

Preparatory online meeting with CCPIT Shanghai
Monday the 11th of May 2026

EBA has held an online meeting with Mr. YANG Dongsheng, Vice Chairman of CCPIT Shanghai / Chairman of CCOIC Shanghai, WANG Lei, Secretary-General of CCOIC Shanghai, CHEN Hong, Director of Trade and Investment Promotion Department,

CCPIT Shanghai, WEI Hui, Section Chief of Trade and Investment Promotion Department,

CCPIT Shanghai, CHU Zhen, Staff Member of the Secretariat of CCOIC Shang it was attended by Mr. Ahmed Mounir Ezz Eldin Chairman of China Committee, Dr. Mohamed Youssef Executive Director of EBA and Mrs. Dalia Youssef - Division Director of International Relations & Membership Affairs of EBA.

Main points of Discussion

- The meeting opened with welcoming remarks expressing appreciation for the coordination effort and special thanks to Mrs. Iman Hussein for organizing the meeting. The participants emphasized the importance of strengthening economic relations between Egypt and China, and reaffirmed the value of continued cooperation between both sides.
- It was highlighted that EBA is a leading private sector organization in Egypt, comprising more than 700 members representing top business leaders, who collectively own and manage over 2,000 companies across various sectors. EBA was described as a key platform for Egypt's business community. It was also noted that EBA has maintained strong cooperation with China for approximately 25–30 years, and has established a dedicated China–Egypt Business Relations Committee to further strengthen bilateral economic ties.
- Participants discussed the strong coordination with Chinese institutions, including the Chinese Embassy in Egypt and commercial offices in China. EBA's active participation in major international initiatives was emphasized, particularly the Belt and Road Initiative and the China International Import Expo, which aim to promote global trade and economic exchange. the role of EBA was highlighted in raising awareness among Egyptian businesses regarding these initiatives and facilitating engagement with Chinese partners.

- A major focus of the meeting was Egypt's strategic direction in digital transformation and artificial intelligence. It was noted that Egypt is currently implementing a national AI strategy for 2025–2030, focusing on governance, data, infrastructure, and ecosystem development. Digitalization was identified as a top national priority, aligned with Egypt's long-term vision. It was further emphasized that AI will play a critical role in transforming Egypt's economy from traditional assembly and manufacturing models toward smart production and export-oriented industries.
- The Chinese delegation presented companies operating in multiple sectors, including AI, cloud computing, automotive industries, smart cities, smart lighting, logistics, customs, and port operations. A particular emphasis was placed on the relevance of these sectors to Egypt's development priorities. Special reference was made to Westwell Technology, which focuses on smart solutions for airports and ports and operates in more than 30 countries globally. It was noted that such companies would be particularly interested in engaging with Egyptian government entities in addition to the private sector.
- The proposed structure of the upcoming Forum scheduled for May 21st in Cairo was also discussed. The program will include opening speeches from ECS representative, EBA representative, and Chinese delegation representatives. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is expected to be signed at the end of the Forum between the relevant parties. The agenda will include short presentations by 3–4 Chinese companies and 3–4 Egyptian companies, each providing brief introductions of their business activities, sectors, and cooperation interests.
- It was agreed that the conference will also include institutional participation, with invitations extended to relevant government ministries. Selected representatives may deliver brief speeches or presentations, including an overview of Egypt's AI policies and strategic plans. Media coverage was also confirmed, with major media outlets expected to attend and provide live coverage of the event.
- Following the conference presentations, structured B2B meetings will be organized between Egyptian and Chinese companies to facilitate direct business matchmaking and cooperation discussions. It was also suggested that, where possible, each company should provide a brief introduction of its interests in the Egyptian market to enhance coordination and post-event engagement with the broader business community.

- Additional logistical coordination was discussed, including a proposed meeting with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, subject to schedule availability. It was also noted that due to time constraints, certain meetings may not be feasible during the delegation's arrival on May 20th, as prior arrangements are already in place.
- The importance of further sector-specific cooperation was emphasized, particularly in logistics. A proposal was made to organize a future delegation focused specifically on logistics, smart customs, and port operations, reflecting the rapid development of this industry in both countries. Shanghai was highlighted as a key hub for logistics cooperation between Egypt and China.
- Operational coordination arrangements were also confirmed. Mrs. Dalia was designated as the focal point for communication with the Chinese side to coordinate company profiles, delegation details, and matchmaking requirements. A request was made for the most updated delegation list, including company profiles, sectors of interest, and potential Egyptian counterparts for B2B meetings. ECS was also included in the coordination framework to support invitations and participation of additional companies.
- It was agreed that the agenda for the May 21st conference is acceptable, with no major objections, and remains aligned with previous planning discussions. The participants confirmed flexibility to accommodate any amendments or suggestions if required by either side, including input from CCPIT Shanghai.
- The meeting concluded with mutual appreciation and expressions of satisfaction with the coordination process. Both sides confirmed their commitment to meeting in Cairo on May 21st and expressed confidence that the event would produce fruitful results and strengthen long-term cooperation between Egypt and China. The participants reiterated their readiness to ensure a successful and impactful event for both sides, marking a further step in deepening economic and business relations.