

MARKET RESEARCH SERVICES

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WHO ARE WE?

We are the first market research agency that serves startups and SMEs. The passion that drew us to this step was the market gap existing in this segment while earning research industry expertise, either due to their lack of affordability or due to their very special nature. In addition, this segment has lack of awareness of how market research can enlighten their path.

All of this has urged Unica to partner with key field agencies, key incubators, accelerators, VCs, marketing agencies, management consultancies, financial advisories, training academies & entrepreneurship events, locally, regionally and globally, offering the best combination of research practices in the industry, trainings and consultations that can enlighten startups' & SMEs' path





We aim to be the main market research consultancy that serves startups & SMEs globally

MISSION



Enlightening Entrepreneurs', Startups' & SMEs' path globally 2

Partnering with incubators, accelerators, venture studios as well as management consultancies, financial advisories, marketing agencies, training entities and key events that serve startups & SMEs globally

EXPERIENCE

1. Key Achievements

- Market Research Partner for Egypt's & GCC's Key Incubators, Accelerators, VCs, Marketing Agencies, Management Consultancies, Financial Advisories, Training Academies & Entrepreneurship Events supporting startups & SMEs.
- Market Research Provider & Consultant for EBRD' SMEs.
- Judging in Key Entrepreneurship Cycle Competitions & Pitching Events
- Community Sponsor for Qualiphi summit
- Starring in the Saudi podcast **"Ryadiy Business**" & in the Egyptian podcasts; "Purple", & "צאה וּיִדצונ יַם"

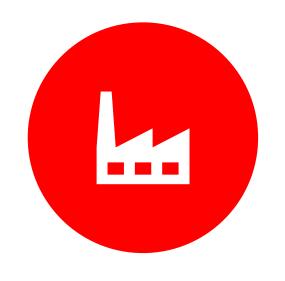
2. Coverage

- Across the Middle East, the US, the EU & Asia-Pacific

3. Reports, Articles and Papers

- "Expected Impact of Covid19 on Consumer Behavior & Businesses" Published by Idea space & BUE Business Incubator (Covid-19 Article (unicaresearch.com))
- http://unicaresearch.com/my-blog/f/report-startups-ecosystem-insights-in-egypt
- Bridging the gap between startups/SMEs and supporting entities (unicaresearch.com)
- (Vunicaresearch.com طرق يمكن لأبحاث السوق دعم حاضنات ومسرعات الأعمال في الخليج (

CLIENT EXAMPLES





INDUSTRIES CLIENT SAMPLES

INDUSTRIES

| Manufacturing | Financial Services | Information & Communication Technology (ICT) | Real Estate & Hospitality | Social Research | Education |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Strategies & Policy Making | Health & Safety, Quality & Food Safety Services | Furniture | Medical | Media | Green Sectors |
| Retail | Logistics | Infrastructure & Technology | Business Process Outsourcing | Thermos | IOT Consumer Electronics |

CLIENTS & PARTNERS SAMPLE

























































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Direct Market Research Service Provision

CATEGORIES OF SERVICES OFFERED



Sessions & Workshops



1:1 Consultancy

DIRECT MARKET RESEARCH SERVICE







EXPERIENCE

CATEGORIES OF DIRECT MARKET RESEARCH SERVICE OFFERED

MARKET ASSESSMENT

Context/ PESTEL Analysis

- Effect of Political, Economic, Environmental, Technological, Social Demographic & Legal Fluctuations on the market.
- Market Analysis
- Market Size Determination
- Is the Industry growing or declining?
- Competitive Analysis
- Market Players
- Market Shares
- Competitors' Offerings & Pricing

Consumer/Customer Analysis/Needs Assessment

- Awareness, Perception & Usage of Market Players
- What are the most important factors for the target market when selecting a product/service?
- Unmet Needs & Expectations
- Satisfaction Areas from the current supply vs. those unmet needs and expectations
- Value Chain Analysis:
- Identify the different types of trade channels; which one is the main one
- Identify the drivers of traders for buying
- Company Analysis (SWOT Analysis)

CATEGORIES OF DIRECT MARKET RESEARCH SERVICE OFFERED

Brand Health Study

- Tracking of:
 - Brand Equity score
 - Marketing programs quality/Post Campaign Evaluation
 - Share of markets
- Comprehensive analysis of brand value, positioning, market drivers, gaps & opportunity

Marketing Communication Strategy

- Identifying the optimum messages to communicate with by:
 - Evaluating the perception/ view of the target market
 - Pre-Campaign
 Evaluation Assessment
- Identifying the key communication channels for reaching the target market

Concept Validation Test

- Evaluation of the target market acceptance regarding various expected services/products (While they're still in the concept phase, i.e., not a product yet) before being offered
- Providing the optimum pricing scenario for the services/products expected to be offered.

