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Gabr Fellows Meeting in Washington, DC – 25 April 2022

At the invitation of the Chairman of the Shafik Gabr Foundation, M. Shafik Gabr, the Gabr Fellows met in Washington DC on Monday, April 25, 2022, at the Regus Office.

The get together discussion was focused on the Fellows' current work development and information update on their network groups. The Fellows also brainstormed ideas on how to reignite the relationship between the different annual groups of the Fellowship that visited Egypt and the US along with their Egyptian counterparts. The American Fellows in attendance updated news of their current activity and outlined their present status and their future endeavours.

Another key discussion point was a proposal by the Chairman to hold a reunion of all Gabr Fellows of all the classes in Egypt. After much discussion with each Fellow in attendance, it was agreed that two reunions should take place, one in Egypt in 2022, and in parallel another reunion to be held in DC in November during a weekend, which would include a renowned guest keynote speaker such as Mike Pompeo or James Mattis.

The group then discussed the Chairman's plans to restart the "East-West Dialogue" initiative in the Autumn of 2022 and to reopen the application process. Several suggestions were made and discussed.

It was also agreed to open the application process for new cohort by June 2022 and to re-invite all the former applicants.

The following action points are underway:

1. Open the application process from June until the end of August 2022
2. Selecting dates for a reunion in Egypt
3. Organize an event in DC in a resort nearby Dulles Airport

The Fellows in attendance were:

Kemp Gouldin, 2015 Gabr Fellow
John Ryan, 2016 Gabr Fellow
Allison Feikes, 2018 Gabr Fellow
Charles Truxal, 2018 Gabr Fellow