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Insights for Better Employment Outcomes: Understanding Labor Market Mismatch in Egypt

Policy Dialogue on Findings from the First Egypt Impact Lab (EIL)-Funded Needs Assessment

Date: Thursday, 16th of July, 2026

Location: [National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development](#), Cairo, Egypt.

Detailed Agenda

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Overview

The [Egypt Impact Lab](#) (EIL) is pleased to host a policy dialogue titled "Insights for Better Employment Outcomes: Understanding Labor Market Mismatch in Egypt." The event will present new insights on labor market mismatch in Egypt based on nationally representative labor market data and explore how education, skills, and labor market demand intersect, highlighting implications for employment policies and opportunities for future evidence generation and collaboration.

This policy dialogue marks the dissemination of the first completed needs assessment funded through the Egypt Impact Lab's competitive annual Request for Proposals (RFP). Selected through a rigorous review process and awarded to J-PAL-affiliated researcher [Caroline Krafft](#) (University of Minnesota), the study reflects EIL's commitment to supporting high-quality, policy-relevant research that addresses Egypt's development priorities. By bringing together policymakers, researchers, development partners, and practitioners, the dialogue aims to foster evidence-informed discussions and identify priority areas for future research and collaboration.

Discussion themes

- What drives labor market mismatch in Egypt?
- Which groups are most affected?
- What do the findings imply for the labor market and education policies?
- Where are the evidence gaps that future research should address?
- How can partnerships between government and researchers strengthen evidence-informed policymaking?

Expected Participants

- Government representatives
- Development partners
- Researchers
- Universities
- Think tanks
- Donors

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 16th of July, 2026 at 2.30 pm (Cairo time)

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TIME	SESSION
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Networking
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Welcome Remarks Dr. Ahmed Elsayed, Executive Director, J-PAL MENA Dr. Reham Rizk, Director, Egypt Impact Lab Dr. Sherifa Sherif, Executive Director, National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development
3:30 - 4:15 pm	Featured Speaker Caroline Krafft, Labor economist and lead researcher Presentation of the study findings
4:15 - 5:15	Open Discussion
5:15 - 5:30	Next steps and closure

About the Egypt Impact Lab

The Egypt Impact Lab (EIL), established in 2022, is a strategic initiative of the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab Middle East and North Africa (J-PAL MENA) at the American University in Cairo (AUC) and the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MPED). The EIL is made possible with generous support from the founding partners, the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development and Community Jameel, and additional support from UNICEF Egypt.

EIL is uniquely positioned in MPED's National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development (NIGSD) to strengthen the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of Egypt's poverty reduction policies by:

1. Conducting randomized evaluations of promising government initiatives.
2. Utilizing research outcomes to inform policy decisions and program scaling.
3. Cultivating a culture of evidence-informed policy-making across government institutions.

EIL's key thematic areas:

1. Social protection and poverty reduction
2. Education, Employment & MSME development
3. Gender empowerment and family development
4. Environment, Energy, and Climate Change (led by *HAPIE*)