



National Council for Human Rights

Roundtable Discussion

“The Role of Intellectuals and Thought Leaders in Promoting Human Rights in Egypt”

Cairo – Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Speakers and participants:

The event saw broad participation from Egypt’s key cultural figures and intellectuals, writers, academia, civil society organizations representatives, media professionals, members of parliaments and human rights researchers.

Participants included prominent intellectuals, writers, novelists and key figures from Egyptian cultural scene, including: prominent writer and novelist Ibrahim Abdelmeguid, Dr. Ahmed El Borai, former Minister of Labor, Economist Dr. Ibrahim Nawar, Anwar Mogheeth, intellectual and academic professor, Dr. Amany Qandil, advisor to the Arab Women Organization, Dr. Ayman Abdelwahab, Director of the Ahram Centre for Strategic Studies, among others.

Summary of Outcomes and Recommendations

1. Emphasizing sustained communication with state institutions to mainstream human rights in education, media, arts, and digital platforms.
2. Establishing a cultural forum for ongoing dialogue among rights stakeholders.
3. Launching a human rights-focused cultural observatory to monitor societal trends and report directly to executive leadership.
4. Urging the NCHR to advocate for anti-discrimination legislation within national dialogue discussions.
5. Adopting a long-term strategy for the NCHR that transcends electoral or structural cycles.
6. Building lasting alliances with educators, unions, media, and parliament, and coordinating with other national councils.
7. Proposing human rights-oriented media content aligned with global human rights agendas.



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8. Evaluating the inclusion of human rights in higher education and integrating civic education into school curricula.
9. Empowering artistic unions to protect professional integrity and advance media freedoms.
10. Calling for the release of all individuals detained in connection with the exercise of their right to freedom of opinion and expression, in accordance with constitutional guarantees and Egypt's international human rights obligations.
11. Hosting inclusive dialogues with unions, student bodies, and labor groups to embed human rights culture.