Customer Satisfaction

- Evaluate customers touch points, through professional evaluation system for:
 - Offered Product/Service Quality
 - Customer Service & Logistics
 - Utilize the data gathered to identify gaps to provide the optimum customer experience

CATEGORIES OF DIRECT MARKET RESEARCH SERVICE OFFERED

Taste Test

- Evaluation of the target market acceptance regarding products' new taste before being launched
- Providing the optimum pricing scenario for the products' new taste expected to be offered.

Package Test

- Evaluation of the target market acceptance regarding products' package before being launched
 - Evaluating the perception/ view of the target market
 - Identifying its impact on brand value & positioning

Product Test

- Evaluation of the target market acceptance regarding various services/products before being offered
- Providing the optimum pricing scenario for the services/products expected to be offered.

Mystery Shopping

- Evaluate customers touch points, through professional evaluation system compared to the supposed system for:
 - Offered Product/Service Quality
 - Customer Service & Logistics
 - Utilize the data gathered to identify gaps to provide the optimum customer experience/system

| 9 | Service | Objective |
|---|------------------|--|
| ŀ | Horizon Scanning | involve a wide group of people in futures thinking gather a data bank of ideas about trends and events shaping the future |

| Service | Objective |
|---------------------|---|
| Driver Mapping | identify drivers shaping the future Identify which drivers are most important for the future of the business/market distinguish between certain and uncertain outcomes resulting from the action of drivers |
| Axes of Uncertainty | characterize the nature of the critical uncertainties facing the business position in the future agree which critical uncertainties are most important create a meaningful and focused scenario matrix |

| Service | Objective |
|---------------|--|
| Scenarios | explore different ways that the business strategy/vision might develop in the future consider how key actors – government, businesses, citizens, competitors – might behave under different conditions identify the key requirements of the business strategy/vision under different external conditions |
| Visioning | focus groups on what a successful outcome looks like agree what the current reality is and what needs to be done to deliver success set out and prioritize the steps required to achieve the vision |
| SWOT Analysis | identify what needs to be done to capture and build on opportunities identify what needs to be done to mitigate threats identify internal priorities and challenges |

| Service | Objective |
|---|---|
| Business Strategy/Vision Stress-testing | explore how different scenarios might affect strategic objectives identify which objectives are robust across the full range of scenarios and which will need to be modified if conditions change in the future |
| Back casting | identify what needs to change between the present and the preferred future build a timeline that sets out the key changes determine and address the key internal and external factors that might affect the timing or scale of change |
| Road mapping | build a holistic picture of the different elements in a project and how they combine over time deepen understanding of the connections and relationships between different elements |

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| Futures Literacy Lab | create awareness & behavioral change in perceiving an innovative topic through creating futures literacy on the future impact this topic could have Building futures capacity building for strategy team so that they can build a strategy that's resilient to external shocks and emerging signals & trends. |

Economic & Financial Evaluation for Resort Investment at Half Moon Bay in KSA Market Study on Contactless Dining Apps in the US, GCC, EU & Egypt

Market Study on Ecommerce Business in the UAE

MARKET RESEARCH EXAMPLES

Brand Health Study for a Thermos Brand in KSA

Competitive Analysis for Application/Marketplace for Photographers in the Arab Region

Satisfaction Study for Saudi Gov Employees on the Vacation Holiday

Market Study on IOT Consumer Electronics in MENA Region (Ear Buds- Smart Scale-Smart Homes- Smart Watch)

MARKET RESEARCH EXAMPLES

Market Study & Concept Test on Tilapia Fishery (Growers & B2B Customers) in Egypt Behavioral Determinants of Stakeholders' Attitude on the Willingness to Pay Value of the Cultural Heritage for Architectural Buildings. Market Study on Health & Safety, Quality & Food Safety Services (Consultation, Training, Outsourcing, Field Inspections) in Egypt

Marketing Communication Research for Furniture Category in Egypt

Market Study for Real Estate Resort in Sedi Heneish in Egypt Market Study for Hotel Development Services Market in Egypt

