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He is a consultant to a number of international organizations (UNDP, UNIDO, UNESCO, FAO, ESCWA, European Union and World Bank), government organizations and companies in Egypt, Middle East, Africa, Europe and United States.

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He was an invited speaker to numerous international events, among them: "Making Reform Happen", OECD Paris 2010, UNIDO General Conference, Vienna 2011 and UNIDO Forum on Strategies and Instruments for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development, Vienna June 2014, World e-ID, France 2012-2014, invited expert at the Helsinki Process: Improving International Investment Regime, Helsinki 2013, and Government Technology Summit, UAE, 2013 & 2014. In addition due to his work on innovation and entrepreneurship he was an invited key note speaker at several events among them International Innovation Summit, Tunis Sept. 2014 and Startup Weekend, Cairo 2013 & 2014.

Dr. Darwish is a Professor of Computer Engineering at Cairo University. During his academic career he was on sabbatical leave with the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Virginia Tech. He is a member of few scientific and professional societies. He was the IEEE Egypt Section Chair. He supervised 10 PhD Dissertations and 26 MSc Thesis. He has over 64 publications in peer reviewed journals and scientific conferences, 11 invited papers, shared in 4 books, numerous invited talks and few sponsored research programs.

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