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This series:

Egypt's presidency of the African Union in 2019 is regarded as a tribute from brothers and sisters in Africa and a trust that Egypt and President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi highly value.

At all levels, Egypt considers the AU presidency as honor, responsibility and trust that it shall fulfill to realize the aspirations of the African Continent and promote solidarity among its peoples.

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We hope that these books would serve as a nucleus for a comprehensive African library and to promote mutual understanding among the African peoples in pursuit of a better future for all of us.

This book:

The relations between Egypt and Tanzania set the example for the strength of the evolution of Egypt's relations with the African countries. The relations between Egypt and Tanzania have witnessed extensive consultations in the last few years, being based on the deep-rooted bonds between Egypt and Tanzania thanks to the friendship of the two historical leaders Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt and Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, and on the time-honored bonds linking Egyptian and Tanzanian peoples, let alone the importance of promoting joint cooperation between the two nations given that they are both of the Nile Basin region. Over three years, there have been mutual high-level visits between the two countries, particularly the visit of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi to Tanzania in 2017; the meeting between President El-Sisi and Tanzanian President John Magufuli on the sidelines of the African Union Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, January 2017; and the visit of Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly to Tanzania in December 2018 to attend the signing ceremony of the contract for the construction of Stiegler's Gorge Hydroelectric Power Station being implemented by a consortium of Egyptian firms.

Egypt also received Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa in July 2019 and the Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania paid a visit to Egypt in May 2019. In addition, there are mutual visits at the level of ministers, officials and experts of the two countries, leading to much progress in bilateral relations which would help realize the interests of the two peoples, the peoples of East Africa, the Nile Basin region, and African peoples in general.

This book, which is based on Egyptian and Tanzanian sources, is an attempt to document the story of success of relations between the two sisterly countries.

Chapter I

Relations between Egypt and Tanzania: Historical Background

Egypt and Tanzania are bound by close historical relations; the two countries celebrated in 2014 the 50th anniversary of establishing diplomatic ties between them, when Salem Ahmed Salem, the former secretary-general of the now-defunct Organization of African Unity, became the first ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania to Egypt in 1964 in wake of unity between Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

Being one of the riparian countries, from which the source of the White Nile originates, where roughly almost of Lake Victoria lies in the Tanzanian territories, relations between the people of Egypt and the peoples of this land that stands for nowadays Tanzania, date back to old times; there has been constant communication between the peoples of the Nile Basin and cultural exchange in several phases.

In the modern time, Egypt and Tanzania have been closely connected even before the unity of Tanzania in 1964 and before the independence of Tanganyika in 1961. In 1954, the Africans formed Tanganyika African National Union led by Julius Nyerere and others to demand full independence from Britain. The struggle for independence received a direct support from late President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt till the Union secured with majority Tanganyika's independence in 1961. A year later, Nyerere was elected a president then Britain granted Zanzibar the right to independence in 1963. In 1964, union between Tanganyika and Zanzibar was established. Egypt was among the leading countries that recognized the United Republic of Tanzania and provided support for it. Late presidents Nasser and Nyerere enjoyed a close relationship. Historically speaking, President Julius Nyerere visited Egypt and President Nasser accompanied him to the

National Assembly (the then parliament). Nasser introduced Nyerere to members of the parliament and to the Egyptian people, saying:

“Fellow citizens, members of the National Assembly: None other than this esteemed Assembly-that represents the allied forces of the working class of the people that led the socialist transformation in this homeland-would be able to better understand this African struggle defender who comes today to address you, I mean President Julius Nyerere; none other than you would make him feel that many in this Continent, whose heart beats with revolution, stand with his people, the people of Tanzania, and support his work, particularly during the phase of societal transformation Tanzania is already in; none other than you, fellow brothers, would better understand that, given that our society has already entered that phase, I mean the phase of societal transformation which in reality is the only honor of national independence that peoples gain; it also is the original tenor that national devotion leads to; in truth-fellow brothers-facts on the ground in Africa in particular-more than any other place- make no separation between the political and societal revolution.

The right standard is the national wealth of any of the African peoples and who controls it; in other words, political independence cannot be realized without a control over the national wealth; and since the African wealth-most of it-has been robbed by the foreigner, true independence means liberation of wealth. But, since the foreigner has not included as party any other in controlling the African wealth, the liberation of African wealth does not mean that it falls into the hands of any class as if it were their personal fiefdom; but, that wealth needs to be under the control of people as a whole.

That is why I said none other than you would be able to understand the discourse of President Julius Nyerere today; you are worthy of supporting him because you, more than anyone else, know the hardship inherent in the struggle for economic liberty particularly within an atmosphere governed by the forces of exploitation.

Colonialism in our modern world is willing to give up its political hegemony over the homelands of the others, while keeping, certainly, its economic hegemony which is the real and decisive factor. Colonialism is not, however, ready to give up such economic hegemony easily;

hence, should not struggle fighters get it by realizing political freedom and be convinced of its forms and types, colonialists are there to wage a fierce campaign against them for two reasons:

First: Colonialism does not want to lose any of its interests;

Second: Freedom is limitless.

I say that freedom, particularly societal one, is a contagious health, if I may use the term; hence showing the trend of societal freedom in any of the nations would mean that this nation would be liable, on the spot, to attempts of segregation and blockade. Based on this perspective, the “Arusha Declaration”, the roadmap of Tanzania, and subsequent decisions, is an action whose impact cannot be confined to the borders of Tanzania; that is why we think that Tanzania ought to be supported by all free powers in Africa.

Fellow brothers,

I would like now to leave the floor to dear friend “Julius Nyerere”, the student of his own people and their teacher as well and one of the great Africans in our time.”

As we see, Egypt and Tanzania have been closely bound to each other. Their struggle against colonialism and for realizing economic liberation, development and progress has undoubtedly unified their path.

In the next decades, the relations between the two countries have taken different forms, particularly cooperation on the Nile waters and management of water in general; technical training cooperation; political coordination on peace and stability in East Africa region; let alone the fact that the two countries are members in a number of regional and continental blocs.

Chapter II

Political relations

Based on the historical relations between Egypt and Tanzania and the major common interests binding the two peoples as well as the Egyptian-Tanzanian joint interest in cooperation for development, let alone the two countries' work on realizing peace and stability in the region of East Africa and the African Continent as a whole, the relations between Egypt and Tanzania have seen major positive developments in all spheres since 2014, thanks to Tanzania's positive stand in support of the will of the Egyptian people in the 30 June Revolution in 2013.

Tanzania was keen on participating in the inauguration ceremony of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi in June 2014 and reiterated by Foreign Minister Bernard Membe the need for Egypt to resume its normal and historical role in the activities of the African Union. While receiving the Egyptian Ambassador to Tanzania on February 5, 2016, Tanzanian President John Magufuli reiterated his infinite support for President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi for Egypt's security and stability. He voiced appreciation for Egypt and its role in the past and the present, commending the distinguished bilateral ties between the two countries.

The Tanzanian President showed interest in developing economic and trade relations with Egypt, stressing his country's need for cooperation with Egypt in all areas; the President also encouraged Egyptian investors to explore opportunities in Tanzania in all areas, particularly construction and building sector.

In January 2017, on the sidelines of the activities of the African Union Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi met with President John Magufuli and said Egypt would look forward to bolstering cooperation with Tanzania in all areas and boosting economic cooperation and the volume of trade between them. President El-Sisi also reiterated the need for continued consultation and coordination between the two countries given the existing common challenges, particularly the scourge of terrorism that threatens the whole African Continent.

