

The Prime Minister Meets with the President of the Administrative Control Authority and the Chairperson of African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption

# Despite Obstacles, Progress is Being Made



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The Egyptian state has set out to implement the Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS) of Egypt's Vision 2030, which represents a national agenda designed to realize the principles and goals of the Strategy and to achieve a balanced regional development, which has three dimensions, namely the economic, social and environmental dimensions.

# Version 2 of Egypt's Vision 2030

Given Egypt's efforts to keep pace with the various changes at the local, regional and international levels, the Egyptian state has issued version 2 of Egypt's Vision 2030 in 2018, seeking to enhance Egypt's contribution to the international agenda through modernization. It also seeks to achieve consistency throughout the various state agencies regarding the three dimensions of development, as well as to focus on improving the life quality for citizens to help them live a decent life. This coincides with striving to achieve inclusive economic growth and investment in the most significant element, namely the human element represented in the Egyptian people.

### The National Anti-Corruption Strategy

The vision and objectives of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy with its three versions and its five objectives came in line with Egypt's Vision 2030 for achieving sustainable development, which includes building and developing an effective administrative apparatus capable of providing distinguished services to the citizens and investors. This will help establish mutual trust, enhance the spirit of loyalty and belonging among citizens and create an encouraging and attractive atmosphere for local and foreign investment.

This is supported by a legislative and judicial structure that seeks to achieve prompt justice to deter corrupt people, protect rights and fight corruption, assisted by the law enforcement agencies and the real response of an aware society that

faces the dangers of corruption and the corrupt, together with many effective participatory international and regional efforts. Implementing the strategy is not limited to the five objectives only, because a clear follow-up implementation approach has been developed to ensure that real, tangible results are achieved, by setting 21 sub-goals, 100 executive measures and 219 indicators for measuring performance. In addition, follow-up is carried out in accordance with automated systems to ensure that effective results are achieved without interference or adjustments.

## **Effects of the Local, Regional and International Changes**

The international and regional changes and their local repercussions during this stage and previous stages posed difficult challenges for the Egyptian state. If fact, implementation of the Egyptian Development Strategy 2030 and sectorial strategies were completed during the Corona pandemic, followed by the Russian-Ukrainian war, which could not stop the Egyptian state from implementing its plans under successive exceptional circumstances. This changed the concept of handling crisis as a temporary condition required during spe-

cific periods to a practical and constant approach. Such concept has been recognized and consolidated by the Administrative Control Authority among the various students of the Egyptian Anti-Corruption Academy. These include team members of the Authority, the law enforcement agencies and judicial authorities, as well as employees of the administrative agencies, the private sector, the NGOs, and all society segments, namely the youth, women and university students. All categories have been familiarized with the requirements of fighting corruption and the role of the Egyptian state in achieving this goal, given that the students are aware of their role as citizens actively participating in fighting corruption. This also increases awareness of the

state efforts in establishing national projects and integrating those projects in various fields such as roads, transport, industry, agriculture, health, education and other sectors, as well as the efforts made to improve the services provided to citizens to ensure that those projects have a positive effect on the citizen's life.

## **Continuous International Efforts to Combat Corruption**

International efforts to combat corruption continue, as Egypt chaired the working groups of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, in its capacity as president of the ninth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention in June 2023. The member states discussed the progress made in reviewing implementation of the Convention and the future of phase II of the mechanism for reviewing anti-corruption efforts in various member states in addition to reviewing many participatory procedures according to the agenda. The sessions included the Administrative Control Authority review of the good practices and lessons learned from the periodic assessment of the effectiveness of anti-corruption measures and policies, by presenting the national efforts in preparing and following up implementation of the national anti-corruption strategy.

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Despite all the challenges faced by many world countries, including Egypt, because of regional and international changes and their impact on various aspects, particularly the economy, it remains that supporting the state efforts and the dynamism of managing and handling crises represent the basic guarantees for maintaining stability and moving towards construction and prosperity.