



The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies cordially invites you to attend a roundtable discussion on:

**STRUCTURAL REFORMS TO ENHANCE THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT IN EGYPT**

**Moderator**

Mohamed Kassem, *World Trade Co.*

**Speakers**

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Andrew Stone, *WB*

**at**

ECES Premises, Nile City Towers, North Tower, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

**on**

Tuesday May 29, 2012 from 9:30 am till 12:30 pm

Egypt's rankings in institutional quality indices have stagnated or deteriorated over the years. Lack of progress in developing quality institutions has long hampered the economy from achieving its potential, even at times of high growth and private investments. While the focus in the near term is on stabilizing the economy, priorities of structural reforms should be aligned, in parallel, towards easing chronic bottlenecks and positioning the economy on an upward trajectory of growth and competitiveness going forward. On the structural front, it is necessary to address existing impediments towards improving governance and global competitiveness, and reducing the cost of doing business and corruption.

This roundtable discussion will focus on the impact of institutional quality on the business environment in Egypt. The aim is to highlight the impact of long-term rigidity that has long constrained the potential of the economy and the implications of recent developments post the Revolution towards prioritizing the agenda of structural and institutional reforms that would help unlock Egypt's growth potential.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Alaa Arafa  
*Chairman, Board of Directors*

Magda Kandil  
*Executive Director and Director of Research*

**This invitation is personal.**

**Attendance by confirmation only. Your early confirmation would be highly appreciated.**

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