For his part, President Magufuli reiterated Tanzania's keenness on developing close and historical relations with Egypt at all levels, commending the leading role of Egypt in Africa as well as the positive situation seen in Egypt at the level of realizing development and stability in the past two years. The President also hailed the technical support Egypt provided to Tanzania's nationals in the field of capacity-building and training.

The most significant development seen in relations between Egypt and Tanzania in the last few years better manifested in the historic visit which President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi paid to Tanzania on August 14, 2017, being the first of a kind by an Egyptian president ever to Tanzania since 1968. The President was received by Tanzanian President John Magufuli and top Tanzanian officials, as well as Arab and foreign ambassadors accredited in Tanzania.

President El-Sisi held bilateral talks with President Magufuli then a session of extended talks was held later in the presence of delegations from the two countries, where the Tanzanian President hailed President El-Sisi's visit to his country.

The Egyptian Presidency said this historic visit reflected the deep and distinguished relations between the two nations and the deep-rooted ties binding them.

President Magufuli voiced the appreciation of Tanzania and its people for Egypt being the cradle of civilization, lauding the diverse contributions of Egyptian in all aspects of life.

He also heaped praise on the level of bilateral relations between Egypt and Tanzania, reiterating his country's keenness on bolstering those relations and developing them, particularly in the economic cooperation and trade exchange as well as boosting mutual investments in the two countries.

The Tanzanian President also hailed the technical support Egypt provided to his country in the fields of capacity-building, training and the digging of wells' and other developmental fields, looking forward to benefiting from the Egyptian expertise in such different fields as tourism and pharmaceuticals' manufacturing.

President Magufuli said his country fully recognized the importance of the River Nile to Egypt, being the major source of water in the country. He voiced confidence that the riparian countries would reach a consensus in favor of all parties.

For his part, President El-Sisi has pointed out that Egypt highly values relations with Tanzania and the common history binding the two countries in defense of the causes of the African Continent towards realizing its interests. He has also noted that Egypt's foreign policy is based on non-interference in the affairs of other countries or conspiring against them, in addition to working on solving differences through constructive dialogue and cooperation to realize peace and development.

The President has stressed that Egypt looks forward to bolstering ties with Tanzania in all fields in light of the immense economic potentials the two countries enjoy.

The talks also covered a number of issues, including efforts aimed at realizing development in the Nile Basin countries.

President El-Sisi said "Egypt supports her sisterly countries in the Nile Basin and provides them with technical expertise to realize development in these countries." The President also indicated Egypt's keenness on realizing the utmost use of the River Nile for all Nile Basin countries, without inflicting harm on Egypt's water interests, while taking heed of Egypt's concerns in that respect, particularly that the Nile water is a matter of life and death for Egypt.

President El-Sisi extended an invitation for the Tanzanian President to participate in the International Youth Forum and the 2017 Africa Forum in Sharm el-Sheikh and the Tanzanian President welcomed the invitation, saying that he looked forward to visiting Egypt.

The two leaders agreed on developing cooperation between the two countries in the field of combating terrorism, in addition to activating the joint committee between them and launching it as soon as possible in order to further cooperation between Egypt and Tanzania, in a manner that would realize the interests of the two friendly peoples.

The two presidents also reiterated the importance of putting into effect security and defense cooperation between the two countries to face up the common challenges, particularly the threats posed by terrorism on the security and stability of different countries.

On October 21, 2018, President John Magufuli expressed, in a phone call with President El-Sisi, his appreciation for the historical relations binding Egypt and Tanzania, commending bilateral ties between them, particularly in economic cooperation and trade exchange. He also commended the Egyptian investments in Tanzania, after a consortium of Egyptian firms won a bid for the construction of “Stiegler’s Gorge Hydroelectric Power Station” on the basin of the Rufiji River. In truth, the Tanzanian Government considers the dam as one of the national mega projects for generating electricity.

For his part, President El-Sisi has said Egypt does cherish the bonds of fraternity, friendship and cooperation binding it with Tanzania, lauding, in that respect, the winning of a consortium of Egyptian firms of the bid to carry out the project. The President also added that Egypt would work on cementing relations with Tanzania in different fields in light of the immense economic potentials of the two countries and Egypt’s keenness on boosting the efforts of development in all sisterly Nile Basin countries.

President Magufuli extended an invitation to President El-Sisi to lay the foundation stone for the Stiegler’s Gorge Dam and to place it under his supervision just like the mega national projects being implemented in Egypt. President El-Sisi welcomed the proposal, emphasizing that the

construction of the dam would make Egypt, Tanzania and the African Continent feel proud and serve as a model of cooperation among the African brothers.

On July 12, 2018, President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi received a phone call from President John Magufuli in which they reviewed the developments of “Stiegler’s Gorge Dam” project in Tanzania. President El-Sisi said that Egypt would participate with a high-level delegation led by the Prime Minister to attend the signing ceremony of the contract for the construction of the dam.

During the phone call, the two leaders discussed means of furthering coordination in the upcoming period in order to boost bilateral relations, in addition to expanding mechanisms of consultation and the exchange of views on the latest developments on the continental arena, particularly in light of the fact that Egypt would be the chairman of the African Union in 2019.

On December 12, 2018, President John Magufuli received Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly on the sidelines of the latter’s attendance of the signing ceremony of the contract for the construction of Stiegler’s Gorge Dam. At the beginning, Dr. Madbouly conveyed the greetings of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi to the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, reiterating President El-Sisi’s keenness on bolstering cooperation with the leader and people of Tanzania and on joint action for realizing development and prosperity for the peoples of the two countries.

Prime Minister Madbouly hailed the momentum seen in the relations between the two countries, thanks to the recent visit of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi to Dar Es-Salaam in August 2017 which resulted in the holding of the Third Session of the Joint Committee for cooperation between the two countries in Cairo, January 2018, after 21 years from holding the second session in Arusha, Tanzania in 1997.

The Prime Minister stressed that Egypt would continue to build on the outcome of this visit towards promoting the relations of the two countries in different areas, particularly elevating the volume of trade exchange between them to the level of the existing political relations.

He also added that President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi would look forward to welcoming his brother, the President of Tanzania in Cairo as soon as possible.

During the meeting, Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly congratulated the Tanzanian side for the signing of the contract for the construction of Stiegler's Gorge Dam on the Rufiji River, reiterating the keenness of the Egyptian consortium "the Arab Contractors and El-Sewedy Electric" on finalizing the dam in line with the state-of-the-art standards and within the timeframe as stipulated in the contract, particularly that the project is regarded in Tanzania, at the level of the people and the government, as one of the mega developmental projects.

Dr. Madbouly said Egypt would continue efforts aimed at supporting the Tanzanian brothers and sisters in fields of priority to them. He cited the important role of the Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development (EAPD), affiliated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, through its different programs and activities in which a large number of Tanzanian cadres took part.

The Prime Minister added "We look forward to finalizing ongoing talks between the two sides on a number of ventures, particularly the establishment of a joint farm for meat production, the project that was discussed during the visit of President El-Sisi to Tanzania." He also referred to a draft memo of understanding between the two countries on establishing a 1000-hectare joint farm at Bukuba, Tanzania for rice cultivation.

