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Introduction:

Migration is a dynamic process which is subject to a variety of political, economic, sociological and environmental forces. Today, human movements are increasing in their scope and intensity, and the motivations behind migration are changing. Ethnic and civil strife are being experienced on an unprecedented scale compelling millions to flee their homes in fear. Environmental destruction has forced people to move in order to sustain their livelihood, and as the gap between rich and poor nations ever widens, labour migration is increasing as workers strive for a better life.

There is a growing awareness of the hardships and discrimination faced by migrants all over the world. That might be the reason behind the growing number of institutions and organizations that are interested in working with migrants and migration topics; some of these institutions are of a national nature while others work in an international scope. On the other hand some of these organizations are of a governmental nature but most of them are nongovernmental but they tend to cooperate with governmental agencies and with each other.

In Egypt, there are many agencies that are interested in migrants and migration policies, ranging from governmental offices such as the Emigration and Egyptians Abroad Sector in the Ministry of Manpower, in addition to the ministries of interior and external affairs, to NGOs such as research centres in addition to several associations of Egyptians abroad. It is worth noting that some institutions care about migration policies within the framework of their interest in specific sectors such as The National Council for Women, which shows special interest in migrant women.

Most of these institutions tend to cooperate with international agencies that are dealing with migration, especially the International Organization for Migration, IOM, which has an active representation office in Cairo.

The following are the most important agencies and institutions that are interested in migration to and from Egypt.

I. Government Agencies

Ministry of Interior

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The ministry pursues a general policy of facilitating legal emigration. Hence the ministry of interior facilitates administrative steps for Egyptians who want to travel abroad, through its different sectors, especially the sector in charge of issuing travel documents, emigration visas, and nationality certificates.

The ministry of interior introduces facilities for Egyptians abroad as well, as it aims at maintaining their security with a view at encouraging Egyptians abroad to stay there and assuring that they can enjoy a stable environment.

In such a context, the ministry provides the following services to Egyptian emigrants and foreign immigrants in Egypt either through its offices or through its website on the Internet: visas issuance; registration of births and deaths; deliverance of various documents.

It deals with a variety of migration-related issues:

- The Bureau of Travel, Immigration and Nationality helps the immigrants to register their documents of foreign nationality, either for themselves or for their foreign wives, in the case of Egyptian men married with non-Egyptian women.
- The Civil Services Sector cares for issuing identity documents needed by Egyptian emigrants through the Egyptian embassies abroad. It also helps in registering marriages and divorces on condition that one of the two parts has the Egyptian nationality.
- The Personal Affairs Sector helps in issuing or registering migrants' educational certificates.
- The Labour Sector helps the emigrants in issuing labour certificates before their migration in 24 hours.

The ministry of interior controls migration processes from/to Egypt, it regulates non-nationals' residence in Egypt for legal periods of time. This applies to foreigners as well as to Egyptians who have another nationality. The ministry of interior also supervises emigrants when applying for work visas, acquiring another nationality, emigrating and traveling in general. The ministry of interior works in coordination with other ministries, i.e. social affairs, education and labor. There is no clear/fixed program for helping Egyptians to return home, but the ministry helps Egyptians abroad to improve their living conditions.

With regard to irregular migration, the ministry of Interior tends to cooperate with all relevant parties and institutions in order to fight against the phenomenon and to reduce the existence and activities of networks of smugglers and traffickers in migrants, especially through:

- Coordination with the Interpol, in arresting, detaining and deporting the persons involved in irregular migration.
- Cooperating with security devices in countries receiving illegal migrants, in order to settle legal and security related problems.
- Blacklisting irregular migrants in the ministry's records, in order to make it possible for the immigration department to screen any further move of those arrested migrants who cross illegally the border of Egypt, either at entry or at exit.
- As for smugglers, the ministry files law cases against them, and asks for severe penalties and financial charges. Smugglers are considered dangerous criminals.
- On the other hand, any tools/equipments used in smuggling are confiscated by the relevant departments in the ministry.

Ministry of Finance

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The general policy of the ministry is to encourage legal emigration through facilitating procedures related to financial issues. So, the ministry provides Egyptian return migrants with the needed documents to help them knowing taxes they should pay, either through the ministry itself or its web site. Egyptian return migrants benefit from a tax exemption on their clothes and other small items on condition of not being for trade. It is also free of sales taxes. This free of taxes is for some goods listed in the ministry.

