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**THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
THE ROLE OF THINK TANKS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:
CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS**

17 – 18 JANUARY 2009
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA



Saturday, 17th January 2009

Registration	8:30 - 9:00
Opening Session	
<p>■ Hussein El Kamel, <i>International Cooperation Senior Advisor, The Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC), Egypt</i></p>	09:00-10:00
<p>■ Magued Osman, <i>Chairman of The Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC), Egypt</i></p>	
<p>■ Ismail Serageldin, <i>Director of Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt</i></p>	
<p>■ Prince El Hassan bin Talal, <i>Royal Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Jordan</i></p>	
Coffee Break Media Coverage & Networking	10:00-11:00
International Forum Sharing Worldwide Experiences on the Role of Think Tanks	
<p>■ Introductory Remarks Aly Maher, <i>Director of the Institute for Peace Studies.</i></p> <p>■ The role of think tanks in the transformation process of Eastern European countries</p>	11:00 - 12:45

<p>Valdis Birkavs, <i>Former prime Minister of Latvia</i></p> <p>■ Think tanks: An American perspective</p> <p>Lisa Anderson, <i>Provost American University in Cairo, Egypt</i></p> <p>■ The experience of Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies</p> <p>Abdel Monem Saied, <i>Chairman of Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Research, Egypt</i></p> <p>■ The Role of advocacy think tanks in the process of public policymaking: Japan's experience</p> <p>Hiroshi Kato, <i>Executive vice president of National Institute for Research Advancement (NIRA), Japan.</i></p> <p>■ Concluded remarks</p> <p>Aly Maher, <i>Director of the Institute for Peace Studies.</i></p> <p>■ Discussions</p>	
<p>Session 1</p> <p>The Independence of Think Tanks</p>	
<p>Chairman:</p> <p>Lisa Anderson, <i>Provost of the American University in Cairo</i></p> <p>■ The politics of independence: can government think tanks act independently?</p> <p>Magued Osman, <i>IDSC Chairman, Egypt</i></p> <p>■ The independence of think tanks in developing countries</p> <p>Fabienne Goux - Boudiment, <i>Head of World Future Studies Federation, France</i></p> <p>■ The experience of private think tanks in developing countries</p>	<p>12:45-14:30</p>

<p>Moustafa Kamel Elsayed, <i>Partners In Development (PID), Egypt</i></p> <p>■ The endowment model in financing think tanks</p> <p>Thawilwadee Bureekul, <i>Director of the Research and Development Office, King Prajadhipok's Institute, Thailand</i></p> <p>■ The independence of the Research and Information System for Developing Countries</p> <p>S.K. Mohanty, <i>Fellow researcher at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India</i></p> <p>■ Discussions</p>		
Lunch		14:30 - 15:30
Session 3 The Advocacy Role of Think Tanks and Multidisciplinary Research	Session 2 Factors Challenging the Role of Think Tanks	15:30 – 17:15
<p>Chairman: Mohammed J. K. Alghatam, <i>Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research, Bahrain</i></p> <p>■ The advocacy role of think tanks in developing future visions: Kenya 2030</p> <p>Julius M. Muia, <i>Secretary National Economic and Social Council, Kenya</i></p> <p>■ Emerging needs for Future Research</p> <p>Edgar Goell, <i>German Consultant for Future studies Center,</i></p>	<p>Chairman: Hassan Al- Basry, <i>Director of University of Malaya, Malaysia</i></p> <p>■ The think tanks' development and challenges in China</p> <p>Sun Lanlan, <i>Director General of International Cooperation Department, Development Research Center, China</i></p> <p>■ Think tanks in the Arab World: Challenges and opportunities</p>	Concurrent Sessions

<p><i>IDSC, Egypt</i></p> <p>■ Follow the money: Think Tanks, Finance, and the World of 2015</p> <p>John Casti, <i>Research fellow, Vienna Centre for Urban Knowledge Management and Institutional Learning, Austria</i></p> <p>■ Basic changes in the structure of the world society and its impact upon the strategy of research in think tanks</p> <p>El-Sayed Yassin, <i>Advisor of Al- Abram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, Egypt</i></p> <p>■ Discussions</p>	<p>Azmy Khalifa, <i>Advisor at IDSC, Egypt</i></p> <p>■ The Capacity building of think tanks</p> <p>Ulrich Erhart , <i>Capacity building consultant at Denkmodel, Germany</i></p> <p>■ Discussions</p>	
<p>Think Tank Trends and Transitions: A Global Perspective</p> <p>Lecture by</p> <p>James G. McGann, Assistant Director of International Relations Program and Director of Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program, University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A</p>		<p>17:15-18:00</p>

