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### **Education:**

- *Ph.D. in Economics, Kansas State University, USA, 2004.*
- *M.Sc. in Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 1997.*
- *Bachelor's degree in Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University, 1992.*

### **Areas of Interest:**

- *Planning and Development*
- *Macro-Economic-Policies*
- *Labor Economics*
- *Economics of Education*

### **Current Positions:**

- *President of Institute of National Planning (March 2022 - Present).*
- *Professor of Economics, Institute of National Planning, Egypt (June 2015 - Present).*
- *Secretary General, Arab Society for Economic Research, Egypt (September 2018 - Present).*
- *Member of the Coordinating Council for Monetary and Fiscal Policies, Central Bank of Egypt, (December 2021 – Present).*
- *Member of the Board of Directors, Egyptian Financial Regulatory Authority (August 2022 - Present).*

- *Member of the Board of Directors, EGYPTAIR Group, (March 2023 - Present).*
- *Member of The Board of Trustees, King Salman International University, Egypt (2020 - Present).*
- *Member of the Egyptian Scientific Academy (October 2023 - Present).*
- *Member of the Board of Trustees, Arab Planning Institute in Kuwait (October 2023 - Present).*
- *Member of Egypt's Scientific Institute (October 2023 – Present).*
- *Member of the Advisory Council of the Global South Youth Office - Ministry of Youth and Sports (February 2024 - Present).*
- *Member of the Board of Directors of the General Authority of Cairo Sports Stadium (March 2024 - Present).*
- *Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization Association (April 2024 - Present).*
- *Member of the Advisory Board of the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Research Hub - Nile University (April 2024 - Present).*
- *Chairman of the Advisory Council of the National Media Authority -Maspero (Feb. 2025).*

**Career Progression:**

- *Member of the Board of Directors, Central Bank of Egypt, (November 2019 - November 2023)*
- *Advisor, Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait (March 2017 - Present)*
- *Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform (June 2014 - Feb. 2017)*
- *Minister of Planning and International Cooperation (Feb. 2014 - June 2014)*
- *Minister of Planning (July 2013 - Feb. 2014)*
- *Minister of Planning and International Cooperation (August 2012 - May 2013)*
- *Chair of the Board of Directors, National Investment Bank (August 2012 - Feb. 2017)*
- *Senior Economic Expert, Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait (Dec. 2011- July 2012)*
- *Head of the Minister's Technical Office, Ministry of Planning (Jan. 2006- Dec. 2011)*

- *Senior Economist, Minister's Technical Office, Ministry of Industry and Foreign Trade (July 2004 - Dec. 2005)*
- *Teaching Assistant, Lecturer, and Economic Researcher, Institute of National Planning (April 1996 - June 2004)*
- *Research Assistant, Third World Forum, Cairo (1993 - March 1996)*

**Publications:**

- *"Out-of-School Children in Egypt: Challenges and Opportunities for Re-enrollment", Policy Brief, Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), May 2024.*
- *"The Philosophy of Development and the Role of the State in Developing Local Industrialization in Egypt," Egyptian Journal of Development and Planning, Institute of National Planning, Volume 30, Issue 4, December 2022, pp. 1-49.*
- *"Planning and Financing Development: The Case of Egypt", Egyptian Review of Development and Planning, Institute of National Planning, Special Issue, March 2019, pp. 131-157 (in Arabic).*
- *"Arab Spring: An Economic Approach to Understand the Motivations and Extract Lessons", Journal of Development and Economic Policies, Arab Planning Institute, Volume 15, Number 1, January 2013, pp. 83-127 (in Arabic).*
- *"Access and Equity in Higher Education Finance: A Comparative Assessment of Six Arab Countries", in Ahmed Galal and Taher Kanaan (editors) 2010. "Financing Higher Education in Arab Countries", ERF Policy Research Report, Number 34, July 2010.*
- *"Arab Immigrants in the United States: How and Why Do Returns to Education Vary by Country of Origin?", Journal of Population Economics, Volume 23, Number 2, March 2010, pp. 519-538 (with James Ragan).*
- *"Food Subsidies in Egypt: Assessment and Reform Options." World Food Program, Egypt, 2010 (with Karima Korayem).*
- *"Eradicating Extreme Poverty and Hunger: Can Egypt Hit the Goal by 2015 and How?" Background paper to Egypt MDG's report 2010, United Nations Development Program (UNDP).*

- *"Sustainable Economic Growth in Egypt after the World Economic Crisis", in Ibrahim El-Issawy (editor), "Post-Crisis Growth Prospects in Egypt", Issues of Planning and Development Series, No. 226, INP, Cairo, 2010 (in Arabic).*
- *"What Determines the Optimal Level and Type of Schooling in Egypt?", Partners in Development, PID conference on "Education in Egypt", Cairo, May 2010.*
- *"Financing Higher Education in Egypt." Strategic Papers, Issue # 205, December 2009, Center for Political and Strategic Studies, Al-Ahram Publications, Cairo (in Arabic).*
- *"Private Economic Returns to Education in Egypt", in Ola Al-Khawaja (editor), "Economic and Social Returns to Education in Egypt", Partners in Development (PID), Cairo, 2009 (in Arabic).*
- *"Inflation Forecasting in Egypt", in Ibrahim El-Issawy (editor), "Inflation Targeting in Egypt", Institute of National Planning, Planning and Development Series, INP, 2007 (in Arabic).*
- *"Human Capital in Egypt: Definition, Measurement, and Relative Position", Journal of Arab Economic Research, Arab Society for Economic Research, Volume 39, Beirut, summer 2007 (in Arabic).*
- *"The Competitiveness of the Egyptian Education", in Ahmed Abdul Wanis and Medhat Ayoub (editors), "Services and Development", Center of Developing Countries' Studies, Faculty of Economics and Political Studies, Cairo University, 2006 (in Arabic).*
- *Editor of the UNFPA report on "Population and Development in Egypt", UNFPA and Demographic Center, 2006 (in Arabic).*
- *"Towards a Better Environment for Human Capital Investment in a Knowledge-based Economy", in Medhat Ayoub (editor), "Knowledge Economy in Egypt", Center of Developing Countries' Studies, Faculty of Economics and Political Studies, Cairo University, 2005 (in Arabic).*