The ministry of Finance helps Egyptian return migrants to invest in Egypt through customs exemption, but this does not actually boost investment. The ministries of Finance and of Manpower and Emigration are joining their efforts for motivating Egyptians abroad to contribute by their savings in productive development projects in all the governorates of Egypt. In this perspective, the Migration affairs and Egyptians abroad sector of the ministry of Finance collects relevant information about all investment projects submitted by the governorates in order to update its database and yearbook, as well as its website.

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The ministry's policy consists in empowering young people who want to emigrate by legal channels through offering them all facilities that the ministry has, and informing them about the different opportunities they will find for working abroad. Thus, the ministry has signed protocols and agreements with various Arab and European countries to send and host youth groups with a view to strengthening the relations between Egypt and other countries. It helps Egyptian students abroad to visit their country through tours for youth emigrants. The ministry introduces sport services for Egyptian emigrants through its web site.

Ministry of manpower and emigration

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The ministry's mission is to identify and to provide legal opportunities for work, both inside and outside the country. The ministry emigration policy aims at:

- Seeking to reduce the number of illegal Egyptian emigrants abroad; Egypt being a labor exporting country, it is in its own economic interest dictate to reach but not go past the quota of immigrant workers which the receiving country accepts.
- Cooperating with different bodies to fight illegal emigration through joint technical, security, judicial, and legislative mechanisms.
- Putting special guarantees for legal emigration to permit job opportunities in the receiving countries; the ministry increases its cooperation with receiving countries in order to develop channels of legal emigration.

In this context, the integrated emigration information system project –carried out through the joint efforts of the Egyptian Ministry of manpower and emigration and the Italian government, aims at three objectives:

- Facilitating legal emigration and acceptance of new Egyptian emigrants in receiving countries, and improving the living conditions of Egyptian residents in these countries.
- Enhancing the cultural and social links between Egyptian emigrants in their country of residence, and their ties with their home country.
- Directing financial and human resources available to Egyptian emigrants for development in Egypt.

The Emigration Sector of this ministry develops a comprehensive Egyptian Emigration Strategy, provides the necessary care for Egyptians abroad, and channels the benefits drawn from their scientific potential in order to make them contribute to the process of development in Egypt. The Emigration Sector has been given the responsibility for implementing the following objectives:

- To develop executive plans and policies to encourage Egyptian emigration and provide the opportunities that ensure its success, assuming that migration will remain a stable phenomenon as long as it's in legal framework.
- To sponsor Egyptians abroad, encourage them to create Egyptian gatherings, unions and clubs, and focus on the second and third generations of migrants by fostering their ties and allegiance to their homeland.
- To achieve the maximum capitalisation of Egyptian potential abroad, whether in relation to the transfer of scientific and research knowledge, or to the contribution in savings to Egyptian development strategies, and to support Egyptian capacities inside and outside Egypt.
- To establish an integrated database on Egyptians abroad, external labour markets and emigration, as well as on the regulation of migration and legislations in the countries of destination.

The above objectives imply that Egyptian emigrants be enumerated and classified. Accordingly, an integrated database must be created in order to enable this sector of the ministry to define and monitor policies, the final goal of which is to serve Egyptians abroad. They also imply that places available for legal immigration abroad are identified for Egyptians who want to emigrate. This sector mainly serves Egyptians abroad.

Specifically, the emigration sector pursues the following aims:

- Carrying out surveys and studies on the needs and requirements of external labor markets, and focusing on providing those who wish to permanently emigrate with actual opportunities of emigration.
- Collecting and updating each year all important information related to the legislation and regulation of migration in different hosting countries. Information is collected in cooperation with Egyptian embassies in these countries
- Launching media campaigns to raise Egyptian youth's awareness about the dangers linked with illegal emigration, and guiding them towards legal channels of emigration in order to protect their person and their savings, and to keep Egypt's good reputation abroad and good relations with hosting countries.
- Cooperating with relevant bodies of external emigration affairs through the Supreme Committee for Emigration.