Market Study & Product Test for an I-note Product in Egypt

Market Study on Healthy & Organic Supermarkets in Egypt

Cullet & Glass recycling Market Study in Egypt

Market Study & Concept Test for Biochar in Egypt

Brand Health Research for a Player in Technology & Infrastructure, Retail & Distribution, Business Process Outsourcing, Fintech, Manufacturing, Hospitality, Logistics (Shareholders, B2B, B2C)

U&A, Product Test & Marketing Communication Strategy for a Fintech Payment product in Egypt on Micro & Small Businesses MARKET RESEARCH EXAMPLES Market Study on Professional Development Services Market in Egypt (B2B & B2C)

Market Study on Training Platforms Market in Egypt (B2B)

Brand Health Study for a Hospital in Egypt

Brand Health Study for a Food Mobile Application in Egypt

U&A, Product Test & Marketing Communication Strategy for a Fintech Wallet in Egypt on Students U&A, Product Test &
Marketing
Communication Strategy
for a Fintech Wallet in
Egypt on EndConsumers

U&A, Product Test &
Marketing
Communication Strategy
for a Fintech Wallet in
Egypt on freelancers &
Social Media Sellers

U&A, Product Test &
Marketing
Communication Strategy
for a Fintech Wallet in
Egypt on Micro & Small
Businesses

U&A for a Fintech Wallet in Egypt on Corporates

Climate Smart Technologies Mapping Market Study in Egypt

SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

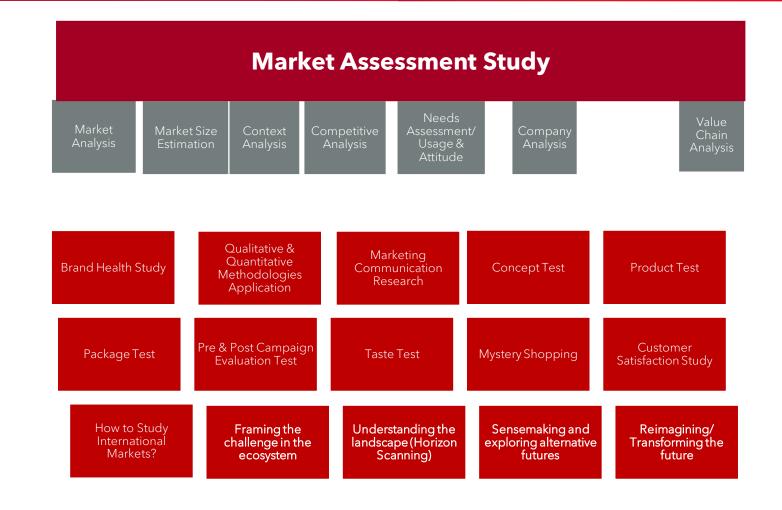
- Categories offered
- Experience



CATEGORIES OF SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS OFFERED

Session/Workshop Content:

- What's meant by the study?
- When do businesses need it?
- How can it benefit businesses?
- How to conduct this study?
- Case Studies



SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS EXPERIENCE



"How can Market Research Support Startups? Snapshot on Market Assessment & Concept Test Studies"

"How can Market Research Support Startups?
Snapshot on Brand Health Study

"How can Market Research Support Startups? Snapshot on Needs Assessment Study Riseup Summit Event
Startup Land Summit
Techne Summit
Egypt Entrepreneurship Summit
Startup Grind
Climathon Hackathon

Market Research Career Advising Session

Qualiphi Summit

"Market Size Estimation Tools"

Rally Competition- Arab Academy Entrepreneurship Center

"How can Market Research support Startups?"

"Introduction to Market Research- Market Assessment Study- Brand Health Study- Marketing Communication Research- Concept Test- Package Test- Product Test-Needs Assessment- Market Size Estimation- Qualitative Module- Quantitative Module"

- Itqan Academy
- BUE Business Incubator
- Ideaspace
- EBNI Incubator
- Etisal NGO
- Gen Egypt
- The Collective Hub
- Masar Masr Online Platform
- Om Habiba Foundation
- Zedny
- Etisal Assiut
- Ventitude

SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS EXPERIENCE EXAMPLES

"How can Market Research support Startups?"

