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## AFE3 Special Event: Launch of the Josour chapter in Egypt and update on the Josour regional initiative



### Mayssoun Azzam

Mayssoun Azzam is one of the most prominent media figures in the Arabic world. Working for the Dubai-based Al-Arabiya news channel as a news presenter, program anchor, interviewer, and lecturer. She has interviewed prominent figures and decision makers. Her reputation as a highly professional media expert qualified her to work as an instructor at the American University in Dubai. She is focusing her work on humanitarian issues and in promoting many campaigns with the United Nations and humanitarian organizations. Maysoun participated in many conferences as a moderator and wrote political and social articles published on Al Arabiya.net. She has received several awards, including "Atwar Bahjat Award" "Best TV Presenter in using social media for social affairs" and "Best Media Influencer on Humanitarian Issues". She was also selected as a media supporter for the "Josour" initiative, launch by ESCWA at the first Arab Forum for Equality in 2022.



### Abdulrahman Nagy

Abdelrahman is a principal investigator for research projects with a focus on job attributes, the effect of subsidizing nurseries on female labor force participation, and improving teaching nurseries' quality. Before joining Sawiris Foundation as Learning & Strategy Director, Abdelrahman was the Director of the J-PAL initiative in Egypt and the J-PAL MENA Associate Director for Research. He holds an MA in Quality and Statistical Control from Cairo University and an MA in International and Comparative Education from the American University in Cairo. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate researching at Maastricht University, Netherlands.



## ABU

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ABU is a multifaceted artist and entrepreneur, renowned for his contributions to both the business and music worlds. He holds a degree in Business Administration with a major in Finance from the American University in Cairo (AUC). ABU's journey with music began at the age of nine, inspired by his father, a Sufi poet. By thirteen, he was writing and performing his own songs. During his time at AUC, he formed a band that performed Western music classics. After graduating, ABU balanced his passion for music with a successful career in business, founding a clothing export company and was able to reach the European market. In 2012, he decided to return to art permanently, gaining widespread recognition with his song "El-Nas Mabterhamsh," which went viral online. He further cemented his musical legacy with the hit duet "MESAFER" in 2015 and the wildly successful "3 Daqat" in 2017, which amassed nearly 500 million views on YouTube.



## Souhaila Gabr

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Souhaila Gabr is a fourth-year student majoring in Radio and Television in the Faculty of Arts at Kafrelsheikh University in Egypt. She has participated in numerous student activities and initiatives across Egyptian universities and is an active volunteer with the Social Solidarity Unit. She joined "Josour" in 2024 and participated, among other 5000 young men and women from Egypt, in Josour e-learning program conducted with Coursera.