



HUMAN CAPITAL IN EGYPT: THE ROAD TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A Series of Workshops

At ECES Premises
Taking Place on **May 31st, June 7th and June 14th, 2011**

Although Egypt has made significant progress towards reviving economic growth, unemployment remains persistently high and a significant increase in job opportunities is still needed to absorb the increasingly growing labor force.

Egypt's labor market is characterized by significant annual increases in the labor force, with the challenge to absorb around 700,000 new entrants to the labor market annually. Other labor-related problems include low female participation, excessive government employment, a high percentage of people in non-decent employment, low productivity and wages, and high unemployment among youth and women. In addition, there is a significant mismatch between available skills and labor market requirements. Last but not least, weak social protection programs preclude the generation of enough decent work opportunities.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

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Attendance by confirmation only, your early confirmation would be highly appreciated.

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Agenda

Day III– Tuesday, June 14, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Session 1:	Towards More efficient Wage Determination and Less Vulnerable Employment.
	Moderator:	<i>Dr. Ragui Assaad (University of Minnesota)</i>
	Speakers:	The Minimum Wage Policy: Implications for Public Sector Employment <i>Ms. Heba Abd-El Latif (Ministry of Investment)</i> <i>Ms. Noha Sami (Cairo University)</i> Public Wage Premium in Egypt: A Mirage? <i>Mr. Tarek El-Ghamrawy (ECES)</i> <i>Mr. Ziad Amer (ECES)</i> Towards Less Vulnerable Employment in Egypt <i>Dr. Somaya Abdel Mowla (Helwan University)</i>
	Discussants:	<i>Dr. Manal Metwally (Center for Economics & Financial Research & Studies)</i> <i>Dr. Malak Reda (ECES)</i>
	<hr/> Open Discussion <hr/>	
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Coffee Break	
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Closing Session	
	Speakers:	<i>Ms. Amina Shafik (Al Ahram Newspaper)</i> <i>Dr. Omneia Helmy (ECES)</i> <i>Dr. Magda Kandil (ECES)</i>