The Sector thus focuses on three main groups of information:

- Information on Egyptians abroad, including means to contact them.
- Legislations and procedures of immigration in host countries, and job opportunities available on their labor markets.
- The economic, political and social environment offered in Egypt for investors from abroad, and available opportunities for investment.
- Supporting the policy of migration planning and disseminating information among migrants and potential migrants.
- Establishing effective mechanisms for the collection and dissemination of information, contributing to the development of an integrated migration information system, and enhancing the capacity of the ministry to monitor policies and implement strategies of migration management, with a view to

responding to the challenges that face Egyptian labour migrants, tackling the different aspects of migration in a more effective manner, and maintaining strong ties with Egyptian communities abroad.

- Finding new mechanisms appropriate to the collection of detailed information about emigration opportunities.
- Helping other ministries in preventing illegal migration as a tool for the protection of legal migrants.
- Exchanging information about migration between governmental officials, experts and third relevant parties through holding seminars and forums, in order to help the government to make the right decisions.
- Developing a unified form of the database on Egyptians abroad and the rules of classification and coding, in collaboration with the entities and institutions concerned with migration.
- Regulating emigration through the setting up of mechanisms for Egyptians to have access to an open migration market, from their settlement abroad to their involvement in activities useful to their homeland, with a view at exchanging benefits between migrants and their homeland.
- Encouraging Egyptian labour migration, especially among youth, as a security valve for the economic and social conditions in Egypt. The ministry considers that remittances by Egyptian expatriates play an important role in alleviating unemployment, which is vital for projecting the future of Egypt.
- Facilitating legal migration and the integration of Egyptian migrants in their host countries, in order to reduce the numbers of illegal Egyptian emigrants; moreover, Egyptian communities abroad as well as potential migrants can benefit from the information disseminated by the Emigration Sector on the Internet.
- Exerting efforts to establish the migration observatory "marsad" for the provision of information.

The Integrated Migration Information System (IMIS) project started on 22 June 2001 is the result of a joint collaboration among the Emigration Sector of the Ministry of Manpower and Emigration, the Italian Government as the donor partner, and the International Organisation for Migration as the implementing agency. IMIS is a technical tool and a capacity building mechanism that supports the Emigration Sector of the Ministry of Manpower and Emigration in the management of regular migration flows from Egypt, with a view at improving Egyptian migrants' social status in receiving countries and channelling human and financial resources generated by migration.

The setting up and launching of a website for job opportunities abroad, and the creation of a portal for Egyptian migrants, represent the main outputs of the project. The website is tailored to provide services to employers abroad and Egyptian job seekers. It offers an automatic job matchmaking system between demand and supply. Companies abroad, employers, entrepreneurs etc. seeking specific employees' profiles may consult the website roster and, after having identified potential candidates, contact the Ministry of Manpower and Emigration. The Ministry of Manpower and Emigration is in charge of making the validation of the job seekers' profiles and provides support to foreign employers. Foreign employers can use the service provided by the Ministry of Manpower

and Emigration for short-listing candidates. Concerning the final selection of candidates, foreign employers can either appoint a local recruitment agency or make the selection directly. The job matchmaking system does not create a binding relationship between the employer and the potential candidate. Foreign employers reserve the right to choose their employees according to their recruitment needs.

In addition to the job seekers' roster, the website provides the users with practical and comprehensive information concerning the receiving countries (mainly western European). This set of information is gathered in a module called "Masriat". Currently "Masriat" contains information about France, Italy, Norway, and Spain. In the near future, the project aims to expand the "Masriat" module to other potential countries of emigration. Moreover, by using Italy as a pilot case study, the project endorses an awareness campaign for entrepreneurs in need of employees. The case study will be carried out in coordination with the IOM office in Rome, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Italian Ministry of Welfare and the Egyptian Embassy in Italy.

The portal for Egyptians abroad is a tool provided by the Egyptian Government to reinforce relationships between the Egyptian Diaspora and their home country. The enhancement of services for the Egyptian Diaspora by the Emigration Sector will require the strengthening of ties with the Egyptian Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) abroad and other structures that support Egyptian migrants. Further coordination and contacts with the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs will contribute to the complete accomplishment of this objective of the project.

The system represents a pilot experience that aims at self-sustainability. As a matter of fact, the job matchmaking mechanism represents a practical example of the applicability of the system. Full deployment of the system would require the planning and implementation of ad hoc projects. Likewise, the Italian case study is a testing ground, the outputs of which will determine the development of an ad hoc project for the application of the mechanism at the national level in Egypt, as well as in other countries.