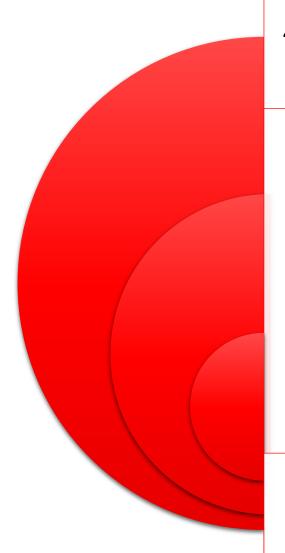
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Assessment Study- Brand Health Study- Marketing
Communication Research- Concept Test- Package
Test- Product Test- Needs Assessment- Market Size
Estimation- Qualitative Module- Quantitative
Module"

"How to study the International Market?"

- Eyouth
- Nubiavest
- YouthWaveMENA
- Success Hunters
- Mint EG Bank
- Hult Prize Foundation
- Xproject
- Galaxy & Tankeen Academies
- Fekretak Sherketak
- Talk Startup Community
- TIEC
- Oasis
- Helwan Uni Biocluster Incubator
- Enltag
- Ecosys= & Nile University
- Nilepreneurs
- Xproject
- Enactus
- Faculty of Masscom of Cairo Uni
- Misk Entrepreneurship
- Arweqah
- Train

1:1 CONSULTANCY

1:1 CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE EXAMPLES



"To-Go-Market Strategy"

"Brand Health Study"

"Marketing Communication Strategy"

"Concept Test"

Riseup Summit Event
Startup Land Summit
Hackathon SDGs 2030
Hult Prize
Atta Digital Hackathon
Hack The Climate Hackathon
Techne Summit
Helwan Biocluster Incubator

Needs Assessment
Concept Test
Market Size Estimation
Brand Health
Marketing Communication Strategy
Market Assessment
Product Test

- BUE Business Incubator
- EBNI Incubator
- Etisal NGO
- Gen Egypt
- StartEgypt
- Etisal Assiut
- Mint EG Bank
- Divine Touch Production
- Oasis
- Ecosys+ & Nile University
- X-Project
- Enactus
- Entlaq
- Madoum
- Arweqah

Career Mentorship

Build Your Future Summit

Sample of Our Clients' Feedback

Feedback on our Training with Misk Entrepreurship



Amna Alhamawi • 1st

MSc Tourism, Hospitality, and Event Management

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Today,I attended an interesting informative virtual session abot Market Research for Startups hosted by Misk Foundation.

The founder of Unica Research Engy Abdelwahab speakes about the important role of market research and how it can attain innovation across a wide range of ventures. #innovation #misk #marketing





Budoor Abdullah • 1st

Sale Specialist | Graphic Designer | Content Writer 1w - Edited - 🕟

Feedback on our Training with Misk Entrepreurship

Have you ever contemplated the reasons behind the success of leading corporations in the market? It boils down to a combination of continuous innovation and development, coupled with a keen understanding of competitors' strategies, strengths, and weaknesses. In today's fiercely competitive landscape, companies vie for supremacy through the introduction of novel innovations, while the failure to adapt often leads to obscurity.

Consider Nokia and BlackBerry, once trailblazers in the market. Despite their initial revolutionary impact, their failure to anticipate the evolving landscape of development and innovation ultimately led to their withdrawal. A lack of market awareness often emerges as a primary factor in such setbacks.

Driving market evolution and comprehension lies in the realm of marketing research. It serves as the cornerstone for understanding market dynamics, customer needs, and requirements. Furthermore, it plays a pivotal role in the success of desired advertising campaigns.

The webinar provided invaluable insights into market research and innovation. Thank you **Engy Abdelwahab** for such an enriching experience.





This Certificate Recognizes the Contribution of

Engy Abd el wahab.

as a Mentor at

Hult Prize at Cairo University.

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Lori van Dam

Hamdi Ben Elmi

Senior Eventor of Programs
Hult Plan Foundation

WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY...

First of all I really do appreciate your effort and time in being supportive and reachable (that is something that makes your business stand out and have a special trait than others). Your knowledge was amazing concerning all the questions I asked, your business was able to answer them all, the date I received and how it was presented was very impressive and organized. Punctuality in your time shows how professional and determined your business is.

So thank you so much for your time and patience with me, it was a pleasure working with you and we will definitely do business again together



MOHAMED AHMED

Promising Entrepreneur In the Photography Market





Hello Ms Abdelwahab. I was just in the StartUp Grind event with you and Soha El Baklawy. I wanted to reach out and thank you for the session. I am new to a small business and we are in the process of expanding. We also work a lot with SMEs, so this was a very useful insight into their mindset:)



virtual summit 2020
Really great session, thanks for your effort.

