

## Background and Purpose

Egypt's new constitution was adopted following a public referendum that was held in early 2014. The constitution established the general framework for reforms and introductions of policies and laws that aim at achieving social justice.

In that context, some Egyptian laws could require certain reforms in order to be aligned with the provisions of the new constitution and to respond to the Egyptians' desire for social justice. Such reforms should represent the needs and visions of the different stakeholders/components of the Egyptian society, namely the government, civil society and the relevant private sector organizations.

Accordingly, the purpose of this project is to provide a platform for the aforementioned stakeholders to discuss, collaborate and come up with mutual visions and proposals for the different social and economic laws and regulations that require reforms to be aligned with the provisions of the new constitution. These laws and regulations include social insurance, health care system, labor law, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) law, local administration, in addition to other relevant issues such as vocational training, child labor.

The visions and proposals resulting from the project events will be submitted to the respective government body or to the parliament to be reviewed and adopted.



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Fostering civil society contributions to socio-economic reforms

## Duration and Phases

The project will be implemented in three phases, through the years 2015-2017. Three laws are to be tackled in each phase/year, using the following methodology:

- Holding roundtable discussions on the tackled laws in the regions of Central Egypt, Delta, Suez Canal and Upper Egypt
- Reaching mutual proposals concerning the reforms needed to align the tackled laws with the Egyptian constitution of 2014
- Combining and finalizing the proposals of the four regions
- Submitting the proposals to the respective government body/parliament to be reviewed and adopted

In 2015, the laws of SMEs, social insurance and local administration will be tackled. Laws to be tackled during the second and third phases of the project will be decided during the course of the project, reflecting the needs and dynamics of the political process.

## Target groups

- Government bodies
- NGOs
- Private sector organizations

## Partners

The Federation for Economic Development Associations (FEDA)

Phase	Time / Period	Step / Activity	Result and Use
One	2015- 1st Quarter	Roundtable discussions in different Egyptian regions	Proposals for the reform of the SMEs, social insurance and local administration laws
One	2015- 4th Quarter	Combining and finalizing the proposals of the four regions	Final recommendations for the reform process
		Submission of the proposals to the respective government body/parliament	Review process of the recommendations by the competent governmental body and adoption of reformed laws