The International Organisation for Migration, in cooperation with the Egyptian Government, implemented the project by providing capacity building. The capacity building assistance included managerial capacities, Information Technology (IT) management, the upgrading of language skills and Basic IT knowledge for the whole Emigration Sector, the setting up of a fully trained and operational IT Unit to meet the future technical needs of the Sector and the training of a Research Unit. Essential technical support was provided by the Information Decision Support Centre (IDSC).

An Egyptian Jordanian joint technical committee has been set up to provide information about immigrants in Jordan--a country where there is no ministry concerned with migration despite much care taken to the matter by the Jordanian government--including non-registered immigrants themselves.

A protocol of co-operation has been passed between the Ministry of manpower and emigration and the Ministry of telecommunications & information, to establish a database for helping job seekers to find vacant positions.

The Ministry plans to issue a periodical dedicated to emigrants with an index of Egyptians abroad.

The ministry of manpower and migration has prepared a high level training project on external market, addressed to 10,000 trainees.

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Regarding migration, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to help Egyptian citizens abroad in matters related with mobilisation and recruitment.

- The Ministry helps young Egyptians abroad to regularise their legal situation through allowing them to renew their invalid passports, provided that they are below 29 years of age.
- The Ministry has reduced from 2182 to 588 US\$ the fine for late registration at recruitment of those who have passed 30 years. It allows Egyptian citizens abroad to get the fines they paid back whenever they return home and regularise their situation vis-à-vis the military service.
- The Ministry send military committees abroad whenever it is needed to settle the military service situation of Egyptians abroad who have passed 30 years.
- A delayed military service is granted to Egyptian students abroad, provided that they are supervised by the General Department of Educational Delegations.
- An inquiry bureau has been established in all military service centres, in order to help answering any questions about military service for Egyptians inside and outside Egypt.
- The Ministry has issued a guidebook that contains all details about the military service, as well as instructions to get a migration license; the guidebook is available for free and provided online on the website of the ministry.

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The ministry takes care of providing Egyptian citizens abroad with the cultural and educational services that allow them to maintain their links with their homeland, and their knowledge of the Arabic language.

- It helps institutions that wish to establish Egyptian schools for Egyptians outside Egypt.
- In coordination with Egyptian Embassies, the ministry of education help Egyptian students abroad to stay part of the educational process in Egypt. In this regard the ministry:
 - Holds examinations for Egyptian students abroad.

- Provides Egyptians schools abroad with all the books and facilities they need.
- Facilitates the integration of returning Egyptian students in the Egyptian educational system.
- The ministry of education cooperates with Egyptian cultural centres abroad, giving them the educational, religious and cultural material they need.

Ministry of foreign Affairs

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The ministry provides services to Egyptians abroad and to foreigners in Egypt.

Services to Egyptians abroad

The ministry's website contains information to help them in obtaining visa and residence permits. It also provides information about Egyptian missions abroad to contact in case of need, Egyptians associations, legal rules in receiving countries and punishments in case of breaking laws.

Egyptian embassies and consulates provide Egyptian citizens abroad with the following services:

- Free record during 6 months.
- Medical care
- Repatriation of families in situation of emergency
- Renewing passports and other documents.
- Authenticating formal documents.
- Recording personal events such as marriage, birth, divorce, and death.
- Assistance to Egyptians abroad under arrest.

Services to foreigners in Egypt

The Foreigners sector receives foreigner's complaints against Egyptians. It deals with forgeries affairs regarding marriage and divorce documents. In coordination with other ministries, it also helps foreigners to get specific services, as driving license and medical care.

The ministry pursues the following aims:

- Protecting emigrant workers from collective expulsion procedures, with settling in each expulsion issue, case by case.
- Protecting legal migrants from racial discrimination, and protecting the rights and dignity of the Egyptian community abroad, in full respect of the laws of the hosting country. The ministry declared that it is not responsible for providing illegal Egyptian emigrants with a legal protection in the countries where they are,

and that consequently they will be dealt with through the legal framework of the receiving countries.

- Seeking to reduce the number of illegal emigrants abroad.
- Cooperate with different bodies to fight illegal emigration through joint technical, security, judicial, and legislative mechanisms.

II. Non-governmental Agencies

The Egyptian Organisation for Human Rights

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The Egyptian Organisation for Human Rights (EOHR) was founded in 1985 and is one of the oldest non-governmental organisations (NGO), with its headquarters in Cairo.

