



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

THE STATE OF FOOD SECURITY IN EGYPT

Chairman of the Session

HE Gouda Abdel-Khaleq

Minister of Social Solidarity and Social Justice

Speakers

Magda Kandil & Omneia Helmy

The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies

Ashraf Kamal Abbas

The Agricultural Research Center

Saad Zaki Nassar

Cairo University

at

ECES

Nile City Towers, North Tower, 8th Floor

on

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

The agricultural sector plays an important role in Egypt's economy, contributing about 13 percent to gross domestic product (GDP) and employing around 27 percent of the labor force. Despite its importance, the agriculture sector has not been given its due attention over the past several decades, minimizing its contribution towards the achievement of national economic objectives, mainly food security. This objective has been made all the more difficult in light of successive global and domestic developments, causing steep increases in food prices as well as intensifying uncertainty about the future.

Limited natural resources such as land and water as well as lower private and public investment in agriculture are among the main challenges precluding the achievement of Egypt's objective of food security. Crop composition is also a concern due to competition for limited resources.

This roundtable will discuss the state of food security in Egypt, with a view to offering some relevant proposals for agricultural policy in an attempt to contribute to the achievement of this much-sought objective for the current stage of economic development in Egypt.

Alaa Arafa

Chairman, Board of Directors

Magda Kandil

Executive Director and Director of Research

Due to limited seating capacity, your early confirmation would be highly appreciated.

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Attendance by confirmation only

Agenda

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9:00-9:30 am	Registration	
9:30-10:00 am	Opening Session	H.E. Dr. Gouda Abdel-Khaleq (Minister of Social Solidarity and Social Justice)
10:00-10:30 am	Session I: Speakers:	The Agricultural Sector: Importance and Current Challenges Magda Kandil (ECES) Omneia Helmy (ECES)
10:30-11:00 am	Session II: Speaker:	Food Security in Egypt: Domestic and International Variables Ashraf Kamal Abbas (The Agricultural Research Center)
11:00-11:30 am	Discussant:	Saad Zaki Nassar (Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo University)
11:30-12:30 pm		Open Discussion