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Gabr Fellows Meeting – 10 January 2023

On Monday 10 January 2023, at the invitation of the Chairman of the Shafik Gabr Foundation, M. Shafik Gabr, the Gabr Fellows met in Cairo at the ARTOC Headquarters.



Gabr Fellows meeting with Chairman Shafik Gabr in Cairo on January 10, 2023

As the Fellows were from different years, each of them introduced themselves, and some also shared their latest news and achievements:

2014 Gabr Fellow **Zeyad Kelani** finished his PhD in Computational Social Science at Claremont University in California, and is back in Egypt after six years in the US. He is now teaching Machine Learning and Big Data at Cairo University. Zeyad shared that he was proud to see Layla Galal, his student amongst the Fellows and her becoming newly appointed diplomat.

2017 Gabr Fellow **Sherif Soliman** shared the news that he got accepted into the Business School Administration Program at the AUC for his Master's Degree.

2022 Gabr Fellow **Menna El Touny** is currently writing a play which she hopes to finish and perform by June 2023.

2022 Gabr Fellow **Layla Galal** became a newly appointed diplomat at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2022 Gabr Fellow **Assem Bolbol** talked about how he currently works on a Battery Recycling Project with a person he met during the US Gabr Fellowship program.

2016 Gabr Fellow **Anis Issa** shared that he is still in the process of writing his PHD in EPHE in Religious Sociology.

2017 Gabr Fellow **Amr Seda** reflected on the year 2022, when he joined the senior management of the British University in Cairo. Amr spoke about his experience and how it has taught him valuable lessons in his career development. Amr also mentioned how grateful he was to the Gabr Foundation, and the role it played in his self-development.

The next item on the agenda was a question that a Fellow posed to Mr Gabr, which was on the Russia-Ukraine war and its consequences and potential outcomes. Mr Gabr discussed this topic with the Fellows, touching upon the 2022 Holberg Debate with John Mearsheimer and Carl Bildt.

In a discussion about the meetings, Mr Gabr urged more interaction among the Fellows, including greater teamwork and networking.

The following point on the agenda was the open discussion on the Gabr Alumni Proposal sent by the US Fellows Alen Amini and David Guhl, which aims to increase candidates for the Fellowship, increase interaction among Fellows, and to establish webinars and regular meetings.

In response to the Alumni discussion, Mr. Gabr asked **Amr Seda, Menna El Touny, Assem Bolbol, and Yomna El-Awamry** to further discuss this proposal, to communicate and discuss together how to increase the Foundation's development and Fellows' involvement, and come up with a report by the end of the month.

2018 Gabr Fellow **Shady El-Sherif** suggested a new project, the "Gabr Academy," where Fellows would meet regularly, and hold sessions where they would share their areas of expertise with other Fellows and potential Fellowship candidates.

The last point on the agenda was the Gabr Fellows reunion dates. The dates discussed were during Catholic Easter (7-10th April), during the Eid vacation (late April), or at the end of the year.

Action points:

Responsibility	Task	Details
All Fellows	Facilitate or champion a meeting/session to the other Fellows	Send Hind the topic, date, and time and the Foundation will invite the Gabr Fellows and potential candidates.
Amr Seda, Menna El Touny, Assem Bolbol, and Yomna El-Awamry	Discuss the Alumni Idea	Crystalize the idea and write down their recommendation and details of implementation, due date February 1 st .

Gabr Fellows in Attendance:

1. Amr Hesham 2022 Fellow
2. Amr Seda 2017 Fellow
3. Anis Issa 2016 Fellow
4. Assem Bolbol 2022 Fellow
5. Dalia Ihab 2017 Fellow
6. Esraa El Zokem 2022 Fellow
7. Ibrahim Hammouda 2017 Fellow
8. Karim ElSharkawy 2018 Fellow
9. Layla Galal 2022 Fellow
10. Menna El Touny 2022 Fellow
11. Mohamed Hassan 2022 Fellow
12. Mohamed El Attar 2016 Fellow
13. Samer Kirolos 2022 Fellow
14. Shady El-Sherif 2018 Fellow
15. Sherif Soliman 2017 Fellow
16. Wessam Baher 2022 Fellow
17. Yomna El-Awamri 2022 Fellow
18. Zeyad Kelani 2014 Fellow