The Prime Minister also spoke of the preparations undertaken by Egypt in order to assume the presidency of the African Union (AU) in 2019, reiterating Egypt's keenness on coordination with friendly and sisterly African nations before announcing the priorities of the Egyptian presidency of the AU. In this regard, he said Egypt would make the utmost use of its potentials, while assuming the presidency of the AU, in order to push forward joint African action. He added that Egypt would be keen on realizing tangible results during the presidency of the AU to meet the demands of the African peoples and countries.

For his part, Tanzanian President John Magufuli asked the Prime Minister of Egypt to convey his greetings to his brother President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, commending the outcome of the latter's visit to Tanzania in August 2017 which contributed to elevating cooperation to broader prospects.

The Tanzanian President hailed the efforts exerted towards pushing forward bilateral relations between Egypt and Tanzania in favor of the joint interests of the two sisterly peoples. He also commended the role of the Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development in providing training for the Tanzanian cadres who participated in its different activities and programs to promote capacity-building in different fields and benefit from the Egyptian expertise.

President Magufuli hailed the participation of the high level delegation from Egypt in the signing ceremony of the contract for the construction of Stiegler's Gorge Dam. The President noted that the project would diversify the sources of energy in Tanzania and address chronic power outages in the country. In addition, the dam would provide necessary water needs via controlling water discharge throughout the year.

In this context, the Tanzanian President hailed the good reputation of the Egyptian consortium of firms that won the contract for the construction of the dam, given that the Arab Contractors and El-Sewedy Electric implemented many successful projects in Africa; thus the Tanzanians would look forward for much cooperation with Egyptian firms, especially in the fields of common interest, in a bid to benefit from the huge potentials of the African countries.

The Tanzanian President said he would honor the invitation extended to him by President El-Sisi to visit Egypt in order to beef up the Egyptian-Tanzanian relations in different areas. He added that his country would continue coordination with Egypt and the exchange of views on regional and international issues of common interest, particularly as Egypt would assume the presidency of the African Union in 2019.

- On March 13, 2019, President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi hailed the efforts aimed at bolstering military cooperation between Egypt and Tanzania, especially in light of the holding of the Military Cooperation Committee in Cairo under the ministers of defense of both countries. The President lauded the common history binding the two nations in defense of the causes of the African Continent so as to realize its interests.
- President El-Sisi received Minister of Defense and National Service of Tanzania, Hussein Mweni, in the presence of General Mohamed Zaki, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces and Minister of Defense and Military Production. The President asked the Tanzanian Minister to convey his greetings to Tanzanian President John Magufuli, hailing the bonds of fraternity and cooperation binding Egypt and Tanzania. President El-Sisi said Egypt would continue to bolster distinguished relations with Tanzania in different areas, particularly in light of the outcome of the visit of President El-Sisi to Tanzania in August 2017. In this context, the President noted that the signing of the contract for the construction of Stiegler's Gorge Dam and the visit of Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly to attend the signing ceremony in Tanzania promoted the partnership between the two countries and reiterated Egypt's support for development efforts in Tanzania.
- The Tanzanian Minister of Defense and National Service conveyed the greetings of President John Magufuli to President El-Sisi, commending the deep and distinguished relations and the deep-rooted historical ties binding the two countries. He also reiterated his country's keenness on promoting relations with Egypt in all areas, hailing the technical support provided by Egypt to his country in different developmental fields.
- The Tanzanian Minister of Defense also congratulated President El-Sisi on assuming the presidency of the African Union in 2019, commending, in that respect, Egypt's pivotal role in supporting peace and stability in Africa. Tanzanian Minister of Defense Mweni added that his country would look forward

to elevating cooperation between the ministries of defense in both countries, in light of the holding of the Military Committee in Cairo, with a special focus on combating terrorism. He also hailed the progress Egypt reached in military industries and the mega projects being implemented, reiterating Tanzania's willingness to utilize technological and human expertise of Egyptian military production companies.

- The meeting also touched on means of promoting bilateral relations in a number of areas, in addition to enhancing consultation's mechanism and the exchange of views on latest developments at the continental arena, particularly as Egypt would assume the presidency of the African Union in 2019 and would, therefore, work on promoting the interests of the African nations, specifically the Nile Basin countries, in light of the historical ties and common bonds among those countries.
- On July 10, 2019, President El-Sisi received in Cairo Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, Tanzanian Minister of Agriculture Japhet Hasunga, and the Tanzanian Ambassador in Cairo, in the presence of Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly.
- At the beginning of the meeting, President El-Sisi conveyed his greetings to Tanzanian President John Magufuli, reiterating that Egypt highly valued the historical relations with Tanzania, particularly that the two countries commemorated the 50th anniversary of the diplomatic exchange between them.
- President El-Sisi commended the momentum seen in relations of the two countries recently, reiterating keenness on promoting bilateral relations and activating joint cooperation mechanisms in different areas, as well as furthering joint investments and the exchange of expertise in the field of mega national projects in favor of the interests of the two sisterly peoples.
- For his part, Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa conveyed the greetings of President John Magufuli to President El-Sisi, hailing the time-honored relations with Egypt and reiterating Tanzania's keenness on elevating cooperation

to wider prospects. The Prime Minister of Tanzania visited the Suez Canal Development Axis area and the New Administrative Capital, showing admiration of the success of these mega projects that would serve as a model for comprehensive development. He also congratulated the President on the big achievements seen in the fields of economic reforms and mega projects.

- The Tanzanian Prime Minister said his country would work on increasing trade exchange with Egypt, to make the utmost use of the potentials of both parties. He also reiterated Tanzania's support for Egyptian firms and business community willing to invest in Tanzania in different sectors.
- Prime Minister Majaliwa commended the active Egyptian participation in the construction of Stiegler's Gorge Dam via the Egyptian consortium that won the bid for implementing the project. In this respect, President El-Sisi said he would closely follow up the phases of implementing the project to ensure that the dam would be constructed in line with the state-of-the-art standards within the timeframe as stipulated in the contract.
- The Tanzanian Prime Minister said his country would try its best to benefit from the Egyptian expertise in order to build a new capital city in Tanzania, in light of the construction of the New Administrative Capital in Egypt. For his part, President El-Sisi pointed out that the New Administrative Capital would not only be a smart and developed city in line with the up-to-date standards, but it would serve as a model for a better reality aimed at transforming the government into a new phase based on mechanization and digital transformation as well as smart management that would in turn realize a paradigm shift as per the level of services and the quality of life provided for citizens.
- Prime Minister Majaliwa lauded the existing cooperation between the two countries in the field of technical support and capacity-building, particularly the role of the Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development in providing diverse programs

of technical support that contributed to the training of Tanzanian cadres in various fields as agriculture, water, police, diplomacy, health, the judiciary, food industries, among others.

- In a different development, the Tanzanian Prime Minister congratulated President El-Sisi for the successful leadership of the African Union in 2019 that saw the launch of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCFTA) in Niamey, Niger. President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi said the launch of the AFCFTA was one of the top priorities of the current Egyptian presidency of the African Union given its importance as a distinctive mark in the history of the African economic integration on one hand, and in light of the fact that the AFCFTA would be the largest free trade area in the world.
- The President stressed that Egypt would look forward to working with all African brothers, Tanzania in particular, in light of the several challenges facing Africa at economic, political and security levels. This requires joining forces by Africans to face up those challenges via activating the mechanisms of the African Union and African joint action.