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your session is among the top 10:)

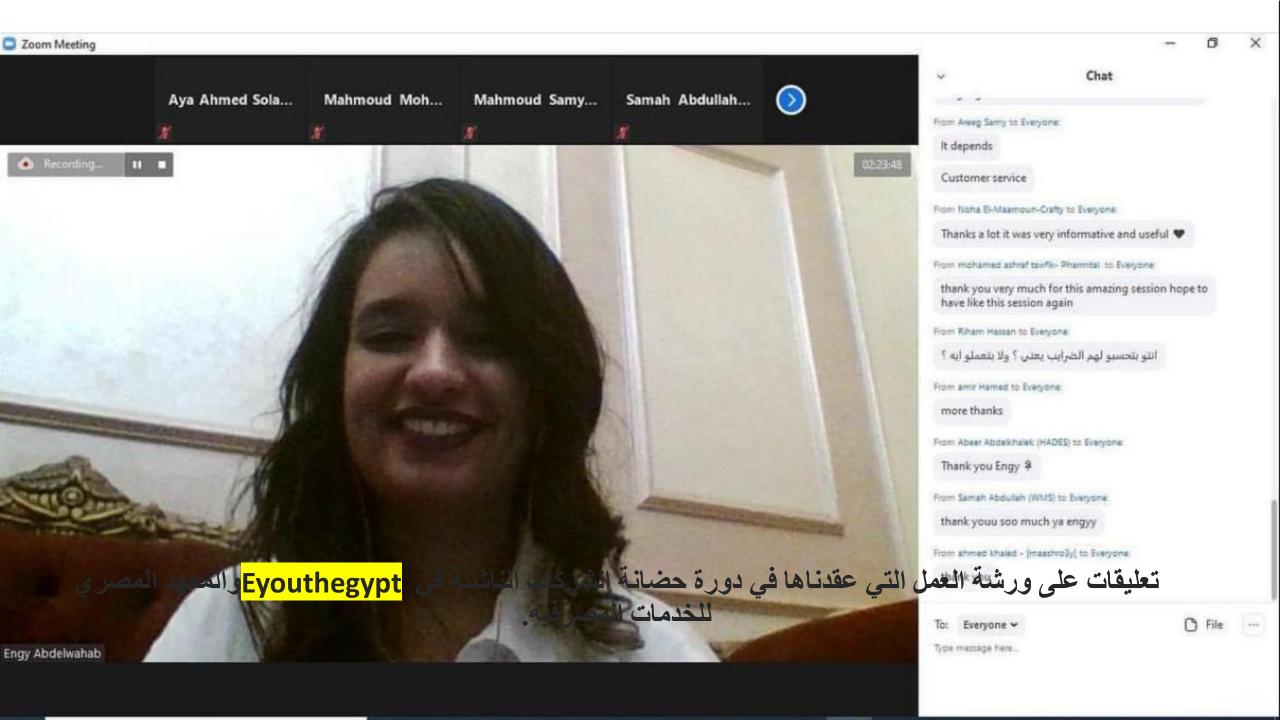
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Ali Tarek Abo Elyazid <alitarek@nu.edu.eg>

to me, Duaa, Dalia 🕶

Dear Engy,

Hope my email finds you well,

We wanted to express our sincere appreciation for your exceptional delivery & expertise sharing on "Idea Validation" & "Learn How to Do a Market Research?" in the ECOSYS+ | Booster Program. Your dedication & passion were evident, and the feedback from participants has been positive.

Attached to this email, you will find an electronic certificate of recognition for your valuable contribution. The hardcopy certificate is available at Nile University, anytime you are available at the university feel free to pick up your certificate from the team

Thank you once again for your exceptional work. We look forward to collaborating with you on future projects. Should any opportunities arise, we will keep you informed.

If you have any inquiries, Don't hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,

