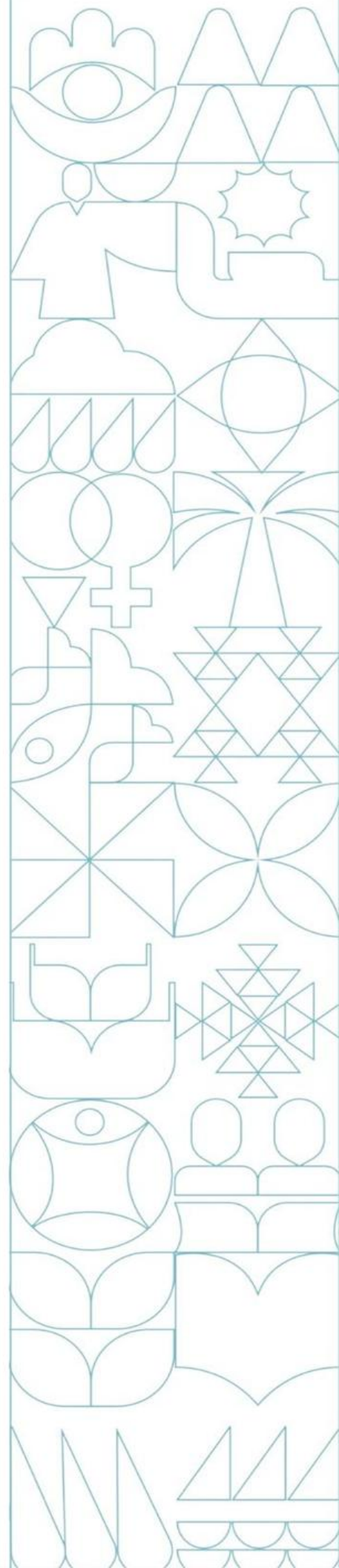


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The global economy continues to undergo a period of profound transformation, shaped by geopolitical uncertainty, shifting trade and investment patterns, increasing pressures on global supply chains, climate-related vulnerabilities, and growing development financing needs across emerging and developing economies. In this evolving international landscape, the importance of effective multilateral cooperation and resilient economic partnerships has become more critical than ever. Multilateral development institutions continue to play a central role not only in financing development, but also in supporting economic resilience, fostering regional integration, mobilizing private investment, and advancing sustainable and inclusive growth models capable of responding to increasingly interconnected global challenges.

Within this context, Egypt continues to maintain its position as one of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development's (EBRD) largest and most active countries of operation, reflecting the depth of the strategic partnership between both sides and the confidence of the Bank and international investors in Egypt's long-term economic potential and reform trajectory. Over the years, the EBRD's diversified portfolio in Egypt has expanded significantly across strategic sectors, including renewable energy, financial institutions, sustainable infrastructure, transport, manufacturing, agribusiness, and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). This extensive engagement reflects not only the scale of cooperation between Egypt and the Bank, but also Egypt's growing importance as a strategic platform for investment, regional connectivity, and sustainable economic growth within the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean region.

Egypt highly values its longstanding partnership with the EBRD, which has evolved beyond a traditional development cooperation framework into a comprehensive strategic engagement supporting national priorities centered on private sector empowerment, economic competitiveness, sustainability, infrastructure modernization, and green transition efforts. Egypt views the EBRD as a key strategic partner in supporting the country's broader vision for economic transformation and strengthening its position as a regional hub connecting Africa, the Mediterranean, and the Arab region with international markets.

Egypt continues to advance a comprehensive economic vision aimed at building a more diversified, competitive, resilient, and sustainable economy capable of adapting to evolving global dynamics, while maintaining macroeconomic stability and promoting inclusive growth. This vision is centered on accelerating structural transformation, strengthening productive and tradable sectors, enhancing industrial competitiveness, increasing export capacity, empowering the private sector, and creating a more attractive environment for domestic and foreign investment.

In recent years, Egypt has continued to implement reforms designed to improve the business environment, enhance governance and regulatory frameworks, support entrepreneurship and innovation, and strengthen the role of the private sector as a key engine of growth and employment generation. These efforts are complemented by significant investments in strategic infrastructure projects, transport and logistics networks, renewable energy deployment, digital transformation, sustainable urban development, and industrial modernization initiatives that contribute to strengthening Egypt's long-term economic resilience and competitiveness.

