The National Council for Women (NCW) is an independent machinery affiliated to the President of the Republic of Egypt, which aims to promote Egyptian women and ensure their active participation in development by proposing, following up on, and evaluating the State's general plans and policies. It also seeks to integrate women's affairs into the State's social and economic development plans. The NCW is also responsible for reviewing legislation and laws, proposing amendments, and submitting proposals for new draft laws that ensure the removal of any discriminatory aspects against women from all legislation

The National Council for Women was established by Presidential Decree No. (90) of 2000, and the new regulatory law for the council No. (30) was issued in 2018.



NCW's Formation and Mechanisms:

The NCW is composed of a president and 29 members, who are experts in women's affairs. The NCW has 27 branches across all governorates.

It also has permanent committees to assist it in exercising its functions, a technical secretariat to support the NCW in carrying out its work, as well as field volunteers all over Egypt.

The NCW's Competences:

The National Council for Women is responsible for the following:

- Proposing the State's general policy in the field of development of women's affairs, aiming to promote and empower women to perform their political, economic, social, and cultural roles, and integrating their efforts into comprehensive development programs.
- Proposing drafts of the national plans to advance women's status and address the challenges they face.
- Coordinating with government entities that implement women's development programs, activities and projects that are approved in the national plan, and collaborating and coordinating in this regard with registered civil society organizations, as well as international and regional organizations licensed to operate in the Arab Republic of Egypt, in coordination with the concerned State authorities.
- Participating in the work of committees formed by the State, independent bodies, and agencies to study and set development policies related to women's issues.

- Monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the State's general policy in the field of women, and providing observations and suggestions to the competent authorities in this regard.
- Providing opinions on draft laws and decisions related to its field of work, and recommending the draft laws and regulations necessary for the advancement of the status of women and the promotion of their rights and freedoms as stipulated in the Constitution.
- Expressing opinions on international and regional conventions and agreements related to women, and following up on those ratified to ensure their integration into national legislation, if required.
- Expressing opinions on what is required thereof by the relevant ministries on issues related to its field of work.
- Representing Egyptian women in international and regional forums and organizations concerned with women's affairs, in coordination with the concerned State authorities.
- Participating in regional and international organizations meetings concerned with women's affairs, in accordance with the NCW's terms of reference and competences, and in coordination with the concerned State authorities.
- Receiving and examining complaints related to violation of women's rights and freedoms, referring them to the competent authorities, working on resolving the complaints with the concerned authorities and providing the necessary legal assistance.
- Reporting any violations of women's rights and freedoms to public authorities.

- Contributing with opinions in the preparation of the periodic reports submitted by the State in accordance with international conventions related to women.
- Promoting the culture of protecting and empowering women via audio-visual and print media. This includes developing materials and media programs to raise awareness of women's roles in society and educating about their rights and responsibilities, as well as publishing newsletters, periodicals, magazines, and publications related to the NCW's goals and activities.
- Organizing conferences, seminars, and discussion forums, preparing research and studies on topics related to women, and conducting training courses and programs to enhance women's capabilities and skills in all fields.



The National Council for Women celebrates the 25th anniversary of its establishment.

The National Council for Women celebrates the 25th anniversary of its establishment, highlighting its pioneering role in supporting and empowering Egyptian women in the fields economic, political, and social empowerment. Since its founding in 2000, the NCW has achieved tangible successes that reflect its commitment to empowering women and achieving gender equality. It has contributed to formulating national policies that support women's rights and enhance their role in public, economic, and political life.

The NCW continues its collaborative work to support Egyptian women and achieve further accomplishments in the future. It has conducted a comprehensive review of legislation, laws, and policies affecting Egyptian women in order to establish a holistic and effective framework for their empowerment. For the first time in Egypt, women's needs have been integrated into the State's five-year plan for economic and social development. Over the past 25 years, Egyptian women have broken the glass ceiling in several fields, and reached previously unattainable positions, as a result of the NCW's efforts in raising awareness and emphasizing women's rights and the principles of equality and equal opportunities.



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