

**Meeting with Ambassador of Tanzania to Egypt
on Thursday the 16th of May 2024**

EBA has held a meeting with. H.E. Mr. Richard Makenzo, Ambassador of Tanzania to Egypt and Dr. Sherif El Gabaly, Board member of EBA, Chairman of Africa Committee in EBA and it was attended by Dr. Nevine AbdelKhalek, Board Member of EBA and Dean of the School of Continuing Education, Nile University, Dr. Mohamed Youssef, Executive Director of EBA and Mrs. Dalia Youssef, Division Director of International Relations & Membership Affairs at EBA.

During the discussions the following topics were raised

- The importance of the activation of the business council with TPSF Tanzania Private Sector Foundation and change the structure of the council between both sides
- Dr. Sherif El Gabaly said that the (AfCFTA) Secretariat launched its Guided Trade Initiative (GTI), which is part of its efforts to initiate commercially meaningful trade under the AfCFTA. As part of the initiative, it selected seven countries to provisionally start trading goods under the AfCFTA on a pilot basis. Those countries are Rwanda, Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, and Tanzania. The AfCFTA Secretariat chose these countries because their tariff offers on goods had been fully approved and officially published. Since that time, the Secretariat has successfully assisted these countries to test AfCFTA trading documents and procedures on pre-selected shipments of goods among themselves. The GTI helped to guide these shipments through customs clearance, including reduced tariff treatment under the AfCFTA. Examples of the types of goods that were traded include: coffee, ceramic tiles, electric components, dried fruits, tea and processed meat.
- EBA asked to have a representative from the private sector to attend all the meetings related to GTI.
- Reviewing the duties on Egyptian products to Tanzania as they range from 30% to 60% which is extremely high need and lead to the decrease of the trade relations between both countries.
- The Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA) is a proposed African free trade agreement between the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Southern African Development Community (SADC) and East African Community

- Dr. Nevine has proposed to:
- Open up cooperation channels between Nile University in Egypt and recommended Tanzanian universities by H.E. the Ambassador
- Cooperation in continuing education programs provided by Nile University in several areas such as AI, branding, fintech
- Upgrade the Tanzanian factories by using Nile University labs especially in reverse engineering
- Extend an invitation to the Ambassador to visit the university
- Organize an African Day in collaboration with EBA and invite the First Lady of Tanzania to be the keynote speaker.