

**Working Programme
For Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Co-operation
Between
The Government of the Republic of Austria
And
The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt
For the years 2009 - 2012**

The Government of the Republic of Austria and The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, hereinafter referred to as "Both Sides".

Desirous of developing further relations in the fields of Education, Science and Culture.

In accordance with the Agreement between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Republic of Austria on co-operation in the fields of culture, science and education signed between the two countries on May 11th 1972.

Have agreed on the following Working programme For Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Co-operation for the years 2009 - 2012:

**CHAPTER 1
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**

ARTICLE "1"

Both Sides will encourage direct co-operation between researchers and scientific institutions and recommend its further development and deepening of contacts as well as the initiation of new contacts.

ARTICLE "2"

Both Sides will encourage direct co-operation between their Academies of Sciences according to the corresponding Agreement signed on February 27th 1980.

CHAPTER 2
HIGHER EDUCATION

ARTICLE "3"

Both Sides will encourage direct co-operation between their institutions of higher education based on agreements directly concluded between the interested institutions. These Agreements define the concrete scope and forms of co-operation between the interested institutions.

ARTICLE "4"

Both Sides will exchange information concerning certificates, degrees and diplomas recognized by the institutions of higher education of each side as well as information in English and/or French languages about higher education, medicine and science.

ARTICLE "5"

The Austrian Side informs that offers and conditions for Austrian scholarships can be found via internet on www.grants.at.

CHAPTER 3
AL – AZHAR UNIVERSITY

ARTICLE "6"

The Egyptian Side expresses its wish to establish direct co-operation between Al-Azhar University and Austrian institutes of higher education especially in the fields of language, Islamic studies, literature, engineering and agriculture.

"The Austrian Side informs that since 2002 all institutions of higher education are autonomous and co-operations have to be agreed upon between the institutions themselves".

CHAPTER 4
GENERAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
TEACHER TRAINING

ARTICLE "7"

Both Sides will exchange material, research results and experience related to all levels of general and vocational education.

Special attention should be given to the use of information and communication technology within the educational system.

ARTICLE "8"

Both Sides will encourage exchange of experts between specific educational institutions.

The Egyptian Side expresses its special interest in co-operation in the fields of tourism, engineering, agricultural engineering, dairy farming and food technology.

ARTICLE "9"

Both Sides will continue to support co-operation in specialized courses in the field of teaching German as a foreign language.

Within its financial possibilities the Austrian Side will continue to grant scholarships to Egyptian teachers for the German language to participate in seminars on the improvement of skills related to language, civilization and culture held in Austria.

ARTICLE "10"

Both Sides will co-operate in the field of education of children with special educational needs by exchanging information, experience and scientific documentation.

Furthermore both sides will, within their budgetary means, set up a program for an exchange of experts with a maximum stay of 10 days for each Side during validity of the Programme.

The Austrian Side will provide the Egyptian Side with state-of-the-art methodology in the field of inclusion of children with special needs in regular classes.

CHAPTER 5
CULTURE AND ARTS

ARTICLE "11"

Both Sides will endeavour to improve the knowledge on each other's culture and will encourage initiatives aimed at strengthening the cultural co-operation between both sides.

Both Sides will encourage direct contacts between artists and institutions in the field of culture and arts and welcome the participation of their representatives at festivals, international meetings, seminars and other cultural events, which take place in both countries.

Both Sides will inform each other on participating conditions, programs and dates of such cultural events.

CHAPTER 6
CULTURE HERITAGE

ARTICLE "12"

Both Sides will encourage co-operation between organizations and professional associations of artists and architects, and between art galleries and museums.

An understanding on the modalities of exhibitions will be reached in accordance with international practice on a case-by-case basis directly between the participants.

ARTICLE "13"

Both Sides will exchange experiences and experts in the fields of archaeology, restoration and excavation within the limits of their respective budgetary resources.

ARTICLE "14"

Both Sides will encourage direct co-operation in the fields of research and protection of cultural heritage through their institutes for the Protection of Cultural Heritage, e.g. through exchange of experts, books and publications, according to their financial possibilities.

Both Sides will also encourage co-operation through UNESCO and other international organizations.

ARTICLE "15"

Both Sides welcome and encourage the establishment and development of direct co-operation between museums, e.g. by exchanging exhibitions, experts and information material, including information concerning organizing and managing museums and museum education.

Both Sides will also encourage the realization of other activities upon which an understanding has been reached directly between Museums. The museums concerned will be responsible for the practical implementation of co-operation projects and related agreements.

The Austrian Side informs that its federal museums are autonomous.

CHAPTER 7
LIBRARIES

ARTICLE "16"

Both Sides welcome and encourage direct co-operation of Libraries particularly between the National Library and Archives of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Austrian National Library through the implementation of the memorandum of co-operation signed between them on November 20th 2006, and between the Bibliotheca Alexandrina of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Austrian National Library through the implementation of the memorandum of understanding signed between them on June 25th 2008.

The Austrian Side informs that the Austrian National Library in Vienna as well as the University Libraries are autonomous.

CHAPTER 8
ARCHIVES

ARTICLE "17"

Both Sides will encourage the conclusion of a separate memorandum of understanding between the National Library and Archives of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Austrian State Archives.

CHAPTER 9
YOUTH

ARTICLE "18"

Both Sides welcome and support the co-operation of youth organizations and the exchange of young persons, of youth experts and youth specialists in particular, in view of the possibilities of the EU-Program "Youth in Action".

CHAPTER 10
SPORTS

ARTICLE "19"

Both Sides will welcome the co-operation in the field of sports and will encourage direct contacts between sports organizations.

Both Sides will encourage the exchange of information material and documentation in the field of sports.

CHAPTER 11
GENERAL AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE "20"

- The Sending Side will provide all required information about the experts to be sent, including the objectives of the visit in due time, The Receiving Side will confirm its acceptance as soon as possible.
- The Sending Side will bear the international travel expenses.
- The Receiving Side will bear all the other traveling costs arising in connection with the activity of the experts on its territory.
- The Austrian Side will offer the Egyptian experts free accommodation and a daily allowance of 40 euros.
- Both Sides will ensure that all persons sent within the scope of this Working Programme are covered by a sufficient health insurance.

If, in an exceptional case, the health insurance should be insufficient, The Receiving Side will provide all urgently required medical care services (except for dental prosthesis and chronic illnesses) in case of emergency or sudden illness free of charge. The extent of the medical care to be provided will correspond to the liability of the statutory general health insurance. In Austria, the scope of

hospital care is limited to that of the general contribution category.

CHAPTER 12
FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE "21"

This Working Programme will enter into force from the date of its signature by both sides, and will remain effective until December 31th 2012 and will be renewed automatically thereafter for another period of four years unless one of the Sides notifies - in written - the other Side about its intention to denounce it, six month before its expiration date .

An understanding on the Working Programme for the period after 2012 will be formulated during the consultations in the framework of the agreement between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Republic of Austria on co-operation in the fields of culture, science and education signed on May 11th 1972. An understanding on the date of this meeting will be reached through diplomatic channels.

Differences in the interpretation and implementation of this Working Programme will be resolved in consultations through diplomatic channels.

Done and Signed in Cairo on May 14th 2009 in two original copies, in English language.


For

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