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Gabr Fellows Meeting – 5 February 2023

On Sunday 5 February 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 February 5, 2023

At the beginning of the meeting, each of the Fellows introduced themselves, and some also shared their latest news and achievements:

2022 Gabr Fellow **Wessam Baher** finalized, with his Gabr Fellows colleagues, the first podcast of their Gabr Action Project *Habibi Factor*, and it will be released later in February. On a personal development level, Wessam got accepted into two universities in the UK for Human Resources Management Master's degree at Kent University and an Organizational Psychology Master's degree at Heriot Watt University.

2022 Gabr Fellow **Samer Kirolos** is currently studying to finish his SHRM HR diploma and is preparing to run a marathon.

2018 Gabr Fellow **Karim El Sharkawy** got appointed to the Research Policy Planning and Crisis Management at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and he applied for his second Master's Degree in Environment and Development from Edinburgh University.

2022 Gabr Fellow **Mohamed Hassan** joined Dentsu Creative as an Art Director. He also got accepted by the University of Brighton, UK to start his Master's degree in User Experience Design.

2018 Gabr Fellow **Marwa Abdalla** is working on her movie “Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner,” an Egyptian-French production.

2018 Gabr Fellow **Muhammad El Hawary** got promoted to Project Manager at Orange Business Services. Muhammad is also working on a short story which is soon to be completed.

2016 Gabr Fellow **Yasser El Zahhar** renewed his contract as a Creative Director with Radio Misr 88,7 FM for the third year. He is also working as a creative director for Abjjad App, where they have more than 30,000 Arabic books from more than 140 publishers.

2022 Gabr Fellow **Yomna El Awamri** is working as a consultant for the Water Ministry of Egypt, and she is creating online courses on Mentor.net which is the biggest Arabic-speaking platform.

2018 Gabr Fellow **Soaad Hossam** is travelling to the United States at the end of March, where she will be attending Working Group III: Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform, with the UN Commission on International Trade Law in New York. Soaad will be participating as a delegate for the Center for International Dispute Settlement in Geneva.

Next, the Gabr Fellows and Mr Gabr discussed various current geopolitical, technological and economy topics, including the Israeli-Palestine conflict, the unstoppable rise of Artificial Intelligence (specifically the current popularity of ChatGPT) and the current business opportunities in Egypt).

The following item on the agenda was the Gabr Fellows reunion dates. According to the results of the poll conducted amongst the Fellows, the dates that are most likely for the reunion in Cairo and Luxor are 28 April – 1 May 2023.

The last point on the agenda was the Alumni Board Proposal, presented by Yomna El Awamri. It was decided that working group in Egypt (Amr Seda, Menna El Touny, Assem Bolbol, and Yomna El-Awamry) will edit the proposal, share it with the US group (Alen Amini, David Guhl) and after approval from the Chairman share it with all the Fellows to approve the idea.

Mr Gabr recommended several books to the Fellows:

1. *The Attack on the Liberty* by James Scott
2. *The Game of Nations* by Miles Copeland
3. *Laptop from Hell* by Miranda Devine
4. *The Bidens* by Ben Schreckinger
5. *Life Force* by Tony Robbins

Gabr Fellows in Attendance:

1	Amr Hesham	2022
2	Ahmed El Hashemy	2018
3	Aya Aly	2022
4	Ibrahim Hammouda	2017
5	Karim EL Sharkawy	2018
6	Marwa Abdalla	2018
7	Menna El Touny	2022
8	Mohamed Hassan	2022
9	Muhammad El Hawary	2018
10	Omar Raafat	2022
11	Samer Safwat Kirolos	2022
12	Soaad Hossam	2018
13	Wessam Baher	2022
14	Yasser El Zahhar	2016
15	Yomna El Awamri	2022