Mutual visits

In addition to the extensive and continued communication between President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and Tanzanian President John Magufuli, officials of the two countries have exchanged visits to realize continued development of relations at different levels, the most important of these visits are:

- On July 8, 2019, Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa arrived at Cairo International Airport as the head of a high-level delegation, paying a visit to Egypt upon the invitation of Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly who received him at the airport. The visit aimed to promote bilateral relations between the two countries and tackle a number of dossiers, including means of promoting trade and economic cooperation between Egypt and Tanzania.

- Dr. Mostafa Madbouly held a meeting with his Tanzanian opposite number in the presence of the Egyptian Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, the Minister of Housing and Urban Communities, and Egypt's Ambassador to Tanzania as well as the Board Chairman of the Arab Contractors Company. The Tanzanian delegation included the Minister of Agriculture and a number of officials from the Tanzanian Cabinet of Ministers and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Tanzania's Ambassador to Egypt.
- At the beginning of the meeting, the Egyptian Prime Minister welcomed his Tanzanian opposite number and the accompanying delegation, pointing out to the peculiar, historical, and distinguished relations between Egypt and Tanzania since the times of President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt and President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania. The two countries celebrate this year the 50th anniversary of the exchange of diplomatic representation between them.
- The Egyptian Prime Minister commended the momentum seen in the Egyptian-Tanzanian relations, as reflected in the high-level mutual visits between the two nations, with the visit of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi to Dar Es-Salaam on the top. This visit gave a momentum to Egyptian-Tanzanian relations as manifested in the holding of the Third Session of the Joint Cooperation Committee in Cairo, January 2018, the first after 21 years of the holding of the second one in Arusha, Tanzania in 1997. The Egyptian Prime Minister noted that he was honored to visit Tanzania to attend the signing ceremony for the construction of Stiegler's Gorge Dam. Dr. Mostafa Madbouly noted that these visits did reflect Egypt's interest in bolstering bilateral relations in different areas and building on the outcome of these visits to elevate the relations between the two countries at different spheres. The Prime Minister of Egypt also pointed out the keenness of the Egyptian leadership on promoting bilateral ties between the two countries in favor of the two peoples.

- Dr. Mostafa Madbouly reiterated Egypt's support for the developmental efforts in Tanzania, pointing out to the willingness of the Egyptian consortium, which won the bid for the construction of the Stiegler's Gorge Dam, to implement the project in line with the state-of-the-art standards within the timeframe as stipulated in the contract.
- The Prime Minister said President El-Sisi would follow up himself the phases of the project to ensure the best performance levels.
- He also said Egypt would continue efforts aimed at backing brothers in Tanzania and providing all forms of support in the field of promoting national cadres via different training programs offered by the Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development.
- Dr. Madbouly also said Egypt would back the efforts of the Tanzanian government to move to the new capital city "Dodoma", expressing Egypt's willingness to transfer the know-how in the field of construction and building of new cities to the Tanzanian side, with a special focus on infrastructure. He also noted that Egypt would explore opportunities for the participation of the Egyptian companies, particularly those in the field of construction and infrastructure, in implementing the existing projects in Dodoma, and the new capital city of Tanzania, in a manner that would support the Tanzanian efforts in that respect. The Prime Minister of Egypt hailed the visit of the Tanzanian Prime Minister to the New Administrative Capital given that it served as an opportunity for the exchange of expertise.
- Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly said Egypt would look forward to realizing cooperation with African countries in general and Tanzania in particular in light of Egypt's presidency of the African Union, reiterating Egypt's keenness on cooperation and coordination with Tanzania for tangible outcomes during the Egyptian presidency of the African Union.

- He pointed out that Egypt would pay a special attention to the dossier of continental integration with a focus on promoting cooperation in the economic and trade areas, in addition to finalizing the continental economic system via upgrading infrastructure in Africa.
- For his part, Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa commended the momentum seen in the historical relations between Egypt and Tanzania and the exchange of visits between officials of the two countries in a bid to elevate cooperation to broader prospects in favor of the peoples of the two sisterly nations. The Tanzanian Prime Minister congratulated the Egyptian people and government on the success of the economic reform program in Egypt.
- The Tanzanian Prime Minister said his country would look forward to boosting the volume of trade exchange with Egypt to better utilize the potentials of both countries. He also added that Tanzanian leader John Magufuli would work on supporting the Egyptian companies and businesspeople willing to inject investments into Tanzania in different sectors.
- Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa commended the already existing cooperation between the two countries in the field of technical cooperation and capacity-building, particularly through the Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development which provided technical programs that contributed, in turn, to the training of Tanzanian cadres in the fields of agriculture, water and irrigation, police, diplomacy, health, export strategies, the judiciary, rivers' basin hydraulics, nursing, food industries, among others.
- The Tanzanian Prime Minister thanked the Egyptian government for the help it provided for wells' digging, the development of joint farms, animal production, health, education and scholarships. He said his country would eye promoting cooperation with Egypt in the field of air transport, and the teaching of Kiswahili Language in Egypt, let alone the export of Tanzanian crops to Egypt, particularly coffee, cashew, cotton (short cotton fibers).

- The Tanzanian Prime Minister reiterated that his country would leave its doors open before Egyptian investors and that it would provide all forms of incentives for brothers from Egypt.
- He commended the Egyptian consortium of firms that won the bid for the construction of the Stiegler's Gorge Dam, heaping praise on the Egyptian leadership and government for following up the implementation phases.
- The Tanzanian Prime Minister concluded by saying that his country would look forward to the hosting of the fourth session of the joint committee between the two countries in 2020.
- For his part, the Tanzanian Ambassador to Egypt Issa Suleiman said the visit of the Prime Minister of Tanzania to Cairo did prove the deep-rooted relations between the two countries and the desire of the Tanzanian party of utilizing the political rapprochement after the visit of President El-Sisi to Tanzania. He noted that the year 2018 saw a leap in relations between the two countries as reflected in the construction of Stiegler's Gorge Dam by a consortium of Egyptian firms, reiterating that the project would achieve a major leap for Tanzania's economy. He also said EgyptAir contributed to promoting Tanzanian tourism sector by flying two flights weekly to activate the move of travel and tourism into Tanzania.
- The Tanzanian Ambassador in Cairo confirmed that the bilateral relations between Egypt and Tanzania would realize big gains for both parties in light of the competitive advantages they both enjoyed.
- On July 8, 2019, Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, and Minister of Agriculture Japhet Hasunga visited the New Administrative Capital in a bid to benefit from the Egyptian know-how in construction.
- During the visit, the Tanzanian officials have reviewed the process of the construction of the New Administrative Capital, since laying down the foundation stone, till the current time.

They also visited a number of projects currently implemented and those already finalized, including the Government Quarter and the Cathedral of the Nativity. The Tanzanian delegation requested to benefit from the Egyptian expertise in building the new capital city of Tanzania “Dodoma” and that there could be forms of joint cooperation between the two countries in that respect.

