An expert will share practical examples and insights to illustrate these principles in practice before opening the floor for attendees to share their insights.

Panel Discussion:

- **Dr. Ahmed Kamaly**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MPED)
- **Ms. Sara Fyson**, Head of the Public Governance Review Unit, OECD
- **Mr. Adam Ostry**, International expert, former official of the Canadian civil service and OECD
- **Ms. Maria Oliveira Fernandes**, Adviser, Competence Centre for Planning, Policy and Foresight in Public Administration, Portugal

Questions and Answers

Moderators:

- **Ms. Graziella Rizza**, Counsellor, Head of Governance, Human Rights, Civil Society, Migration and Gender, the European Union Delegation to Egypt (TBC)
- **Ms. Maryham Habib**, Project Specialist for the Egypt Vision 2030 and Public Administration Reform Component of the Project

13.45 – 14.15 Coffee Break

14.15 – 15.30 Session 3: Promoting the administrative simplification of digital public services in Egypt

As Egypt undertakes an ambitious process to digitalise public services, this session will reflect on the importance of simplifying administrative procedures to facilitate their uptake and access. The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology will deliver a presentation on its efforts to date to digitalise public services in the framework of Digital Egypt. It will be followed by a presentation of the OECD sharing good practice principles on burden reduction and simplification of administrative procedures taking into account the needs of specific groups of the population, such as women and youth. Attendees will be invited to reflect on the present challenges encountered by citizens to access digital public services in Egypt.

Panel Discussion:

- **Eng. Ghada Labib**, Deputy Minister of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT)
- **Mr Daniel Trnka**, Deputy Head of the Regulatory Policy Division, OECD

Questions and Answers

Moderators:

- **Ms. Neveen Ahmed**, Programme Manager, Governance, Population and Gender Equality, the European Union Delegation to Egypt (TBC)
- **Mr. Amr Soliman**, Project Lead, Policy Analyst, OECD

15.30 – 16.30 Plenary Session: The OECD Public Governance Review of Egypt

This session will constitute the official kick-start of the OECD Public Governance Review in Egypt. The OECD will introduce the Review in the framework of the “Support to Enhanced Administrative and Public Economic Governance in Egypt” project and outline its process, methodology and expected outcomes. It will then open the floor for questions and officially mark the commencement of the thematic round tables of the conference.

Interventions:

- **Dr. Sherifa Sherif**, Executive Director of the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, Egypt Delegate to the OECD Public Governance Committee
- **Ms. Sara Fyson**, Head of the Public Governance Review Unit, OECD
- **Mr. Adam Ostry**, International expert, former official of the Canadian civil service and OECD

Questions and Answers

Moderator: **Mr. Amr Soliman**, Project Lead, Policy Analyst, OECD

16.30 Lunch

Agenda Day 2 – Thursday, 9th of February, 2023

9.00 – 9.30 Welcoming of participants – Instructing the working groups

9.30 – 11.30 Session 4 (working group 1): Towards a whole-of government implementation of Egypt Vision 2030 in Egypt

This session will bring together representatives from Sustainable Development Units in line ministries and focal points to discuss potential avenues to enhance coordination among levels of government for the implementation of Egypt Vision 2030, including with respect to gender equality, youth representation and inclusion objectives. Following a keynote speech, attendees will be divided into groups and engage in discussions led by select guiding questions through a world café format. A rapporteur from each group will be assigned to share their conclusions in the final plenary.

