



The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies in collaboration with the Carnegie Middle East Center invites you to attend a roundtable discussion on:

**GROWTH, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR DURING
TRANSITION: THE CASE OF EGYPT**

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at

ECES Premises, Nile City Towers, North Tower, 8th Floor

on

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Social justice requires creating jobs to maximize collective shares in the fruits of economic growth and to increase wages in line with productivity towards achieving higher standards of living for the wider majority of Egyptians. Mobilizing additional demand for labor through increasing the job content of growth, investing in education and training, and increasing efficiency to close the gap between demand and supply in the labor market are top priorities. Within the new economic and social paradigm, it is important to determine how various stakeholders can contribute to achieve the desired goals. While the role of the state as a regulator and facilitator is clear, less clear is the role of the private sector during the transitional era that Egypt is going through. The challenge is how can all parties align their efforts in the short and medium term to avoid the low growth scenario and its potential negative implications.

This roundtable will focus on the inclusive growth model and explore ways to achieve social justice via broader participation in production and economic activity. Specifically, it aims to contribute to ongoing debate about ways of increasing the job content of growth by addressing industrial policies, reforming education and ensuring broader support for SMEs to maximize the shares in growth benefits among various participants in the production process.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

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This invitation is personal.

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

Please contact Ms. Amani Medhat to confirm (or regret) attendance.

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