- On July 9, 2019, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation Dr. Sahar Nasr and Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa jointly opened the Egyptian-Tanzanian Business Forum with the attendance of Minister of Agriculture Japhet Hasunga and a number of Egyptian businesspeople, Egypt’s Ambassador to Tanzania Mohamed Gaber, and Tanzania’s Ambassador to Egypt Issa Suleiman.
- Dr. Sahar Nasr pointed out that Egypt and Tanzania were among the founding members of the now-defunct Organization of African Unity (the African Union), noting that given Egypt’s presidency of the African Union, there would be an opportunity to deepen ties between the two countries.
- On July 9, 2019, General Mohab Mamish, Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority, and Chairman of the Economic Zone of the Suez Canal, received Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa accompanied by Tanzanian Minister of Agriculture Japhet Hasunga and Egyptian Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation Ezzeddin Abo-Steit at the Maritime Simulation and Training Center, affiliated to the Suez Canal Authority in Ismailia.
- In his speech, General Mamish welcomed the Tanzanian delegation and hailed partnership and friendship binding Egypt and Tanzania at the people-to-people and official levels. He voiced hope that joint cooperation would be promoted at all levels, and that new prospects for the exchange of expertise and the training of specialized technical cadres would be opened.

- The Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority stated that Egypt would re-assume its leading historical role in Africa thanks to the efforts of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi to help realize integration among the African countries, in light of Egypt's presidency of the African Union.
- General Mamish pointed out that the New Suez Canal project would have never turned into a tangible reality save the support of President El-Sisi and joining forces by Egyptians to finance the project.
- He added that Egypt did pay attention to the unique location of the Suez Canal and would turn the area into an international logistics and industrial center in favor of the world trade movement.
- For his part, the Tanzanian Prime Minister commended the strength of the Egyptian-Tanzanian relations, hoping that joint cooperation would lead to much progress for both countries.
- The Tanzanian Prime Minister congratulated President El-Sisi and the Egyptian people on the success of the New Suez Canal project, saying "I stand here to congratulate you on the great progress you have achieved. The Suez Canal and other development projects set models to be followed and we will follow in the footsteps of Egypt as regards development." He also commended the Egyptian developmental projects in the past period, noting Tanzania's keenness on following in the footsteps of Egypt.
- During the visit, the Tanzanian delegation watched a presentation on the history of the Suez Canal that reviewed the different phases of development there, including the New Suez Canal project, and other development projects in the Economic Zone of the Suez Canal as well as the promising investment opportunities there. At the end of the visit, Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority Mohab Mamish granted the Suez Canal Authority Shield to Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa; then he accompanied the Tanzanian delegation in a tour in

the New Suez Canal followed by visiting the tunnels' site in Ismailia and fishing farms in El-Qantara Sharq.

- On June 22, 2019, Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania Job Ndugai paid a visit to Egypt and met with Speaker of the Egyptian House of Representatives Dr. Ali Abdel-Aal. Dr. Abdel-Aal commended the historical bonds between the two sisterly nations that dated back to the times of President Gamal Abdel Nasser and President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, who played a pivotal role in support of the national liberation struggle of the African countries against colonialism. The Speaker of the Egyptian Parliament pointed out that the two countries celebrated the 50th anniversary of establishing diplomatic ties between them. He also commended the momentum seen in the relations of the two sisterly countries at the time.
- As regards parliamentary cooperation, Dr. Ali Abdel-Aal commended the Egyptian-Tanzanian relations at the parliamentary level, citing the establishment of the Egyptian-Tanzanian Friendship Association between the Egyptian House of Representatives and the National Assembly of Tanzania. He said the Association would serve as a bridge promoting communication between the two sisterly countries, in addition to being a mechanism for dialogue through which views on regional and international issues of common interest could be exchanged.
- Dr. Ali Abdel-Aal reiterated Egypt's keenness on enhancing the Tanzanian national cadres in all areas, as well as the willingness of Egyptian firms to invest in Tanzania's infrastructure. In that regard, he referred to the consortium of Egyptian firms that won the bid for the construction of Stiegler's Gorge Dam for hydro-power generation.
- For his part, Job Ndugai, Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania thanked Dr. Ali Abdel-Aal, pointing out to the historical relations binding the two countries and the joint struggle for liberation from colonialism in the past. He also commended the

momentum seen in the relations between the two countries, particularly at the level of the political leaderships. The Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania said he would convey a message to President El-Sisi from the Tanzanian President on means of furthering bilateral relations.

- On May 2, 2019, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tanzania Palamagamba Kabudi paid a visit to Egypt during which he met with a number of officials to discuss means of promoting joint cooperation between the two countries.
- On April 3, 2019, Speaker of the House of Representatives Dr. Ali Abdel-Aal paid a visit to Tanzania, commending the momentum seen in the relations between the two countries, particularly after the visit of President El-Sisi to Tanzania in August 2017 during which he held keynote talks with President Magufuli.
- The Speaker of the House of Representatives voiced hope that the two countries would examine mechanisms in order to boost the volume of trade between them to better reflect the strength of political relations between the two nations.
- Addressing the National Assembly of Tanzania, Dr. Ali Abdel-Aal said the signing of the contract for the construction of “Stiegler’s Gorge Dam” with the attendance of Tanzanian President John Magufuli and Egyptian Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly was a sign of Egypt’s support for the development efforts and plans of Tanzania.
- He added “There has been a growing interest lately by Egyptian firms and entrepreneurs to be present at the Tanzanian market for investment and the establishment of joint projects in a number of sectors, especially in light of the success achieved by the Egyptian firms currently operating in Tanzania.” He also highlighted the importance of cooperation with African countries, particularly Tanzania, to reach tangible outcome that would meet the real demands of African countries and peoples in light of Egypt’s presidency of the African Union.

- He said: “I have been keen on making Tanzania the first stop in my first tour to Africa, hoping that the upcoming period would see broader prospects of cooperation and mutual visits between the parliaments of the two nations.”
- He added: “Egypt has been honored by assuming the presidency of the African Union for a year and we look forward to furthering cooperation with African countries, particularly Tanzania, since Egypt has paid a special attention to the dossier of continental integration and furthering cooperation in many areas. Egypt attaches great importance to enforcing the African Continental Free Trade Area to serve as a launching pad for continental integration in economic and trade fields and investments. Egypt also focuses on finalizing continental economic system via upgrading infrastructure in the African Continent and working on promoting national cadres of African countries, let alone consolidating the basis of sustainable development to provide jobs for the youth and pave the way for a much stable and prosperous Africa.”
- The Speaker of the House of Representatives added: “Egypt will pay a special attention, during its one-year tenure at the helm of the African Union, to the programs and projects pertaining to reconstruction and development in post-conflict stage, being one of the key fields that the African Continent needs. The Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peace-building serves as one of the tools to have this goal realized given that it provides the opportunity for African countries to benefit from the Egyptian expertise in that respect. Egypt also looks forward to the launch of the African Union Center for Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development that Cairo will host soon. In this context, I would like to commend Tanzania’s important role in peacekeeping and security in Africa, particularly its significant contributions to the UN missions pertaining to peacekeeping and security in African countries. He added “I hope that the upcoming period would see broadening prospects of cooperation and mutual visits between

the parliaments of the two countries to realize the interests of our two peoples and the bonds of cooperation among them. Given the important role of the Egyptian-Tanzanian Friendship Association, I have issued a decision on the formation of the Egyptian party in that Association, looking forward for the Tanzanian party to do the same and inform us of the formation in order to enforce the work of the Association, being one of the important tools to further parliamentary relations between the two countries.” Dr. Ali Abdel-Aal also said “ In this context, I reiterate our keenness on promoting the existing continued coordination in international parliamentary forums, particularly the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the African Parliamentary Union as well as the Pan-African Parliament, especially that the latter serves as a continental platform through which members of African parliaments can stand for the interests of their peoples and realize the aspirations of African peoples in realizing peace, security and prosperity everywhere in Africa. Based on the pivotal role of the parliaments in boosting the relations of our two countries, particularly in the Nile Basin region, I would like to take the opportunity to propose the establishment of a parliamentary association in the Nile Basin region to realize cooperation and integration among countries in the region and serve as a free platform for their peoples.”

