

World Art Forum for Development Foundation and the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable

Development sign a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on sustainable development initiatives.

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World Art Forum for Development Foundation (WAFDF) and the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development (NIGSD) (the training arm of the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on sustainable development initiatives.

The MoU was signed by Ms. Randa Fouad, WAFDF President, and Dr. Sherifa Sherif, NIGSD Managing Director. Fouad stated that art is a universal language and an active partner in sustainable development which lies at the heart of the Foundation's mission.

Fouad expressed her excitement to collaborate with the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development after signing a partnership protocol for the implementation of the Sustainable Art and Human Development Initiative in cooperation with several ministries, United Nations agencies, and the private sector.

The Initiative focuses on the role of fine art in the form of recycled art in supporting youth and women through a series of workshops, creative contests, and exhibitions that revolve around 3 pillars: sustainable art and handicrafts, entrepreneurship, and the Sustainable Development Goals within the Egypt 2030 strategy.

Dr. Sherifa Sherif remarked that the MoU involves cooperation between the organization on capacity building and training, knowledge sharing, and networking through diverse workshops targeting mainly youth, women, and special needs covering several topics of interest with sustainable development as the most important.

Sherif noted the importance of capacity building as one of the success pillars for any organization through well-planned and structured programs focused on building the skills of workers and employees. She assured the Institute's keenness on partnering with relevant national and international organizations to grow its expertise and benefit from the experience of reputable educational institutions that have a successful track record in the fields of training, capacity building, education, research, and consultation.