EOHR has a national membership of 2,300 and has seventeen provincial branches located throughout Egypt.

EOHR is a non-profitable NGO working within the framework of the principles established in Universal Declaration of Human Rights and all other international human rights instruments regardless of the identity or the affiliation of the victim(s) or of the violator(s). It acts against both governmental and non-governmental human rights violations.

EOHR is part of the International and Arab human rights movement and it cooperates with the United Nations and its bodies concerned with human rights and the international and regional organisations for human rights, as well as it establishes contacts with these organisations to exchange support .

EOHR 's Goal is to guarantee:

Full respect for human rights and the basic freedoms for all Egyptians as well as non-Egyptians who are in Egypt according to the Universal Declaration of Human rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights especially the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) as well as the United Nations Declaration on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination.

EOHR defends the human rights of all individuals and groups suffering their violation, and uses any means and methods that conform to its goals. Major programs of EOHR include:

- The reform of the Egyptian legislation and constitution so that they will be in accordance with international human rights covenants and conventions.
- The promotion of the rule of law and the full independence of the judiciary.

- Guaranteeing the right to participation in public affairs without discrimination against opinion, religion, sex, race or colour.
- Guaranteeing the freedoms of opinion and expression as well as of artistic and literary invention.
- Guaranteeing the freedoms of belief, thought and religion.
- Guaranteeing fair trials for all defendants before the competent judges regardless to the kind of the charge, as well as presenting the legal aid to those defendants if possible and necessary.
- Calling upon the release of the people who are detained or whose freedoms are restricted because they express their opinion peacefully or because of their beliefs, religion, race, sex or colour.
- Providing legal aid to the victims of the freedom of expression and opinion as well as assisting the prisoners and detainees who are subject to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.
- Assuring that internal regulations, punishments in prisons and the treatment of prisoners conform with the International instruments regarding the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.
- The Egyptian organisation for human rights is concerned with infringing human rights violations that affect Egyptian emigrants, rather than with those affecting illegal immigrants in Egypt.

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Founded in October 1992, Almishkat is an independent, non-commercial institution devoted to advancing knowledge on contemporary Egypt and Arab countries, through research in social sciences, with emphasis on human development. Fields of research include: knowledge acquisition (education/learning and research/development), employment, governance and welfare (poverty).

Almishkat's activity is motivated by its research agenda. Collaborative research ventures on items on the research agenda of the Centre are welcome. In cases that rank high on the research agenda, Almishkat draws on limited resources to contribute to the cost. A number of research projects, mostly with Arab and international organisations, have provided necessary financial support to the Centre.

Almishkat recognises the critical need for basing social science research on high-quality data sets and gives priority to producing such data sets through rigorous field surveys in areas on which information are generally lacking.

Almishkat is keen on making the results of research undertaken available to professional circles as well as the general public, in both Arabic and English.

Technical reports on research projects, normally produced in limited numbers, are generally made available to interested professionals free of charge.

For the general public, however, abridged versions of the technical reports on research projects to be published through a reputed publisher with a solid distribution network. Almishkat bears the entire cost of publication to enable the publisher to sell the resulting booklets at a subsidised price calculated to just cover the distribution cost. Programs

The institution held many conferences and conducted many researches on migration such as a research titled “Rates of return to investment in education and migration in Egypt”.

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The Egyptian Centre for Economic Studies (ECES) is a non-profit, non-government think-tank. Its mission is to promote economic development in Egypt by conducting and disseminating applied policy research. The aim of this research is to develop viable policy options for Egypt in light of international experience. The Centre’s activities are carried out in the spirit of public interest. The centre has conducted various researches on migration, such as “Unemployment and migration in Egypt”, “Emigrant employers”, “Why do our world need a better way of managing migration?”. The last one deals with the positions of the International Organisation for Migration and the International Labour Organisation.

Centre for The Study of Developing Countries

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The CSDC conducts research on the various economic, political, social and cultural dimensions of development. It disseminates its findings through research reports, international and local conferences, training programs, public lectures, and publications. Its debates bring together academics, government officials, businessmen and trade unionists. Migration is included in its programmes and was the topic of a conference on “Emigration of qualified people and brains to South countries” with reports on “International Migration and Development” and “A reading of some economic aspects of the qualified people from Egypt”.

