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Egypt's Vision 2030: An Analysis of Sustainable Development and Innovative Strategies



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In contemporary times, Egypt is one of the largest economies in the Arab world and home to one of the fastest-growing middle classes in the Middle East and North Africa region. Egypt's vision 2030 represents a fundamental step in Egypt's extensive development, which links the present with the future, inspired by the achievements of the ancient Egyptian civilization. It is a roadmap towards prosperity through economic and social justice along with maximizing competitive advantage to achieve the dreams and aspirations of the people. Therefore, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been developed according to a participatory strategic planning approach and visionary policymakers of Egypt. In this aspect, various civil society representatives, national and international development partners, and government agencies have collaborated to set comprehensive objectives for all pillars and sectors of the country. Egypt's vision 2030 has three major dimensions, i.e., the social dimension, economic dimension, and environmental dimension. Each dimension has its respective pillars and significant characteristics. Moreover, domestic, regional, and global circumstances give the sustainable development goals a new impetus and comparative advantage for rejuvenating the strategic vision to cope with the challenges and deal with international affairs and developments. Thereby, helping Egypt to achieve its specific goals and targets. The article highlights Egypt's current



trajectory to 2030 and adopted innovative strategies for inclusive sustainable development.

Salient Features of Vision 2030:

Egypt has adopted a well-structured and cohesive policy framework under the realm of international relations. It can easily envisage that the country under the incumbent leadership will continue to pursue efficacious



strategies for industrial development, technological transformation, environmental sustainability, and other national priority agenda. In this regard, many sessions and workshops have been held, with the active participation of experts, academics, private sector representatives, civil society, government officials and international development institutions in Egypt. These efforts reflect the constructive role of the visionary leadership of Egypt and its global outreach. While analyzing Egypt's beneficial adapted strategies, it is highly significant to discuss some features or parameters associated with the vision 2030. The details are mentioned as follows:

- a. To develop a unified long-term political, economic, and social vision as the base for short- and medium-term development plans at the national, local and sectoral levels.



- b. To mobilize the civil society organizations and Parliament members to monitor the implementation of the strategy, its objectives, targets, programs, and projects implemented according to a specific timeline.
- c. To enable Egypt to play a pivotal role in global and regional affairs.
- d. To meet the ambitions of the citizens to improve the efficiency of basic services.
- e. To align SDS objectives and work for sustainable development along with technological advancement and innovative plan of action.
- f. To provide a world-class health care system, education, and social justice.
- g. To ensure women rights and facilitate initiatives for women empowerment.
- h. To facilitate industries and give impetus to environment urban development.
- i. To enhance Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and provide opportunities for business and entrepreneurship.
- j. To work for socio-economic development, energy, science & technology, knowledge, innovation, research, transparency, upgrading infrastructure, and efficacy of government bodies/institutions.

Major Dimensions of the Vision 2030:

Egypt vision 2030 is a national agenda launched in February 2016 that reflects the state's long-term strategic plan to achieve sustainable development principles and objectives in all areas. The details of three major dimensions of vision 2030 are mentioned below:

1. The Economic Dimension:

a.	Economic Development	By 2030, Egypt' s economy will be more balanced and competitive, characterized by a robust macro/microeconomic structure for inclusive economic growth.
b.	Energy	The energy sector will be more stable, adding into the nation' s stability and meeting energy demands. Utilization of renewable energy resources.
c.	Knowledge, innovation and scientific research	A creative and innovative civil society enabling technological transformation and wide knowledge within the comprehensive scientific system.
d.	Transparency and effectiveness of Government bodies	An effective and resilient public sector managing state resources and maintaining transparency, fairness, and flexibility.

2. The Social Dimension:

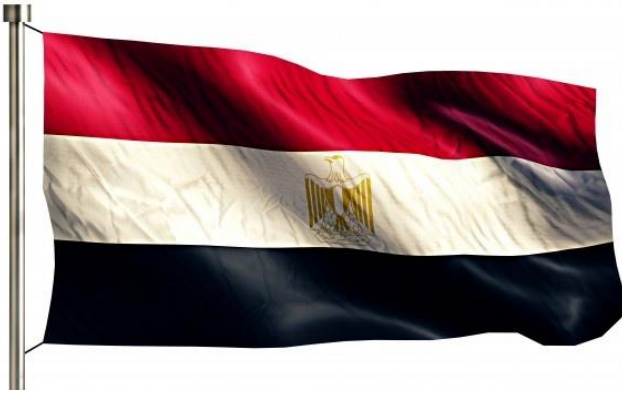
a.	Healthcare System	All citizens will enjoy a healthy, safe and secure life through more integrated, robust, high-quality, and the universal healthcare system.
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b.	Social Justice	By 2030, a fair society characterized by equal economic, social, and political rights will provide a more opportunities for employment and investment.
c.	Education and Training	World-class education will be provided to all citizens without any discrimination within an efficient and flexible institutional framework.
d.	Culture	A strong system of positive culture and respecting diverse cultures and difference stimulate modern developments and convergence.

3. The Environmental Dimension:

a.	Sustainable Environment	All economic sectors will achieve environmental goals to preserve natural resources. A clean, green, healthy environment will lead towards diversified production resources.
b.	Urban Development	Balanced spatial development management of land and resources to accommodate population and improve quality of life.

Egypt's Global Outreach:



Under all these assertions, it can be easily envisaged that by adapting to such effective and robust strategies, Egypt will emerge as a great economy. As per an estimation, Egypt will be the seventh largest

economy by 2030. The new Egypt will achieve a market competitive, balanced, and diversified knowledge-based economy. The great sustainable model will be based on a balanced and diversified ecosystem, benefitting from its strategic location and human capital to attain sustainable development for a better life. By the abovementioned in-depth analysis of Egypt's vision 2030, it has been clear that these strategies and plans will pave the way to attain global SDGs, national goals and enhance global outreach. The result-oriented policies and targets amid vision 2030 would prove to be a driving force to strengthen Egypt's significant role at the regional and global level.