



## Egyptian Hands of Development in Africa

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The foundation of the Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development was announced by President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi during the African Union Summit held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea in 2014. The Agency was established through incorporation of the Egyptian Fund for Technical Cooperation with Africa with the Egyptian Fund for Technical Cooperation with the Commonwealth, the Islamic Countries and the newly independent countries. The Agency represents the development arm for the Egyptian state concerned about promoting and improving collaboration among the south-south countries, particularly in Africa. In addition, the Agency seeks to employ the Egyptian capabilities and experiences for serving the African countries to support them in the achievement of their developmental goals and it receives a great support from the political leadership for accomplishing such goal. The Agency has a board of directors chaired by Sameh Shoukry, Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs with membership of both the Deputy Minister for African Affairs and the Assistant to the Minister for African, Asian, European and Financial Affairs and International Cooperation.

The Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development uses all its available tools for supporting African countries and the Commonwealth of Nations. In fact, it organizes many training courses and capacity-building programs in different fields for cadres from Africa and the Commonwealth in cooperation with national, regional and international institutions experienced in the different fields covered by the Agency's agenda, including agriculture, irrigation, health, new and renewable energy, education, diplomacy, judicial training, peace and security.

Since its foundation, it has organized more than 350 training programs for capacity building for more than 14000 trainees from different countries. Moreover, it dispatches experts to the African countries in response to their needs to overcome deficit in the areas of interest, in addition to training and preparing the African cadres in these areas, with the number of Egyptian experts, currently working in African countries, exceeding 30 experts. The Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development also provides humanitarian and relief assistance for African countries for enhancing their capabilities to face challenges and alleviate the suffering of their peoples, specifically at the times of crisis and disasters.

In this context, the Agency has provided more than 180 batches of humanitarian aids for African countries and has dispatched more than 35 medical convoys and mobile clinics to the distressed areas in African countries to provide high-quality medical services to the African peoples.

Likewise, the Agency's framework covers awarding educational scholarships in public and private Egyptian universities for African students for studying different topics based on their countries' areas of priority. Out of the Agency's belief in the educational role in improving people's lives and changing the countries reality to the better, it collaborates with several prominent Egyptian universities and educational institutions such as Cairo University, Ain Shams University, the American University in Cairo, and Senghor University.

Moreover, the current total number of African students studying in Egyptian Universities has reached 47 students, whose living and tuition expenses during the whole period of their study in Egypt are paid by the Agency. The Agency currently seeks to establish cooperation with several Egyptian universities and educational institutions to provide more scholarships for African students, including Zewail City of Science, Technology and Innovation, Egypt Japan University of Science

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The Agency's framework also covers cooperation with corresponding international agencies and bodies working in the field of development within the trilateral cooperation framework, aiming to implement a number of development projects in African countries and provide capacity-building programs for cadres in those countries. In fact, the Agency has a wide network of international partners, including the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Islamic Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the Technical Aid Fund for Africa of the League of Arab States, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the UN Development Program.

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Within the framework of fruitful cooperation with the Egyptian Anti-Corruption Academy, affiliated to the Administrative Control Authority, the Academy organized a course for African cadres during the period 2123- February 2022, as part of the presidential grants in the field of anti-corruption. The Agency's agenda with the National Anti-Corruption Academy for the fiscal year 2022/2023/ also includes four joint training courses in the field of combating corruption for cadres from African countries, and organizing two more training courses by the Academy, as a presidential grant.

The Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development believes in the principle of providing African solutions to African problems to enhance the sense of ownership of the various development projects of the African peoples and support the continuity and sustainability of these projects. Most importantly, all projects and programs implemented by the Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development are in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and Africa's Agenda 2063.

Accordingly, the Agency will continue to build a larger base of partners, who share the same development agenda for Africa to help it overcome its development challenges. This eventually supports the Egyptian state's strategy, aiming to enhance the Egyptian presence and role in Africa at all levels.