End of Day one

Sunday, 18th January 2009

Registration		8:30 – 9:00
Development Oriented Think Tanks: German Experience	Think Tanks for the Unheard: Observatories for Child Rights	9:00-10:45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mario Sander von Torklus, <i>The policy planning unit of the Chancellery, Germany</i> ■ Sigrid Faath, <i>German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Germany</i> ■ Thomas Fuess, <i>German Development Institute in Bonn (DIE), Germany</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wallonian Observatory experience Dominique Delvaux, <i>Wallonian Observatory, Belgium.</i> ■ Social Observatory of Ecuador experience Carolina Reed, <i>President, Social Observatory of Ecuador, Ecuador.</i> ■ CROMP Observatory experience Nirmala Buch, <i>President, CROMP, India</i> 	Concurrent Sessions
Coffee Break		10:45-11:15
The Role of Think Tanks in Shaping Reform Policies	Think Tanks for the Unheard: Observatories for Child Rights	11:15-13:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The role of Spanish laboratories of ideas in shaping reform policies Manuel Pérez Yruela, <i>Director of Institute for Advanced Social Studies, Spain</i> ■ Latin American think tanks: the long, rocky road towards influencing public policy making Mauricio Rodas Espinel, <i>Executive Director of Fundación Ethos, Mexico</i> ■ American think tanks and Middle East Issues: The 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Morocco experience Said Raji, <i>Director Executive, ONDE, Morocco</i> ■ Tunisian experience Rajhi Nahed, <i>Director, ODE, Tunisia</i> ■ ODEROI experience Mariam Gopaul, <i>ODEROI, Indian Ocean,</i> 	Concurrent Sessions

<p>experience of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Amr Hamzawy, <i>Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, U.S.A</i></p> <p>■ Modalities for south south cooperation Patrick Matlou, <i>Chief Executive of The African Institute of South Africa, South Africa</i></p> <p>■ The experience of the Royal Institute of Strategic Studies: Overview and challenges Mohammed Tawfik Mouline, <i>Managing Director of Royal Institute of Strategic Studies, Morocco</i></p>		
<p>Luncheon Keynote Speaker</p> <p>H.E. Fayza Abulnaga, Minister of International Cooperation, Egypt</p>		<p>13:00-14:00</p>
<p>Bringing Evidence on Democratic Governance into Policy: The Role of Research Institutes and Think Tanks in Enhancing Evidence National Ownership of Democratic Governance Reform"</p>	<p>Value Systems and Decision Support in Developing Countries</p>	<p>14:00-15:45</p>
<p>■ Assessing governance in rapidly growing countries: Role of think tanks & research institutes Peter De Souza, <i>Director of Advanced Studies Centre, Delhi, India.</i> Minquan Liu, <i>University of Beijing, China</i></p> <p>■ Assessing governance in conflict countries:</p>	<p>■ The insight of the world values survey: dissemination and usage Bi Puranen, <i>Centre Internationale de Communication Avancée, Sweden</i></p> <p>■ The gap between values and public policies: The national perspective of world value survey:</p>	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p>

<p>Al-Tayeb Ateh, <i>Peace Institute Khartoum University, Sudan</i> Steve Gruzd, <i>South African Institute for International Affairs, South Africa</i></p>	<p>Egyptian perspective Khadiga Arafa, <i>Researcher at IDSC, Egypt</i> ■ The Arab families working group: A template for collaborative, interdisciplinary, comparative research Suad Joseph, <i>University of California, Davis, U.S.A</i> ■ Values in the Mediterranean region Juan Díez Nicolás, <i>Prof. Emeritus of Sociology, Spain</i></p>	
<p>Coffee Break/ Meeting of the Conference Drafting Committee</p>		<p>15:45-16:15</p>
<p>Conference Closure</p>		<p>16:15-17:15</p>
<p>■ Closing Speech H.E. Ahmed Nazif, <i>Prime Minister of Egypt, Egypt</i></p> <p>■ Conclusion / Cairo Declaration Magued Osman, <i>Chairman of The Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC), Egypt</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cairo Declaration. - Conference Conclusions. 		

End of Day Two