Keynote

- **Dr. Mona Essam**, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Development Affairs, MPED

World Café – participants will divide in groups supported by:

- **Ms. Aya Nawwar**, Deputy Head, Sustainable Development Unit, MPED
- **Team from Sustainable Development Unit**, MPED
- **Mr. Simon Callewaert**, Policy Analyst, OECD
- **Ms. Caroline Mina**, Policy Analyst, OECD
- **Ms. Paulina López Ramos**, Policy Analyst, OECD

- **Mr. Adam Ostry**, International expert, former official of the Canadian civil service and OECD

Moderator: **Ms. Neveen Ahmed**, Programme Manager, Governance, Population, and Gender Equality, the European Union Delegation to Egypt

Plenary

9.30 – 11.30 Session 4 (working group 2): Building a professional and performance-driven civil service in Egypt

This session will bring together representatives from Human Resource Units in line ministries to discuss the opportunities and challenges in professionalising the Egyptian public workforce and making it more gender balanced and youth-responsive at all levels. Following a keynote speech, attendees will be divided into groups and engage in discussions led by four guiding questions through a world café format. A rapporteur from each group will be assigned to share their conclusions in the final plenary.

Keynote

- **Dr. Heba Salama**, Project focal point at the Central Agency for Organisation and Administration

World Café – participants will divide in groups supported by:

- **Dr. Heba Salama**, Project focal point at the Central Agency for Organisation and Administration
- **Ms. Maryham Habib**, Project Specialist for the Egypt Vision 2030 and Public Administration Reform Component of the Project
- **Mr. Donal Mulligan**, Policy Analyst, OECD
- **Ms. Maria Oliveira Fernandes**, Adviser, Competence Centre for Planning, Policy and Foresight in Public Administration, Portugal (TBC)

Moderator: **Mr. Amr Soliman**, Project Lead, Policy Analyst, OECD

Plenary

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00 – 14.00 Session 5 : Enhancing communication and access to information in Egypt

Ensuring all stakeholders, including youth, women and vulnerable groups, have a possibility to participate in the policy-making process is a cornerstone of good governance and a key component of sustainable reforms. By ensuring targeted, compelling and responsive public communication, using a variety of channels and messages, and based on audience insights, governments can ensure that the public is better informed and able to engage in a dialogue on issues that matter most to them. In parallel, promoting transparency and access to information also facilitates the ability of citizens to engage in an informed dialogue with the government and participate in decisions that affect their lives. The session will begin with a presentation by the OECD on transparency, access to information and the use of public communication for inclusive policy-making, better stakeholder engagement and sustainable reforms. It will then include an open discussion with attendees.

Panel Discussion

- **Ms. Paulina López Ramos**, Policy Analyst, OECD
- **Ms. Caroline Mina**, Policy Analyst, OECD

Open discussion / Q&A

Moderators:

- **Mr. Amr Soliman**, Project Lead, Policy Analyst, OECD
- **Ms. Maryham Habib**, Project Specialist for the Egypt Vision 2030 and Public Administration Reform Component of the Project

14.00

Lunch

Independent Session

15.30 – 17.30 Youth Policy Shapers Programme – The Way Forward

This session will present the Youth Policy Shapers Programme. The Programme invites “Be An Ambassador” participants (18-25 years) from across all 27 governorates in Egypt to take the lead in setting up social action projects in their communities, mitigating the effects of climate change, and implementing concrete projects on the ground. Youth will have the opportunity to deepen their skills and to get the extensive technical and financial support they need to implement green initiatives and achieving sustainable change in their communities. Be An Ambassador participants will be invited to intervene in an open discussion, followed by a Q&A session.

Keynote

- **Dr. Sherifa Sherif**, Executive Director of the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, Egypt Delegate to the OECD Public Governance Committee
- **H.E. Ambassador Christian Berger**, European Union Ambassador to Egypt
- **Mr. Amr Soliman**, Project Lead, Policy Analyst, OECD

Presentation of the YPS Programme

- **Ms. Caroline Mina**, Policy Analyst, OECD
- **Ms. Mai Hosny**, Policy Analyst, National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development

Open discussion and dialogue

Moderators:

- **Ms. Neveen Ahmed**, Programme Manager, Governance, Population, and Gender Equality, the European Union Delegation to Egypt
- **Ms. Maryham Habib**, Project Specialist for the Egypt Vision 2030 and Public Administration Reform Component of the Project



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