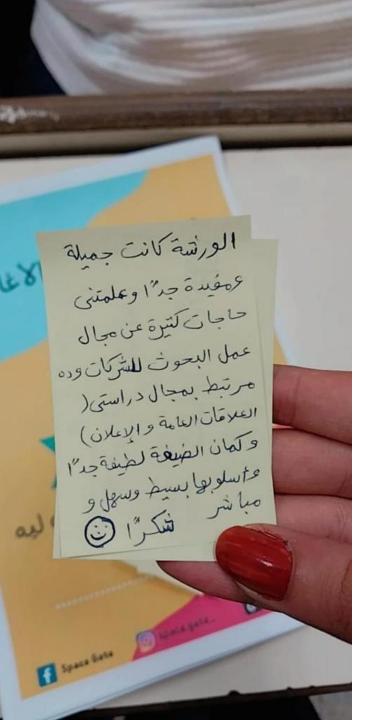




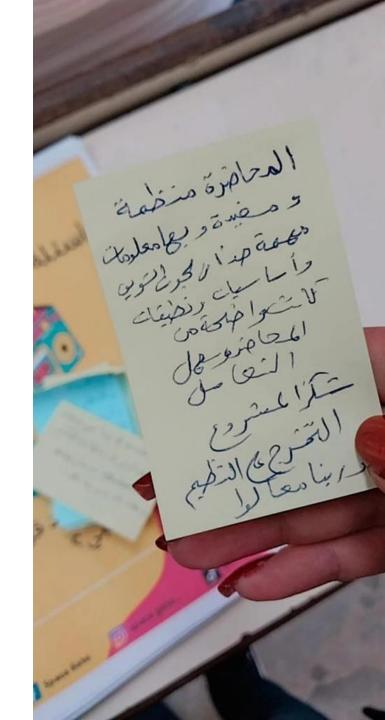
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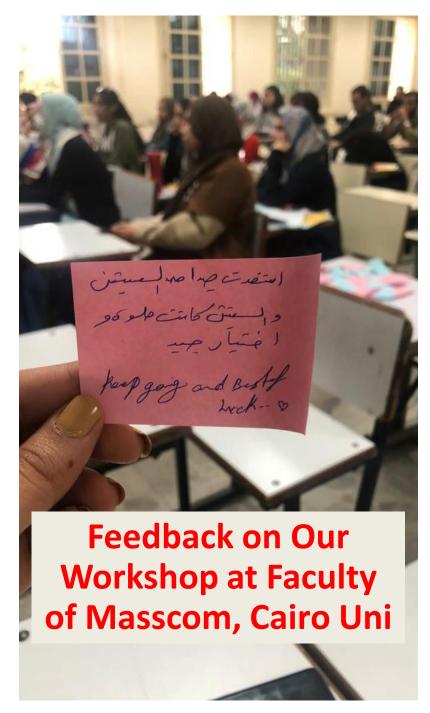
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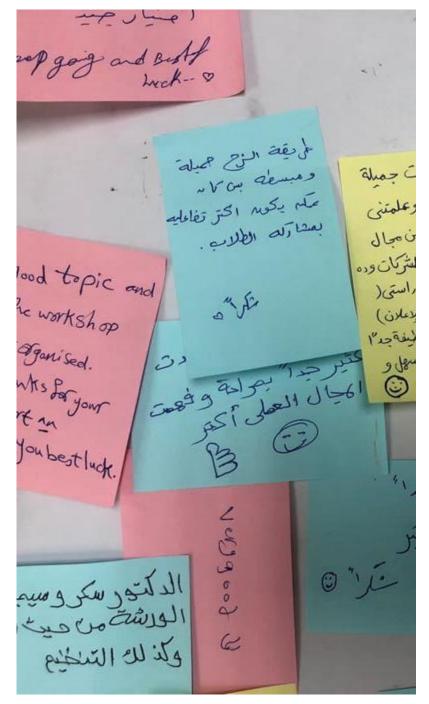


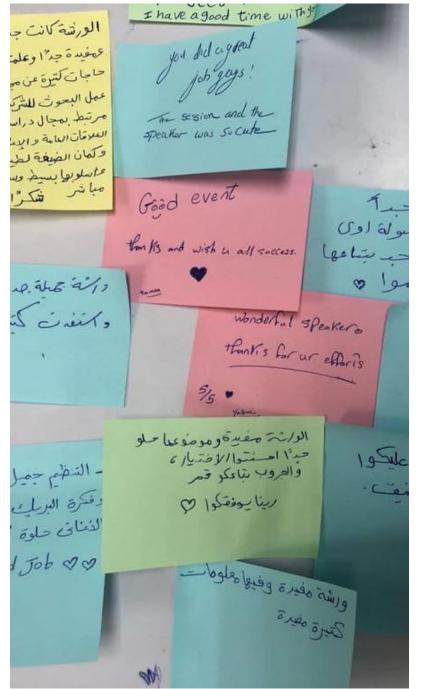
Feedback on Our
Workshop at Faculty
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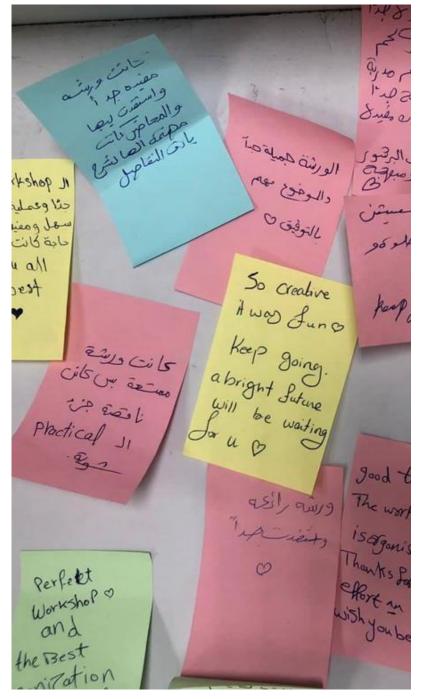


