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**Educational Background:**

- PhD from Cairo University, Egypt, "Crucial Decision Values as a Tool for Strategic Environmental Assessment", Department of Urban Design, Faculty of Regional and Urban Planning, March 2006.
- Diploma in "Environmental Monitoring Methods and Techniques", Australian Institute of Marine Science and Technology, Australia, 2003.
- Diploma in "Ecotourism", George Washington University, St. John's, U.S. Virgin Islands, 2000.
- MSc in "Environmental Impact Assessment", Oxford Brookes University, United Kingdom, 1999.
- Diploma in "University Teaching Methods", Institute of Educational Studies and Research, Cairo University, Egypt, 1998.
- MSc in Urban Design, "Planning and Design of Protected Areas in Egypt: A Case Study of Wadi El-Rayan Protected Area", Cairo University, Egypt, 1996.
- Diploma in "Planning and Management of Nature Reserves", National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 1995.
- Diploma in "Urban Design", Cairo University, Arab Republic of Egypt, 1992.

- BSc in Regional and Urban Planning, Faculty of Regional and Urban Planning, Cairo University, Arab Republic of Egypt, 1990. (Overall grade: Very Good; Project grade: Excellent).

### **Professional Experience:**

- Minister of Housing, Utilities, and Urban Communities (March 2019 to July 2024).
- Deputy Minister of Housing for Urban Planning and Development, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Authority for Urban Planning (January 2018 to March 2019).
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Authority for Urban Planning, Ministry of Housing and Urban Communities (November 2012 to March 2019).
- Deputy Chairman of the General Authority for Urban Planning for Research, Studies, and Regional Planning (March 2012 to November 2012).
- General Authority for Urban Planning: (From September 2008 to February 2012).
  - Director General of the National Urban Observatory.
  - Head of the Technical Committee for Preparing Strategic Plans for New Cities.
  - Member of the Committee for Monitoring the Implementation of the Building Law within the Supreme Council for Urban Planning and Development.
  - Technical Advisor to the Head of the General Authority for Urban Planning.

### **Key Qualifications:**

Dr. Assem Abdel Hamid El-Gazzar – Former Minister of Housing, Utilities, and Urban Communities, from March 2019 to July 2024. He is an urban and environmental planner with a multidisciplinary artistic background.

He has extensive experience in planning and implementing diverse strategic development programs, including tourism development, environmental and urban planning, and real estate.

He spent recent years focusing on growth strategies and the transition from resource-based to large-scale, knowledge-based development, with particular attention to public-private partnerships.

He contributed to integrating environmental considerations into planning, tourism planning, and community development in Egypt by participating in the development and implementation of the Strategic Urban Development Plan (Egypt 2050), including defining the environmental scope, monitoring and evaluation, planning, and management.

❖ **Dr. Assem El-Gazzar's skills include:**

- Environmental and strategic impact assessment.
- Strategic planning.
- Site design and coordination.
- Participatory planning.
- Urban design.
- Protected area planning.
- Tourism planning.

**Board Memberships:**

- Chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Authority for Urban Planning. (former)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Administrative Capital Company. (former)
- Head of the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Urban Planning and Development. (former)
- Member of the Ministerial Committee for the Development of the Suez Canal Axis. (former)
- Member with expertise on the Board of Directors of the National Company for Investment Asset Management. (former)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Housing and Development Bank. (former)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Holding Company for Construction. (former)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the General Authority for the Economic Zone in the North West Suez Gulf. (former)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the National Organization for Urban Harmony. (former)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the General Authority for Tourism Development. (former)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Cairo Transport Regulatory Authority. (former)

- Member of the Board of Directors of the National Council for Planning State Land Uses. (former)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the National Center for Housing and Building Research. (former)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Center for Risk Reduction, Cairo University. (former)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Remote Sensing Authority. (former)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Egyptian-Saudi Company for Reconstruction. (former)
- Member of the Board of Directors of "NEOM" Company. (current)

### **Committee Memberships:**

- Member of the Planning and Implementation Committee for the national project for the reclamation and cultivation of one million feddans, and the provision of infrastructure works and implementation of the developed residential villages for serving the reclaimed lands.
- Member of the Supreme Committee for evaluating groundwater potential in the areas proposed for the reclamation, development, and cultivation of the one million feddans project. (Representative of the Ministry of Housing, Utilities, and Urban Communities).
- Member of the Supreme National Committee for the safe and integrated management of chemicals and hazardous waste.
- Member of the Egyptian delegation to the Executive Bureau meeting of the Council of Arab Ministers of Housing and Reconstruction (May 2015).
- Member of the Technical Secretariat of the Committee evaluating tenders submitted for investment projects offered by the New Urban Communities Authority.
- Member of the Technical Secretariat of the Coordinating Committee for Services.
- Member of the Supreme Steering Committee at the Ministry of Housing, Utilities, and Urban Communities.
- Member of the Committee for monitoring the implementation of the building law and reviewing complaints.
- Member of the Advisory Committee for coordination and follow-up on the implementation of the initial vision for the development of the Maspero Triangle Area.

- Member of the Scholarships and Study Leaves Committee at the Ministry of Housing, Utilities, and Urban Communities.
- Member of the Unit responsible for overseeing all matters related to the Egyptian Initiative for Business Climate Reform (Irada).
- Member of the main standing Committee responsible for preparing, reviewing, and amending legislation related to construction, housing, and urban development, and its executive regulations.
- The rapporteur of the Supreme Committee for reviewing the provisions of the building law, issued by Law No. 119 of 2008, and its executive regulations issued by Resolution No. 144 of 2009, and the ministerial decisions implementing it, with regard to the chapter on urban planning.
- The Chairman of the Committee for Evaluating and Registering Engineering and Consulting Offices, Specialized Entities and Offices, Consultants, Experts, and Assistant Experts applying to work with the General Authority for Urban Planning.
- Member of the Supreme Committee for studying the problems of investors and clients of the New Urban Communities Authority and its affiliated bodies.
- Member and Rapporteur of the National Housing Committee for preparing the national report submitted to the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Urban Development (Habitat III), Ecuador, in 2016.
- Member of the Main Committee for preparing the draft five-year plan, Phase Two for Economic and Social Development until 2022.
- Member of the joint Committee between the Ministries of Housing, Utilities, and Urban Communities and Transport, with a view to achieving integration and coordination among projects of common interest.
- Member of the Committee for improving work efficiency and discipline, and evaluating and reforming the financial conditions of employees of the Ministry of Housing, Utilities, and Urban Communities and its affiliated bodies.
- Member of the Adjudication Committee of the Urban Research and Studies Authority.
- Member of the Coordination Committee between the Ministry of Housing, Utilities, and Urban Communities and the Ministry of Defense.
- Member of the Supreme Committee for Pricing Policies, established by Ministerial Decree No. 518 of 2014.

- Member of the Appeals Committee regarding decisions of the committees responsible for surveying buildings and structures of distinctive architectural style, in accordance with Law No. 144 of 2006 of the National Organization for Urban Harmony.
- Member of the Supreme Committee for defining the executive procedures for the Maspero Area Redevelopment Project in Boulaq District, Cairo Governorate, by Decree No. 8 of 2015 issued by the Minister of State for Urban Development and Informal Settlements.
- Member of the Standing Committee for monitoring developments in the New Administrative Capital Project, chaired by the Prime Minister, established by Decree No. 1141 of 2015.

**Conferences:**

- Participated in numerous international, regional, and local conferences and events in various scientific, developmental, construction, and urban development fields.