

ECONOMIC REFORMS DURING DEMOCRATIC TRANSFORMATION: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE VISEGRAD GROUP

A Conference Organized by the Visegrad Group (V-4) Embassies and the Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES) in Collaboration with the Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC)

Under the Honorary Patronage of H.E. Dr. Amr Darag
Minister of Planning and International Cooperation

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Cairo Marriott Hotel
Aida Ballroom

The aim of this conference is to draw on the experience and the success stories of the Visegrád Group (V4), comprising the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. The V4 has formed an alliance after the political changes that took place in the 1990s. Now, all four nations are high-income countries and enjoy steady economic growth. If counted as a single entity, the V4 is the seventh largest economy in Europe and the 15th in the world. The purpose of the conference is to transfer knowledge related to selected economic transformation processes that is of interest for current Egyptian economic reform plans. In particular, the conference will discuss the economic and political transformation in the 1990s, public and private sectors cooperation in the experience of the V4, EU integration as a catalyst for reform and the role of the energy sector in supporting the transformation process.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Piotr Puchta
Ambassador of the Republic of Poland
in Cairo on behalf of the V4 Ambassadors

Mounir Fakhry Abdel Nour
Chairman, the Egyptian Center for Economic Studies

Due to limited seating capacity, your early confirmation would be highly appreciated (attendance by confirmation only)

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AGENDA

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8:30– 9:00	Registration	
9:00–10:00	OPENING SESSION	
	Speakers	H.E. Mr. Mounir Fakhry Abdel Nour (Chairman, ECES; Former Minister of Tourism) – <i>introductory statement</i> Dr. Yasser Ali (Chairman, IDSC) H.E. Mr. Piotr Puchta (Ambassador of Poland in Cairo), <i>statement on behalf of the V-4 ambassadors</i>
10:00–10:45	Coffee break and media interviews	
10:45–11:45	SESSION I	ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION: THE POLISH EXPERIENCE
	Moderator:	Prof. Omneia Helmy (Acting Executive Director and Director of Research, ECES; and Professor of Economics at Cairo University)
	Speakers:	H.E. Mr. Jan Krzysztof Bielecki (President of the Economic Council of the Prime Minister of Poland; Former Prime Minister of Poland) H.E. Prof. Gouda Abdel Khalek (Professor of Economics at Cairo University; Former Minister of Solidarity and Social Justice)
	Open Discussion	
11:45–12:45	SESSION II	MARKET REFORMS THROUGH PUBLIC-PRIVATE SECTORS COOPERATION: THE CZECH EXPERIENCE
	Moderator	Prof. Hala Al-Said (Dean and Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University)
	Speakers	Prof. Michal Mejstrik (Advisor to the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic) Mr. Mohamed Kassem (Chairman and CEO, World Trading Company, Egypt)
	Open Discussion	
12:45–13:15	Coffee break	
13:15-14:15	SESSION III	ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND EU INTEGRATION: THE HUNGARIAN EXPERIENCE
	Moderator	H.E. Ambassador Raouf Saad (Former Senior Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs)
	Speakers	Dr. Zsolt Becsey (Economic Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs) Eng. Tarek Tawfik (Secretary General, ECES; President of the Chamber of Food Industries, Federation of Egyptian Industries)
	Open Discussion	
14:15-15:15	SESSION IV	THE ENERGY SECTOR IN A MARKET ECONOMY: THE SLOVAKIAN EXPERIENCE
	Moderator	Mr. Omar Mohanna (ECES Vice Chairman; Chairman, Suez Cement Group)
	Speakers	Prof. Peter Balaz (Head of the International Trade Department, Economic University in Bratislava) Eng. Khaled Abu Bakr (Chairman, Arab Company for Energy – Taqa Co.)
	Open Discussion	
15:15-17:00	LUNCH	

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