

## Summary

### **Panel Discussion "Human Rights and Youth Economic Empowerment"**

**Monday, April 22, 2024**

NCHR Headquarters, Fifth Settlement, New Cairo

The National Council for Human Rights in Egypt (NCHR) held a Panel Discussion titled “Human Rights and Economic Empowerment of Youth in Egypt: A Key to Success in a Changing World” on April 22, 2024, at its headquarters in New Cairo. The session, organized by the Economic Rights Committee in collaboration with the European Union, brought together a wide array of stakeholders including human rights experts, economists, parliamentarians, civil society leaders, youth representatives, and officials from various ministries.

The event highlighted Egypt’s commitment to enhancing human rights through the economic empowerment of youth—seen as a cornerstone for sustainable development and societal stability. Participants underscored the need for joint action across government and civil society to create an enabling environment for youth to thrive and innovate.

#### **Key topics included:**

- Vocational education and skills development
- Youth employment opportunities and private sector engagement
- Support for youth-led entrepreneurship
- Promoting a culture of human rights among youth
- State and civil society collaboration
- Youth participation in policy-making
- Legal protections against exploitation

#### **Recommendations:**

1. Enhance access to quality education and vocational training
2. Foster decent job opportunities by expanding labor markets
3. Increase support for youth-led enterprises through funding and technical assistance
4. Integrate human rights education into youth development programs
5. Strengthen youth inclusion in decision-making
6. Enact legal reforms to protect youth from all forms of exploitation