



U.S. Chamber Holds Policy Roundtables in Cairo

The U.S. Chamber's U.S.-Egypt Business Council (USEBC), in partnership with the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt (AmCham Egypt) and with the support of U.S. Embassy Cairo, hosted [roundtables focused on the healthcare and information & communications technology \(ICT\) sectors](#).

Steve Lutes, Executive Director of the U.S.-Egypt Business Council, stated, "We focused on these sectors for a number of reasons. We believe both offer incredible opportunity for growth and innovation and collaboration between industry and the Government of Egypt. We are also confident that American companies in these sectors are leaders in their field and can continue to bring high quality, innovation and value to Egypt. Lastly, by working to advance these sectors, we are working together to raise the quality of service and life for Egyptians."



H.E. Adel El Adawy, Egyptian Minister of Health, speaks to company representatives at a Healthcare Roundtable organized by the US-Egypt Business Council and AmCham Egypt.

"*Competitiveness*" was the overriding theme of the constructive discussion at the healthcare roundtable. Specifically, what regulatory framework model should be pursued and what reforms should be considered by the Egyptian Ministry of Health, working in close concert with industry stakeholders, to make Egypt more globally competitive in the innovative biopharmaceutical sector and to position Egypt as a regional leader in the healthcare sector?

With the overarching objective of enhancing Egypt's competitiveness framing the roundtable dialogue, participants explored what steps, actions, and initiatives industry and government

could collaborate on both in the near- and long-term to improve the quality of care for Egyptians and help to place Egypt among the global and regional leaders in this important field. Please contact [Steve Lutes](#) for a summary report of the healthcare roundtable.



At a roundtable of companies in the ICT sector, H.E. Atef Helmy, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, spoke of ICT as a driver for Egypt's future.

Minister Helmy and roundtable participants covered a range of issues and opportunities during our discussion. From implementing E-Signature to developing a national ID Smart Card and cybersecurity and data privacy protocols to creating capacity for 4G, Cloud and broadband, the Minister made it clear he understands the importance of working closely with industry both to help the Ministry and Egyptian government meet its objectives for transforming to e-government and to develop the expertise and ecosystem to make Egypt a regional leader in this growing, critical sector. [For more information on the Minister's vision and plans, please go here.](#)

After the roundtable, Minister Helmy keynoted a luncheon hosted by AmCham Egypt. [See the video here.](#)