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FULBRIGHT NEW CENTURY SCHOLARS SYMPOSIUM ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

David Arnold, President, American University in Cairo (AUC)

His Excellency Francis J. Ricciardone, Ambassador of the United States of America

His Excellency Hany Mahfouz Helal, Minister of Higher Education and State for Scientific Research

9:30 a.m. NCS Panel Presentations

The Societal Role of Higher Education

Moderator: **Pedro Teixeira**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Porto, Portugal

Higher education has the ability to impact all levels of a society for both private and public benefit. For developing countries, in particular, these impacts can be substantial when higher education can create a public good that supports the progression of society as a whole. The speakers will discuss and engage the audience on higher education issues relating to several broad areas, including: the development of civil society, the advancement of national development priorities, and access and equity issues that respond to the massification of higher education. An added comparative perspective will help illustrate the complexities related to these issues.

Panelists: **Heather Eggins**, Visiting Professor, Institute for Access Studies, Staffordshire University, UK

Stephen Heyneman, Professor, Department of Educational Leadership, Policy and Organization, Vanderbilt University, USA

Nakanyike Musisi, Director, Institute of Social Research, Makerere University, Uganda

Respondent: **Galal Abdel Hamid Abdellah**, Director, Higher Education Enhancement Project Fund (HEEPF) and former Secretary General, Supreme Council of Universities

10:30 a.m. Discussion

11:00 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. Ensuring Quality Through Higher Education Reform

Moderator: **Mohsen Elmahdy Said**, Executive Director and Chairman, Board of the Projects Management Unit, Ministry of Higher Education, Egypt

In the face of increasing demand for higher education throughout the world, the ability to maintain an adequate level of quality has become a challenge for many institutions. In most cases, the burden has been placed on governments to find new funding sources which have led to issues such as the diversification of institutions, public-private partnerships and the development of new financing structures. Panelists will also discuss other factors that help to ensure quality, including: university leadership, faculty development, the use of technology and research, and the implementation of quality assurance processes.

Panelists: **Teshome Yizengaw**, Vice Minister of Higher Education, Ethiopia

Zulfiqar Gilani, Director, Centre for Higher Education Transformation, Pakistan

Kathryn Mohrman, Executive Director, Hopkins-Nanjing Center, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, USA

Respondent: **Farouk Ismail**, President, Ahram Canadian University, Chairman, Education Committee of the Shoura Council and former President, University of Cairo

12:30 p.m. Discussion

1:00 p.m. Lunch

Remarks by Philip Altbach, Director, Center for International Higher Education, Boston College and Fulbright New Century Scholar Distinguished Leader

2:30 p.m. Roundtable Concurrent Sessions

- The Academic Profession in the Age of Globalization
- Access and Equity
- Role of Higher Education in Supporting the Public Good
- Public-Private Mix in Higher Education
- Globalization and Internationalization
- Emerging Global Model for the Research University

4:00 p.m. Roundtables report back in plenary session

4:30 p.m. Closing Remarks

Patti McGill Peterson, Executive Director, Council for International Exchange of Scholars and Vice President, Institute of International Education