- On January 8, 2018, Augustine Mahiga, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tanzania, led a high-level delegation to Egypt, including Minister of State in the President’s Office Issa Haji Ussi Gavu, and the delegation was received by Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sameh Shoukry.
- In November 2015, the Egyptian Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation visited Tanzania to participate in the inauguration ceremony of President John Magufuli, where he conveyed a message from President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi to the Tanzanian President, wishing him success in leading his people to prosperity and progress.

- On December 23, 2014, Bernard Membe, Foreign Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tanzania, paid a visit to Egypt and met with Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sameh Shoukry. The two parties discussed bilateral relations and regional and international issues of common interest.
- On June 24, 2014, Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sameh Shoukry met with his Tanzanian opposite number Bernard Membe on the sidelines of the African Union Foreign Ministers Executive Council in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. During the meeting, the Tanzanian Minister congratulated Egypt on the holding of the presidential elections successfully, and on the return of Egypt to resume its activities at the African Union and assume its leading role in Africa.
- The Egyptian Minister said, during the meeting, the two parties discussed bilateral relations and regional issues pertaining to the situation in Africa. They also tackled joint efforts aimed at supporting political and economic relations, with a focus on trade and investment, as well as the relative Nile Basin causes. The ministers also discussed means of activating joint cooperation between the Nile Basin countries in favor of all of them.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs Sameh Shoukry pointed out that the Tanzanian Minister of Foreign Affairs showed understanding of the Egyptian needs concerning the River Nile. He added that there would be contacts between the two sides in the upcoming period to look into a platform for meetings and consultations at the level of foreign ministers in order to reach an understanding over key issues.
- On June 8, 2014, Bernard Membe, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tanzania, paid a visit to Egypt to participate in the inauguration ceremony of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi. At the time, he conferred with Nabil Fahmy, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, and they discussed Egypt's return to resume its activities at the African Union. - The Tanzanian Foreign

Minister hailed the quick return of Egypt to play its historical and normal role in the continental body, particularly after the presidential elections were held in Egypt. The two sides discussed means of bolstering regional cooperation on African issues, with a particular focus on realizing development in the African Continent. The talks saw exchange of views on visions pertaining to the cause of development in Africa and solving of conflicts peacefully. They also tackled the Tanzanian Initiative on holding a joint meeting for ministers of foreign affairs and irrigation in the Nile Basin countries to review the Nile Cooperative Framework Agreement (the Entebbe Agreement) in order to consider the Egyptian water concerns.

- On April 25, 2014, Prime Minister Engineer Ibrahim Mahleb visited Tanzania and he discussed bilateral relations with Tanzanian officials. The Prime Minister participated in Tanzania's celebration of the 50th anniversary of Tanzania's unity on behalf of Interim President Adly Mansour, as the latter received an invitation from Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete to participate in the event which top African leaders attended.
- Engineer Mahleb said Egypt did take the opportunity to strengthen ties with African nations and that his visit to Tanzania came within this context. Mahleb also headed to Dar El-Salam Islamic Center in Tanzania that joins 1400 Tanzanian students, where the cost of study is fully covered by Egypt, within the role of Al-Azhar in disseminating the moderate teachings of Islam.
- On February 22, 2014, Minister of Foreign Affairs Nabil Fahmy paid a visit to Tanzania and met with Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete. During their meeting, the Minister handed the President a written message from Interim President Adly Mansour on Egypt's vision for promoting and upgrading bilateral relations with Tanzania in different political, economic, trade and military fields, in addition to the regional developments, including the relation with the African Union and the Nile water

issue given that Egypt depends on more than 95% of its annual water needs on the River Nile, unlike other riparian nations.

- On January 21, 2003, Benjamin Mkapa, President of Tanzania arrived in Cairo, and Egyptian-Tanzanian summit was held to discuss a number of African issues, means of furthering bilateral relations and pushing forward development in Africa and settling disputes as well as regional and international issues of common interest.
- In July 1999, Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa paid a visit to Egypt during which he discussed a number of economic issues in light of the transformation seen in Tanzania, particularly adopting market economy and privatization policy. The President was impressed having seen the technological and industrial advancement in the Tenth of Ramadan City in Egypt. Concerning the Joint Higher Committee between the two countries, President Mkapa called on the Committee to focus on boosting cooperation in the private sector in the two countries and solving tax system issues in order to promote economic relations and elevate them to the level of the political ones. He said the two countries were not in need of signing new agreements; but they had to enforce the already signed agreements like the Trade Agreement inked in 1977 and Investment Protection Agreement, pointing out to the role of the businesspeople in putting those agreements into effect.

Chapter III

Economic Relations

Egypt and Tanzania have attached great importance to boosting their economic relations in different areas: be trade, investment or development in general. The economic dossier has been, therefore, at the top of the agenda of any joint meeting or mutual visits between the two countries.

- During the historic visit of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi to Tanzania in August 2017, Tanzanian President John Magufuli commended the level of bilateral relations between Egypt and Tanzania, reiterating his country's keenness on furthering and upgrading those relations, with an emphasis on economic cooperation, trade exchange and encouraging mutual investments in both countries. The Tanzanian President hailed with much appreciation the technical support Egypt provided to Tanzania in the fields of capacity-building, training and the digging of wells and other developmental support. He said his country would look forward to utilizing the Egyptian expertise in different areas, particularly tourism and pharmaceuticals' manufacturing, in addition to elevating the level of cooperation between the two nations in the field of animal wealth.
- During the visit of Dr. Ali Abdel-Aal, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Egypt, to Tanzania, he cited the signing of the contract for the construction of Stiegler's Gorge Dam by a consortium of Egyptian firms (the Arab Contractors and El-Sewedy Electric) with the attendance of the President of Tanzania and the Egyptian Prime Minister in December 2018. Dr. Abdel-Aal said this better reflected the strength of the Egyptian-Tanzanian partnership and served as a witness

to the support of Egyptian leader and government to the developmental plans and efforts of Tanzania, being led by President John Magufuli.

- The Speaker said: “There has been a growing interest lately by Egyptian firms and entrepreneurs to be present at the Tanzanian market for investment and the establishment of joint projects in a number of sectors, especially in light of the success achieved by the Egyptian firms currently operating in Tanzania.”
- He added: “we look forward to furthering cooperation with African countries, particularly Tanzania, since Egypt has paid a special attention to the dossier of continental integration and furthering cooperation in many areas. Egypt attaches great importance to enforcing the African Continental Free Trade Area to serve as a launching pad for continental integration in economic and trade fields and investments. Egypt also focuses on finalizing continental economic system via upgrading infrastructure in the African Continent and working on promoting national cadres of African countries, let alone consolidating the basis of sustainable development to provide jobs for the youth and pave the way for a much stable and prosperous Africa.”
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- Dr. Sahar Nasr said Egypt did implement a major economic reform process and the country encouraged Egyptian investors to pump their investments into the African Continent in a bid to transfer the know-how and technical expertise, provide job opportunities, realize water and food security for the African peoples.

