



U.S. - Egypt Science and Technology Joint Fund Symposium

JANUARY 10 – 11, 2022

3:00 - 7:00 PM EGYPT STANDARD TIME / 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM EASTERN U.S. TIME
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The 2022 Joint Fund Symposium will highlight the plans and accomplishments of current and former grantees of the U.S. - Egypt Science and Technology Joint Fund. This Symposium will provide an opportunity for grantees and interested scientists to meet program participants, discuss research plans, and present the outcomes of collaborative scientific research projects.

January 10 (all times below in Egypt Standard Time)

3:00 – 3:05 p.m. Technical Reminders on Online Platform

3:05 – 3:10 p.m. Overview of the Symposium's Goals and Organization

Ms. Katherine Matheson, U.S. Program Director, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)

3:10 – 3:40 p.m. Welcome Remarks

Dr. Walaa Sheta, Executive Director, Science, Technology and Innovation Funding Authority (STDF)

Ms. Leslie Reed, Mission Director, USAID/Egypt

3:40 – 3:45 p.m. *All attendees move to poster halls*

3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Poster Session 1

Poster hall assignments can be found in the [Poster Directory](#).

Presentation times: 3:45 p.m. and 4:20 p.m.

5:00 – 5:05 p.m. *All attendees move to lobby areas*

5:05 – 5:25 p.m. **Coffee Break**

5:25 – 5:30 p.m. *All attendees move to poster halls*

5:30 – 6:45 p.m. **Poster Session 2**

Poster hall assignments can be found in the [Poster Directory](#).

Presentation times: 5:30 p.m. and 6:05 p.m.

6:45 – 7:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Zainab El Sadr, *U.S. - Egypt Coordinator, STDF*

January 11 (all times below in Egypt Standard Time)

3:00 – 3:05 p.m. **Technical Reminders on Online Platform**

3:05 – 4:30 p.m. **Forum on Program Policies and Rules**

Ms. Mariam Fawzy, *Head of Research Programs Follow-Up Unit, STDF*

Ms. Katherine Matheson, *U.S. Program Director, NASEM*

Moderator: Mr. Martín Miguel Fernández, *Program Officer, NASEM*

Open question and answer period for all attendees

4:30 – 4:35 p.m. *All attendees move to lobbies*

4:35 – 5:10 p.m. **Coffee Break**

5:10 – 5:15 p.m. *All attendees move to lecture hall*

5:15 – 6:30 p.m. **Alumni Panel: Lessons Learned and Best Practices**

Moderators:

Mr. Alex Temple, *Innovation Policy Analyst, U.S. Department of State*

Ms. Hoda Yassien, *Head of the Technical Follow-Up Unit, STDF*

Panelists:

Dr. Ahmed Galal, *Cairo University* (representing the Cycle 19 project *Materials and Configurations for Improved Desalination Performance Using Battery Electrode Deionization (BDI)*)

Dr. Gayle Volk, *U.S. Department of Agriculture* (representing the Cycle 18 project *Strategies for Long Term Conservation of Vegetative and Seed Germplasm of Prunus Species (Apricot, Cherry, Plum, Almond and Peach) in Gene Banks* and the Cycle 16 project *Development of Cryopreservation Strategies for Conserving Grape Genetic Diversity within Genebanks*)

Dr. Shireen Assem, *Agricultural Research Center* (representing the Cycle 18 project *Genome Editing in Sorghum for Improving Biofuel Production and Forage Quality*)

Dr. David Stevens, *Utah State University* (representing the USAID-funded Center of Excellence for Water)

Open question and answer

6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks and Thanks

Dr. Walaa Sheta, *Executive Director, STDF*

Mr. Reece Smyth, *Director of the Office of Science and Technology Cooperation in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES/STC), U.S. Department of State*