

Human Rights and Fair Competition: Toward an Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Environment

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The National Council for Human Rights in Egypt (NCHR), through its Economic Rights Committee, convened a policy dialogue titled “Human Rights and Fair Competition: Toward an Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Environment” on March 19, 2025, in partnership with the Egyptian Competition Authority (ECA).

Chaired by Ambassador Moushira Khattab, President of the NCHR, and Dr. Mahmoud Ahmed Momtaz, Chair of the ECA, the session brought together parliamentarians, economists, legal experts, civil society representatives, and senior officials from the Competition Authority.

This session reflected NCHR’s adherence to international standards for national human rights institutions (NHRIs), enhancing its engagement with stakeholders and affirming its pluralistic, independent mandate in line with the Paris Principles.

Discussions focused on:

- ECA’s role in tackling monopolistic practices and market distortion
- Legislative frameworks to ensure economic fairness
- The watchdog role of civil society in promoting market justice

Participants addressed challenges facing Egypt’s economic competitiveness and presented proposals to modernize economic laws, foster innovation, and support entrepreneurship. Emphasis was placed on integrating human rights principles into economic policy to ensure equity, transparency, and sustainability.

Key recommendations:

1. Foster coordination between NCHR, ECA, and stakeholders to ensure consumer rights and market fairness
2. Launch awareness campaigns on economic rights and anti-monopoly protections
3. Update legislation to align with global standards on fair competition
4. Formalize the informal economy through simplified regulations and financial incentives
5. Promote innovation and support SMEs through streamlined procedures
6. Encourage civil society input into competition policy