- *"Productivity and Competitiveness in the Egyptian Economy", Background Paper to the "Egyptian Competitiveness Report 2009", Egyptian National Competitiveness Council (ENCC).*
- *"The Labor Force Competitiveness: Where Does Egypt Stand?" (with Magued Osman), Background paper for the "Egyptian Competitiveness Report 2005-2006", A Special Issue for the World Economic Forum's Annual Regional Meeting, May 2006.*

**Teaching Experience:**

- *"Economics of Human Resources", Graduate Course, Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University, 2005 – 2011.*
- *"Principles of Economics" and "Economic Development", Diploma in Planning and Development, Institute of National Planning, 2004 – 2011.*
- *"Economic Development", Arab Academy for Science, Technology, and Maritime Transport, 2005 – 2007.*
- *"Contemporary Economic Issues in Egypt", French University in Egypt, Spring 2006 – 2007.*
- *"Intermediate Macroeconomics", Department of Economics, Kansas State University, U.S.A., 2002 – 2004.*
- *Graduate Teaching Assistant in the following courses: Econometrics, Mathematical Economics, Microeconomics (principles, intermediate, and advanced), and Labor Economics, Department of Economics, Kansas State University, 2001 – 2004.*

**Chief Editor and Team Leader for the Following Reports and Consultancies:**

- *Arab Development Report, "Arab Economic Growth in Crises: The Covid-19 Pandemic and Beyond", Sixth Edition, Arab Planning Institute in Kuwait, National Planning Institute in Cairo, 2022.*
- *Arab Development Report, "Small and Medium Enterprises in Arab Economies - A New Role for Promoting Sustainable Development", Fourth Edition, Arab Planning Institute (API), Kuwait and Institute of National Planning (INP), Egypt, 2019.*

- *"The Arab Strategic Framework for the Eradication of Multidimensional Poverty 2020-2030", League of Arab States and Arab Planning Institute. Arab Leaders have approved the Framework during the Arab Development Summit in Beirut, Jan. 2019.*
- *"The First Voluntary National Report for Oman 2030 Sustainable Development Goals", The Supreme Council for Planning, Oman. The report has been presented to the High-Level Political Forum, UN, New York, and July 2019.*
- *"United Arab Emirates Investment Map", Presented to the Ministry of Economy, United Arab Emirates, 2018.*

**Training Courses:**

- *"Strategies and Policies of Economic Development", Arab Planning Institute (API), Kuwait.*
- *"Arab and International Development Aid", Arab Planning Institute (API), Kuwait.*
- *"Strategic Planning", Arab Planning Institute (API), Kuwait.*
- *"Governance and Institutional Reform in Government Sector", Arab Planning Institute (API), Kuwait.*
- *"Environment and Sustainable Development", Arab Planning Institute (API), Kuwait.*
- *"Poverty and Income Distribution Measurements and Indicators", Arab Planning Institute (API), Kuwait.*
- *"Development Policies", Arab Planning Institute (API), Kuwait.*
- *"Industrial Policies and Globalization", Arab Planning Institute (API), Kuwait.*
- *"Foreign Direct Investment", Arab Planning Institute (API), Kuwait.*

**Other Professional Experiences and Positions:**

- *Governor of Egypt at several international and regional financial institutes like World Bank, European Bank for Restructuring and Development (EBRD), Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development & Alternate Governor of Egypt at African Development Bank*
- *Leading a large team from the government, private sector, NGOs and International Organizations to prepare the Sustainable Development Strategy: Egypt's Vision*

2030, which has been officially launched by the Egyptian President Al-Sisi in Feb. 2016. This document is now considered the road map or master plan for all development plans and reform programs that are currently executed.

- Leading the Administrative Reform Program during the period June 2014- Feb. 2017. During that period, several reform actions have been introduced and a new Civil Service Law has been issued; a law that paves the way for more aggressive reform actions during the coming years.
- Co-Advisor for several M.A. and Ph.D. theses, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.
- National Consultant for the Labor Market Observatory in Egypt, IDSC and European Training Foundation (ETF), 2007 – 2010.
- Member in the Board of Trustees of the Arab Planning Institute”, Kuwait, 2009 – 2011.
- Board Member, Arab Society for Economic Research, 2008 until present.
- Member in the Economic Committee of the National Council for Women in Egypt, 2005 – 2011.
- President of Muslim Student Association, Kansas, U.S.A., 2001-2003.
- President of the Egyptian Student Association, Kansas State University, 2002/2003.

#### **Academic Awards:**

- “Best Graduate Instructor Award”, Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 2006.
- Emerson Memorial Scholarship Awarded for the Best Graduate Student, Department of Economics, Kansas State University, 2003.

#### **Personal Information:**

**Date of Birth:** 14/12/1970

**Marital Status:** Married with 3 children

**Nationality:** Egyptian

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