- The Minister also called on entrepreneurs from Egypt and Tanzania to strengthen development and investment partnership between the two nations and employ the success in relations seen at the present time.
- The Tanzanian Prime Minister said in a very short time, his country received a historic visit by President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and Egypt's Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly as well as delegations of Egyptian top investors and traders, pointing out "It is our turn now to pay back the visit and inform the Egyptian business community of the Tanzanian economy." He added "Tanzania carried out a large-scale tax reform process in order to boost investments and push forward economy and trade in the country and the seven neighboring countries that depend on the three ports of Tanzania."
- The Prime Minister of Tanzania called on Egyptian businesspeople to invest in the country, particularly in the agricultural sector given the vast fertile cultivable lands suitable for growing tropical crops such as coffee, tea, and sugarcane.
- He branded the relations between Egypt and Tanzania as strong, calling on Egyptian investors and traders to grasp the moment, in light of the fact that the growth rate of the Tanzanian economy would hit 7.1 this year.
- Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said his country would look forward to finalizing ongoing talks with Egypt on a number of joint ventures, including the signing of the contract for the establishment of a joint model farm for raising cattle and meat production, where a memo of understanding was already signed in March 2019.
- For his part, Egyptian Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly reiterated the keenness of the Egyptian government on increasing the number of Egyptian firms operating in Tanzania via establishing ventures in given vital sectors for both nations which would utilize the wealth potentials and the big market in Tanzania and its neighbors alike. This would in turn help realize joint economic interests and lead at the end to an increase of Egyptian goods and services' exports to the country.

- He pointed out that the Egyptian government did pay a special attention to encouraging Egyptian businesspeople to do business in Tanzania in a number of sectors, particularly those of top priority to the Tanzanian side, including infrastructure, construction and building, agriculture, food processing, communications, pharmaceuticals' manufacturing, mining, energy, animal wealth, among others. He also said the government urged the Egyptian firms to partake in the tenders announced by the Tanzanian government.
- During the meeting, mechanisms aimed at increasing the volume of trade were discussed; particularly that the current one which hits USD 47 million in no way matched the level of distinguished political relations between the two sides.
- The Prime Minister of Tanzania reiterated the willingness of the Egyptian government to transfer the Egyptian know-how in the fields of interest to the Tanzanian side, including construction and building, infrastructure, agriculture, food processing, pharmaceuticals' manufacturing, textiles, animal wealth, fish farms, petrochemicals and tourism.
- Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa thanked the Egyptian government for the aid it provided for the digging of wells for underground waters and upgrading joint farms as well as health, education and scholarships. He said his country would look forward to furthering cooperation with Egypt in the field of air transport and the teaching of Kiswahili Language in Egypt, let alone the export of Tanzanian crops into Egypt, particularly coffee, cashew and cotton (short cotton fibers).

Joint agreements

There are diverse forms of economic relations between Egypt and Tanzania, whether trade exchange or Egyptian consultancy firms contributing to the establishment of ventures in Tanzania or through the Egyptian Fund for Technical Cooperation with Africa whose activities lasted from 1980 till July 2014 when it was replaced by the Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development.

Regarding agreements and frameworks that join the two countries, they are many either at the bilateral level or the multilateral one, as both are members of the African Union and other regional blocs.

Agreements between Egypt and Tanzania include:

In May 1999, Egypt and Tanzania signed a tripartite agreement with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to send Egyptian agricultural technicians to assist their Tanzanian counterparts in the field of agriculture. The Cooperative Accord was signed under the framework of FAO's Special Program for Food Security (SPFS) to put into effect the objectives of the World Food Summit held in Rome in 1996.

- In October 2002, an agreement was signed between the Egyptian Businessmen's Association (EBA) and the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) to establish the Egyptian-Tanzanian Business Council. The agreement also discussed customs' exemption by virtue of which customs would be reduced on goods coming from both countries given that Tanzania withdrew from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA). The two countries already finalized talks in 2015 on removing tariffs on their inter-trade exchange within the agreement of the three Economic Blocs (The COMESA, The SADC, and The EAC) Summit held in Sharm el-Sheikh from 7-10 July, 2015.
- On January 10, 2018, Minister of Foreign Affairs Sameh Shoukry and his Tanzanian opposite number Augustine Mahiga presided over the proceedings of the Third Joint Ministerial Committee between Egypt and Tanzania. The Committee discussed bilateral cooperation and regional issues of common interest.
- The Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed Egypt's interest in boosting trade exchange between the two countries in order to reflect the strength of political and historical relations between them. He said the Egyptian firms showed interest in pumping their investments into Tanzania, particularly in the fields of petrochemicals, meat processing, agriculture and energy, let alone anti-corruption cooperation.

- The Minister also highlighted the role of the Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development affiliated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt and the Egyptian Initiative for Nile Basin Development in the field of capacity-building and the transfer of the know-how to the trainees from the sisterly nation of Tanzania.
- The two ministers held political consultations' session before the launch of the Joint Committee. Their talks handled a number of regional issues of common interest such as the outcome of the Renaissance Dam last round, the visit of the Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs to Ethiopia, the situation in South Sudan and the Great Lakes region, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Egyptian Minister offered condolences to his Tanzanian opposite number for the death of 14 of the Tanzanian forces operating under the MONUSCO (The United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo). The Minister highlighted the sacrifices of Tanzania towards boosting peace and stability in the Continent. The meeting also tackled the most important issues on agenda of the African Union Summit (at the time).
- At the end of the Joint Ministerial Committee, the two parties inked three memos of understanding in the field of diplomatic training, tourism and agriculture.

Volume of trade exchange

The volume of trade exchange between Egypt and Tanzania is still very limited despite the major improvement seen in the last few years, as it increased from USD 22 million in 2010 to USD 36.2 million in 2015, of which USD 35.4 million worth Egyptian exports, and finally reached USD 47 million in 2018.

- Sugar tops the list of Egyptian exports into Tanzania while tea tops the list of Tanzanian exports into Egypt. The two countries exert strenuous efforts to promote trade exchange between them, and they both hope that the African Continental

Free Trade Area, which entered into force in July 2019, would double the volume of inter-trade among African countries.

- Within the efforts aimed at boosting trade between the two countries, a delegation drawn from the Federation of Egyptian Industries paid a visit to Tanzania on November 4, 2018 led by Dr. Sherif El-Gabaly, Head of the Federation's African Cooperation Committee. The delegation included 30 representatives from 24 Egyptian firms of different sectors and industries. The goal of the visit was to promote the Egyptian industries in the Tanzanian market. Tanzanian Minister of Foreign Affairs Augustine Mahiga received the delegation along with the Director of Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI), the Director of the Tanzania Investment Center, the Director of Tanzania Private Sector Foundation, the Chairman of Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, and a big number of representatives of Tanzanian private sector. The two sides opened the Egyptian-Tanzanian Business Forum and two memos of understanding were signed by the Federation of Egyptian Industries and Confederation of Tanzania Industries and Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture. They also signed a contract for the establishment of fertilizers' factory in Tanzania.