Egypt's strategic geographic location and multimodal connectivity network continue to position the country as a major regional hub and a strategic nexus for trade, logistics, energy, and investment flows connecting Africa, Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Arab region. This positioning has gained increasing importance amid ongoing shifts in global supply chains and international trade patterns, creating new opportunities for regional connectivity, industrial integration, and sustainable economic partnerships.

Egypt particularly welcomes this year's focus on the EBRD's role in supporting economies affected by conflict, especially at a time when ongoing geopolitical tensions and regional crises continue to generate significant economic, developmental, and humanitarian repercussions across multiple regions. These developments have further underscored the close interlinkages between economic stability, sustainable development, and peace, while highlighting the growing importance of resilient institutions, effective multilateral cooperation, and coordinated international action capable of safeguarding development gains and strengthening long-term resilience in affected economies. In this context, multilateral development banks continue to play an increasingly vital role in supporting recovery efforts, mobilizing financing, fostering resilience, and promoting sustainable economic stability.

Within this broader framework, Egypt continues to place significant emphasis on advancing green transition efforts and strengthening climate resilience as central pillars of sustainable development. Egypt recognizes that climate action, energy security, industrial competitiveness, and sustainable economic growth are increasingly interconnected priorities that require integrated and forward-looking approaches. In this regard, Egypt continues to work toward positioning itself as a regional center for renewable energy, green manufacturing, sustainable infrastructure, and low-carbon industrial development.

The Nexus of Water, Food and Energy (NWFE) platform continues to represent a pioneering model for linking climate action and development priorities through a country-led platform approach that creates bankable investment opportunities across strategic sectors. Egypt highly values the EBRD's role as the lead partner for the energy pillar and its contribution to supporting renewable energy deployment, electricity grid enhancement, private sector engagement, and the mobilization of concessional climate finance. Egypt also looks forward to further strengthening cooperation with the Bank in areas related to industrial decarbonization, green hydrogen, sustainable transport, water security, climate adaptation, and innovative financing mechanisms capable of mobilizing greater private sector participation.

Egypt believes that the coming phase of cooperation with the EBRD should place increasing emphasis on supporting productive sectors, advancing industrial transformation, strengthening regional value chains, promoting sustainable infrastructure investments, and expanding blended finance tools that help unlock private capital and enhance development impact. Egypt also looks forward to strengthening cooperation with the Bank in areas related to digital infrastructure, innovation, SME competitiveness, energy connectivity, and sustainable trade facilitation.

At the regional level, Egypt views enhanced economic integration and connectivity across Africa as essential for fostering resilience, supporting sustainable growth, and creating new opportunities for investment and development cooperation. In this regard, Egypt views the EBRD's expansion into Africa as a significant strategic step that reflects the growing importance of strengthening regional integration, enhancing connectivity, and expanding sustainable development opportunities across the African continent.

Egypt believes that the Bank's engagement in Africa can play an important role in facilitating investment flows, supporting infrastructure development, promoting private sector growth, and strengthening cross-regional economic cooperation. Given its strategic geographic location, infrastructure capabilities, regional partnerships, and longstanding ties across African markets, Egypt supports the Bank's engagement in Africa and looks forward to contributing to strengthened cooperation frameworks that support trade facilitation, logistics integration, energy connectivity, industrial cooperation, and knowledge exchange across regions.

Egypt also believes that strengthening partnerships among multilateral development institutions, governments, regional organizations, and the private sector will remain critical for addressing evolving global challenges and financing sustainable development priorities. In light of the growing pressures facing developing economies, there is an increasing need for more flexible financing instruments, innovative partnership models, and coordinated international action capable of supporting resilience, sustainability, and inclusive growth.

Egypt further supports the Bank's continued efforts to strengthen its institutional effectiveness, operational responsiveness, and financial capacity in order to better address evolving regional and global challenges. In this regard, Egypt welcomes the various governance, financial, and strategic initiatives presented during the Annual Meeting, including measures aimed at enhancing the Bank's operational flexibility, strengthening institutional diversity and inclusion, supporting long-term strategic implementation priorities, and reinforcing the EBRD's capacity to expand its sustainable development impact across its regions of operation.

Looking ahead, Egypt remains committed to continuing its strategic partnership with the EBRD in support of shared objectives centered on sustainable economic transformation, private sector-led growth, green transition, regional integration, and long-term resilience. Through strengthened cooperation, strategic investment, and effective multilateral partnerships, Egypt looks forward to contributing to a more connected, sustainable, and prosperous regional and global economic landscape.