



Commending its Anti-corruption Efforts, Prime Minister visits Administrative Control Authority Pavilion

Accompanied by a number of ministers, the governor of South Sinai, the Chairman of the Administrative Control Authority and some officials of relevant authorities, H.E. Dr. Mostafa Madbouly, Egypt's Prime Minister, visited the pavilion of the Administrative Control Authority at the International Convention Center in Sharm El Sheikh on the sidelines of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).

Major General Hassan Abdel Shafi, Chairman of the Administrative Control Authority, escorted H.E. Dr. Madbouly through the pavilion while presenting its sections. Major General Hassan Abdel Shafi explained that the pavilion is comprised of 5 sections; these include interactive screens to display the official website of the Administrative Control Authority, the National Anti-Corruption Strategy, and the activities of the National Anti-Corruption Academy. Another section was designated for the Authority's Media Center and its areas of cooperation. Other screens were dedicated for documentaries and promotional campaigns of the ACA's activities. In addition, a holographic representation of the goddess "Ma'at", the goddess of truth, justice and order in the universe that signified justice for ancient Egyptians was screened. Hence, Ma'at was chosen as the emblem of the ninth session of the Conference.

The Chairman of the Administrative Control Authority also indicated that there is a section in the pavilion dedicated for the Authority's publications, including the second follow-up report on the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2019-2022. The publications also include the most significant anti-corruption efforts in sports, the publications of National Anti-Corruption Academy, and the magazine "Conscience of a Nation", which incorporates academic and practical aspects in combating corruption.

The Prime Minister commended the pavilion of the Administrative Control Authority, as well as the publications that explain and highlight the efforts of the Authority in combating corruption in all its forms. H.E., then, thanked all the Authority's officials for great efforts they exert in this regard.



Minister Hassan Abdel Shafi at the Press Conference: Egypt has come a long way in Promoting the National Anti-Corruption Efforts

In his speech at the press conference held on the sidelines of the ninth session of Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Major General, Hassan Abdel Shafi, Chairman of the Administrative Control Authority, confirmed that Egypt has come a long way in promoting the national anti-corruption efforts saying:

I would like to welcome you all to Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt and I wish you a good stay.

I am happy to be present at this press conference, which will help convey the summary of the world's consultations on combating corruption. This will contribute to raising awareness among the peoples of the world on the importance of preventing and combating corruption.

In light of the fact that this conference is held biannually to discuss a crucial issue of concern to the international community, namely preventing and combating corruption despite the exceptional circumstances resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, participation in the conference comes on an unprecedented scale, with more than 3,000 experts representing States and international and regional organizations, including more than 1,500 individuals, in addition to 400 representatives from civil society organizations. In addition, among the participants are five presidents virtually attending, 26 ministers 16 of them are participating in person, 63 chairpersons of anti-corruption bodies, 54 of them are in-person participants, and 25 deputy ministers, 17 of them are in-person participants.

Dr. Mostafa Kamal Madbouly, Prime Minister of Egypt, has inaugurated the Conference, which asserts the support of the political leadership in Egypt for the measures and policies of preventing and combating corruption.

During the opening meeting of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption at its 9th Session, the members of the Bureau of the Conference were elected. Egypt had the honor of being elected the President of the Conference in the person of the Chairman of the Administrative Control Authority and three deputies from the States of Pakistan, Poland and Honduras, and a rapporteur from the State of Belgium for a term of two years, until 2023.

The five-day events began with statements by the representatives of States parties to the UN Convention showcas-

ing the most prominent successful practices in preventing and combating corruption. The event will also discuss a number of topics, the most prominent of which are prevention of corruption, the mechanism to review the implementation of the Convention, international cooperation among States, asset recovery, and cooperation among multilateral international government organizations.

There are also nine other resolutions that are expected to be discussed by the conference to be adopted, with ongoing negotiations that bode well for promoting international cooperation to implement the UN Convention, asset recovery, and the United States of America's request to host the conference at its 10th session in 2023. Egypt takes part in submitting four of these resolutions, which stresses Egypt's role of in promoting international cooperation in preventing and combating corruption.

At the substantive level, Egypt proposed the Sharm El-Sheikh Declaration under the theme of "Promoting International Cooperation in Preventing and Combating Corruption in Times of Emergencies, Crisis Response and Recovery", which was internationally well-received. We, therefore, hope that this declaration will be adopted by consensus of the international community to enhance anti-corruption efforts in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and in the recovery phase.

Egypt was keen on involving all parties. All the necessary protective medical measures were taken to facilitate the participation of everyone in the Conference despite the global exceptional circumstances.

The Conference will also witness many side events, which have hit the mark of 70. Three events are organized by Egypt to discuss the National Anti-Corruption Strategy, asset recovery and the role of the Egyptian Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Combating Unit (EMLCU) in combating illicit financial flows to share the best practices among the States Parties to the convention.

In the same vein, we may affirm that Egypt has come a long way in promoting national efforts in combating corruption, which will be extensively reviewed during the events of conference. Furthermore, Egypt, through its chairmanship of the ninth session of the Conference in 2021-2023, will continue its efforts to promote international cooperation in preventing and combating corruption in all its forms.



The official film of the ninth session of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in Sharm Al Sheikh: "The Egyptian State's Efforts in Preventing and Combating Corruption and the Dissemination of the Values of Integrity and Transparency" <https://aca.gov.eg/News/1994.aspx>