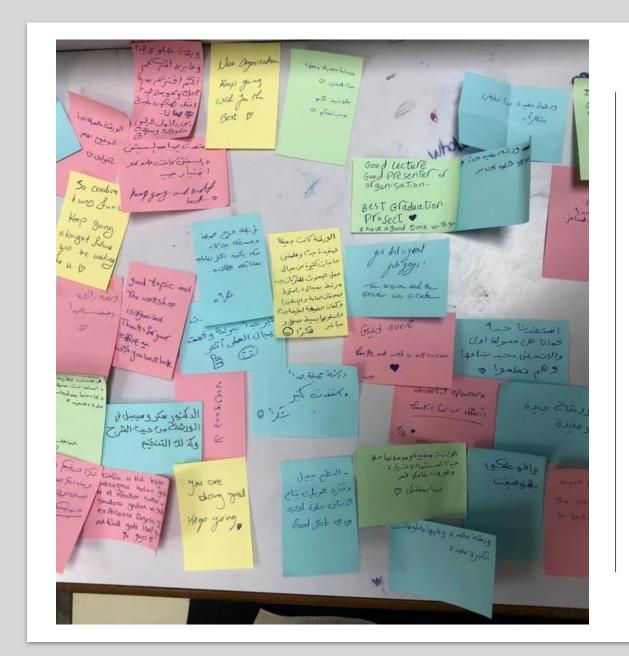


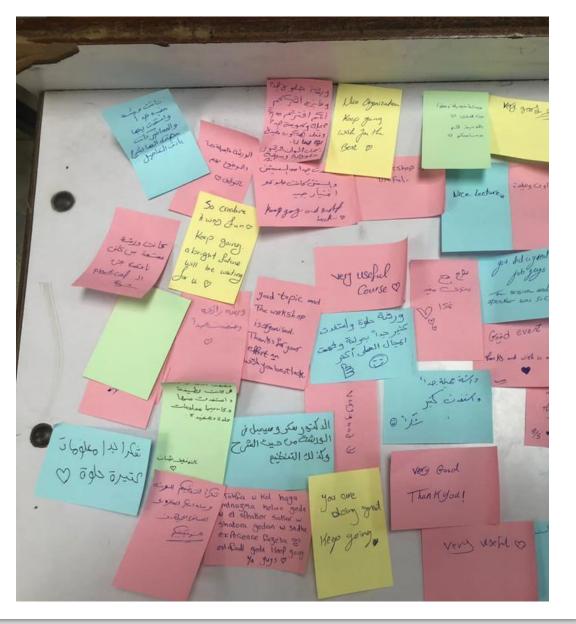












Reflections: I learned more from my journey about technology
I loved the inventors game
I learnt that I need to start using water smartly

Farida Hany



The program helped me put clear plans to pursue my career plan. I learned about the emerging technologies to fight climate change, and new professions related to economics, which gave me insight into the skills I need to develop.

Mayar Mohamed Gaber
Participant
Future Fit Accelerator Program



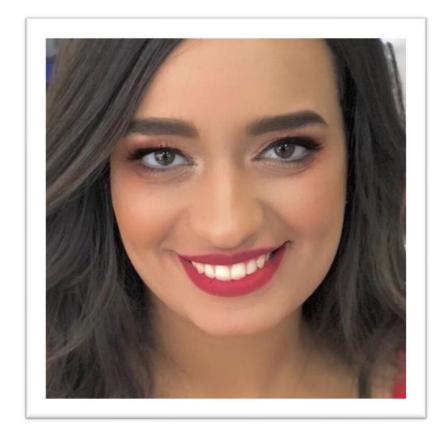




ABOUT THE FOUNDER

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- Key Experiences
- Clients
- Projects Sample



Key Achievements

Head of Exploration at UNDP Accelerator Lab

10 Years of Experience Across the US, the EU, the Arab Region & Africa

Had the honor of co-working on updating Egypt's 2030 Sustainable Development Strategy.