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President Hosni Mubarak issued the Presidential Decree No. 90 of 2000 creating the National Council for Women, as an autonomous body responsible for the empowerment of the Egyptian women. The creation of the Council comes as a natural consequence of national and international developments and challenges, and to crown the achievements in favour of Egyptian women during a Century. The council also cares for emigrant women and their rights. It has organised and participated in several conferences on migration. Among them was The Third Forum which was held in Jordan from Sep.27th– Oct.1st 2001, on the topic of migrant Arab women with an emphasis on their rights.

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This site provides Egyptians and Arabs living in the UK with information useful to most aspects of their lives. The association organises classes of Arabic language and works to bring together the Egyptian and Arab communities, through their unique culture.

The General Union of Egyptians Abroad

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The goal of the General Union of Egyptians abroad is to build bridges between Egyptians abroad and their homeland. It has established relations with:

- Egyptian diplomatic & consular corps around the world.
- Egyptian communities in Canada and all over the world
- Newspapers, TV stations and Multimedia companies.
- Egyptian governmental bodies.
- Religious representatives.
- Universities and, Research centres.

The union cares for providing its branches abroad with regular information and news related with Egypt through distributing newspapers, magazines and films.

It also provides its branches with religious books for educating the new generations born outside Egypt. It has also established schools organises tours for the emigrants to visit their families.

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The main aim of the house is to provide information for Egyptian emigrants. It provides useful data on destination countries, especially the Gulf and other Arab countries.

Egyptian Canadian Friendship Association

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The Egyptian Canadian Friendship Association was established in 1990 to serve the Egyptian and the Arab nation all around Canada. The ECFA has succeeded in bridging between the Egyptian community and other ethnic groups through an exchange of services and extensive participation in cultural and social events. It helps newly arrived immigrants to start their lives in Canada, accelerating their integration into Quebec and

Canadian society. It publishes an annual directory of services, and two monthly newspapers, El-Masri and El Mahroussa, which have a circulation of 12,000 each and are distributed free of charge.

B) INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

International organisation for migration

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Established in 1951 as an intergovernmental organisation to resettle European displaced persons, refugees and migrants, IOM has now grown to encompass a variety of migration management activities throughout the world.

IOM is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society.

As the leading international organisation for migration, IOM acts with its partners in the international community to:

- Assist in meeting the growing operational challenges of migration management,
- Advance understanding of migration issues,
- Encourage social and economic development through migration, and uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants.

Institution International organisation for migration

Programs

Trafficking in Migrants: IOM Policy and Responses

Gender Mainstreaming in IOM

Effective Respect for Migrants Rights, Migration Policy Framework for Sub Saharan

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As one of the 19 Missions with regional functions, the IOM office in Cairo has both a local and a regional scope of activities. It assists the missions under its responsibility by providing administrative and operational expertise for project development and implementation. MRFs, in general, ensure that despite geographic decentralization, there is a coherent approach throughout the organization.

In particular, the Cairo Office coordinates IOM activities in the Middle East and maintains liaison with the League of Arab States. In addition to this, MRF Cairo monitors the activities and the data collection on migration trends on a regional scope, also in countries in the Middle East where an IOM office is not present.

Moreover, while developing projects in different service areas, MRF Cairo currently focuses on implementation of technical cooperation interventions and movement activities.

One of the most important projects conducted by Cairo office is the Integrated Migration Information System (IMIS) project, which was implemented by the IOM in cooperation with the Emigration Sector of the Egyptian Ministry of Manpower and Emigration.

A major line of work for the IOM Cairo office is to cooperate with states that might suffer from illegal or growing Egyptian migration flows, through identifying potential migrants and trying to help them to get over the circumstances that drive them away from their homeland. Most of these projects are funded by the governments of potentially receiving countries, in particular the USA, Canada, and Australia. The IOM Cairo Office works through contracts with these governments in order to achieve the joint goals related to potential migrants.

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The goal of the Arab Labour Organisation is to guarantee development, protection and security for all Arab manpower's categories, besides securing productive and decent work for every Arab citizen.

The organisation achieves its aim through a number of specialised organisations such as:

- The Arab League,
- The International Union for Arab Labour Syndicate,
- The General Union of Trade, industry and Agriculture of the Arab Countries,
- The Executive Bureau of Labour, Ministerial Cabinet and Social Affairs of Gulf Countries,
- The International Labour Organisation.

The organisation also held conferences on migration like the ministerial seminar on migration.

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