Investment and Companies

Investment between Egypt and Tanzania is more developed and is growing compared to trade exchange. Scores of Egyptian firms and consultancy services' firms operate in Tanzania in different economic and development areas. The winning of a consortium of Egyptian firms of the contract for the construction of Stiegler's Gorge Dam remains the most important sign of the strong investment relations between the two countries. The Economic and Trade Councilor of the Tanzanian Embassy in Egypt pointed out that the number of companies operating in the Dam project under the umbrella of both the Arab Contractors and El-Sewedy Electric hit 1200, with investments of up to EUR 7 billion. He added that the Egyptian consortium managed to win the bid for the project after competing with 12 international companies, a sign of the strength of the Egyptian companies operating in Africa.

- Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly paid a visit to Tanzania on December 11, 2018 to attend the signing ceremony of the contract for the construction of the Stiegler's Gorge Dam accompanied by a high-level delegation that joined Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy Dr. Mohamed Shaker, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Mohamed Abdel Aati, and top industry and investment officials.
- President John Magufuli of Tanzania received the Egyptian Prime Minister who reiterated the keenness of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi on promoting cooperation between the two countries and joint action for realizing development and prosperity for the peoples of the two nations.
- During the visit, Dr. Madbouly congratulated the Tanzanian side on the signing of the contract for the construction of Stiegler's Gorge Dam, reiterating the keenness of the consortium of Egyptian firms on implementing the project in line with the state-of-the-art standards within the timeframe as stipulated in the contract.
- The Hydroelectric Power Station is located in Stiegler's Gorge area in Morogowro Region on the Rufiji River. It will take 42 months to finish the project, six of which is for mobilizing equipment at the site.
- The project aims to generate 2115 megawatts to meet power needs in Tanzania and control water in the flooding time in order to meet the water needs of the Tanzanians.
- The Stiegler's Gorge Dam is a rock-fill dam with a height of 130 m, width of 10 m, stretching over 1025 m. The project includes establishing other small four dams for water storage at a length of 1.4km, 7.9km, 4.6 km, and 2.6 km respectively.
- The main electromechanical works include the power stations with an installed capacity of 2115 megawatts (9 turbines with an installed capacity of 235 megawatts each), water cooling systems and discharge, 400-kilovolt linking power station, 3 generators for backup for the main power station, and spillway gates.

- The civil works include establishing roads linking permanently the Dam's location with the national road network at a length of 21km, temporary roads for staff on site at a length of 59 km, rock-fill dam on the Rufiji River, power station generating 100 kilovolt, four small dams for water collection and storage, 660m-water tunnel for the diversion of the Rufiji River, in addition to building a housing complex spanning over 19,000 m for staff accommodation.
- The Dam is expected to finish by 2022 at a cost of USD 2.9 billion; more than 5000 workers and engineers are deployed on site.

Development Cooperation

There is a broad Egyptian-Tanzanian development cooperation in such fields as training, health and humanitarian aid. Tanzania is one of the countries that signed an agreement with the Egyptian Fund for Technical Cooperation with Africa and then the Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development. Tanzania has been utilizing the Egyptian expertise and technical aid provided by Egypt, particularly in the fields of mineral and metal industries, agriculture, technology, media, diplomacy, electricity, and industrial cadres, among others.

- In the health sector, there has been a continued cooperation in the field of health professionals' training and education. In August 2016, a delegation of seven doctors drawn from Alexandria University in Egypt visited Tanzania and Zanzibar within the framework of the agreement between Alexandria University and the Tanzanian University of Muhimbili to promote healthcare cooperation between the two sides. The Egyptian medical team performed operations for hundreds of Tanzanian children at that time. This was the third visit by a medical team from Alexandria University to Tanzania, as similar teams visited the nation in 2014 and 2015.
- In February 2012, Egypt granted an X-ray device to the Police Hospital in Dar Es-Salaam, Tanzania and also prepared a

complete mortuary at the Hospital, and prepared surgery section at Bagamoyo Hospital. The Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development granted the University Hospital in Dar Es-Salaam a full unit of kidney and urinary tract binoculars that was handed in March 2014, in addition to four dialysis devices.

- In educational and cultural area, Egypt provides scholarships to Tanzanian students in all fields, particularly medicine, pharmacy, engineering and others.
- Egypt has also founded and administered Dar El-Salam Islamic Center that joins more than 1400 students in different school stages: primary, preparatory and secondary, where the cost of study is fully covered by the Egyptian government. The Center sends 20 students per annum to study at Al-Azhar in Egypt.

Chapter IV

Water Cooperation

Egypt and Tanzania are two of the most important Nile Basin countries given that half of Lake Victoria is in Tanzania's territories, and the Lake is the main source of the White Nile, one of the two major tributaries of the River Nile.

There are various forms of cooperation between the two countries regarding water, atop of which are the continued understanding on the River Nile and the technical cooperation in that respect and their cooperation on the sources of water, as Egypt contributes to digging more wells for underground water, in addition to cooperation on water-related facilities other than the River Nile.

The Nile waters' issue between Egypt and Tanzania is governed by two agreements:

- - The 1929 Nile Waters Agreement: It is an exchange of notes between Egypt's Prime Minister Muhammed Mahmoud Pasha and the British High Commissioner Lord Lloyd. The two notes are dated 7th of May 1929. Attached with them is the water commission report that was prepared in the year 1925. This report is considered part of this Agreement. Britain signed the Agreement on behalf of the Sudan, Uganda and Tanganyika, as they all were under British occupation at the time of the Agreement. The most important part of this Agreement is "Save with the previous agreement of the Egyptian Government, no irrigation or power works, or measures are to be constructed or taken on the River Nile or its branches, or on the lakes from which it flows in the Sudan or in countries

under British administration, which would, in such a manner as to entail prejudice to the interests of Egypt, either reduce the quantities of water arriving in Egypt or modify the date of its arrival, or lower its level.” The Agreement also expressed Britain’s recognition of Egypt’s “natural and historic rights in the waters of the Nile”

- The London Agreement: Signed on 23rd of November, 1934 between the Government of the Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that had the actual power over Tanganyika and the Belgian Government that had the power over Ruanda-Urundi (Rwanda and Burundi) on the utilization of the two countries of the Kagera River, one of the tributaries of Lake Victoria. The Agreement stipulated that “The two parties shall pledge to return to the Kagera River before it reaches the joint borders with Tanganyika and Ruanda-Urundi each and every amount of water that has been utilized for generating power.” This Agreement, like its predecessors, has regulated the utilization of the above river in a manner that inflicts no harm on the interests of downstream nations, including Egypt certainly.
- In his visit to Tanzania in August 2017, President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi confirmed that “the Nile waters are a matter of life and death for Egypt and that Egypt is keen on realizing maximum benefits for the Nile Basin countries without inflicting any harm on Egypt’s water interests.” The talks with the Tanzanian President discussed a number of issues, including efforts for realizing development in the Nile Basin countries. President El-Sisi reiterated Egypt’s support for brothers in the Nile Basin region by providing Egyptian technical expertise to help realize development in these countries.
- For his part, Tanzanian President John Magufuli said “Tanzania fully recognizes the importance of the River Nile to Egypt, being the main source of water into the country.” The Tanzanian President expressed confidence that the Nile Basin countries would reach a consensus to the satisfaction of all parties.

- On the other hand, the Egyptian Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation has implemented the project of digging 100 wells for underground water in Tanzania within the Egyptian initiative for realizing development in the Nile Basin countries. In January 2013, the Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation inaugurated the first phase of the project “30 wells”. In November 2016, the Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation visited Tanzania to inaugurate the second phase that consisted of other 30 wells.