Developed Exports strategy that aims at making Egypt a top exporter in Tomato Concentrate Industry

Co-working on designing a Portfolio Approach for Sustainable Tourism Strategy in Egypt

Co-working on UNDP Egypt CPD sensemaking.

Weekly Signals Mapping for UNDP Egypt CO

Leading on Designing Futures Big Data Platform for UNDP Egypt (Egypt's Horizon Scanner)

Double MA in Law and Economics from Hamburg and Cairo Universities and BS in Economics and Statistics from Cairo University - English Section

Blogs, Articles & Papers

SDGS Good Implementation Practices: MSMEDA Microfinance Projects & Rowad 2030

The Effect of Banks Competition on SMEs in Egypt: Empirical Evidence

The Effect of Competition on Economic Growth in Egypt

How 'Climate-Smart' Crops Could Prove A Lifeline for Vulnerable Smallholders on The Nile Delta

Scoping out the needs of Egypt's smallholders and the future wanted to be seen by 2050

Battling Climate Change with Climate Smart Crops in Egypt

From Mass to "NEAT": Reshaping Agrotourism in Egypt for Sustainable Development

Bridging the Gender Gap in Egypt's Green Energy Sector: A Path to Sustainable Development

UNDP Accelerator Labs and Egyptian Food Bank Partner to Empower Women in Agriculture

Delta Small Farmers: From Present Challenges to a Resilient Future

Empowering Egyptian Women in the Green Energy Sector: A Vision for 2050



- •Partaking in 'Challenges & Way Forward to Promote Local & Foreign Investment in Egypt" Committee in the National Dialogue Forum of Egypt
- •The Egyptian Case Study of Constitution- Making; with Best Egyptian Presenter Award from a Tunisian Seminar in Souse
- •The Institutional Framework of Refugees in Egypt; with Letter of Appreciation from Hamburg University
- •Letter of Appreciation from UNESCO & UNDP Indonesia's Accelerator Lab for being Future Thinking Facilitator at "Future of Disasters Knowledge for Youth in 2045" Futures Literacy Lab.

COP27 Side Events:

- •"Climate Smart Crops: A Lifeline to the Future
- •"Transformative Financing"

COP28 Side Events:

- •"Role of Fintech In Empowering Private Sector of Agriculture, Energy & Sustainable Tourism" Panel Discussion
- •"The Opportunity of Agrotourism: Reimagining Egypt in 2050" Panel Discussion
- "Reimagining Future of Women in Green Sectors" Panel Discussion & Workshop
- •"How can VR Experience & Futures Literacy change Youth's awareness & behavior on resources?" Workshop

Riyadh COP16 Side Event:

•"Reimagining the Future of Agrifood in Africa; Snapshot on Urban Farming, Cross-African Agrotourism & Fishery Tourism, Role of Cinema in Creating Community Awareness" Panel Discussion

Dubai Future Forum:

- "Reimagining Future of Egyptian Women in Green Sectors" Keynote Speech
- •"Co-harnessing the future: How can we harness Gen Al for Foresight?"

CLIENTS & PARTNERS SAMPLE



















































































































































































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PROJECTS SAMPLE

Global Horizon Scanning for Fintech of Energy, Agricultural & Sustainable Tourism Sectors How to Promote Women's Role in the Egyptian Green Economy? How to Enhance Socio-Economic Resilience of Farmers within the context of Climate Change in Low Nile Delta Regions? Smart Branding for a bank in KSA Market Study for Training Centers in Aswan Needs Assessment for Real estate in Qena Pre-Campaign Evaluation Assessment of "Violence Against Children

PROJECTS SAMPLE

Market Study for HR Service Providers for Blue/Grey collar in Egypt Market Study for Syrup industry in Egypt Market Research Study on Schools & Universities in Egypt Innovation Test Study for Potato Chips in Jordan, KSA & Egypt Mystery Shopping Market Research Study for Cheese Industry in Cairo, Alex, Elminya & Tanta Economic Feasibility Study for 8 Intersections Project in Dar Es Salam, Tanzania, using HDM4 software

PROJECTS SAMPLE



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THANKS FOR YOUR TIME WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING
FROM YOU

