



The sustainable blue economy in the Mediterranean countries,” a workshop at Alexandria University January 2023

In light of the recommendations of the COP 27 climate conference, which Egypt hosted last November in Sharm El-Sheikh, Dr. Abdulaziz Qanswa, President of Alexandria University, and Professor Ahmed El-Wakil, President of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and President of the Federation of Mediterranean Chambers, opened today, Wednesday, January 11, 2023, the first The activities of the Center for the Greener Blue Economy at Alexandria University, which were held under the title “Issues of the Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean Basin Countries,” in the Conference Hall of the Faculty of Commerce.



The workshop discussed several issues about the concept of the “blue economy” and how to benefit from it in generating electricity from water energy, mining activities in the seas and oceans, marine tourism, fishing activities and marine organisms, extracting raw materials from the seas, and other forms of economic activity mainly related to With water, in the presence of Dr. Al-Sayed Al-Saifi, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, Dr. Hassan Nadir Khairallah, former President of Alexandria University, Dr. Saeed Abdel Aziz, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and former Governor of Sharkia, Dr. Hisham Arafat, former Minister of Transport, Dr. Sherif Haddara, former Minister of Petroleum, Major General Reda. Ismail, Head of the Maritime Transport Sector, Dr. Alaa Ezz, Secretary of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Engineer Seif El-Din Abu Al-Naga, Treasurer of the International Union of Architects, Professor Islam Salem, from the Chamber of Commerce and specialist in maritime transport and logistics, and the deans of colleges and a group of economics professors at the College of Commerce.



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support projects to transform them into green industries, while emphasizing the need To finance with investments from banks and investors, especially from countries that have contributed more to pollution and heat emissions, he pointed to cooperation between Alexandria University, Mediterranean universities, the General Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce, and the Federation of Mediterranean Chambers (ASCAMI) to carry out many initiatives and projects to achieve the common benefit of During the Greener Blue Economy Center at Alexandria University.

In his speech, Mr. Ahmed Al-Wakeel stressed that the blue economy consists of good management, optimal exploitation of water resources, and reliance on water to improve livelihoods through several activities, such as fishing and extracting raw materials from the seas, while ensuring respect for the environment and biological diversity, noting that 480 million people live in 22 countries around the world. In the Mediterranean basin, the blue economy can provide them with an opportunity to diversify job opportunities that help improve living conditions. He added that the Federation of Chambers of Commerce is counting on the center established by Alexandria University as a safe haven for the blue economy. He also explained that this workshop is the nucleus of several workshops during which experts will be hosted. Economists and experts in the field of marine sciences for the benefit of members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Mediterranean Chambers.

Dr. Hassan Nadir stressed that Alexandria University can play a major role in developing the blue economy, stressing that the establishment of the center was an important step for the optimal use of resources in the Mediterranean Sea, and that its launch from Alexandria stems from the regional and international role of Alexandria Governorate, and he pointed to the importance of preserving the sea. The Mediterranean, as it brings together the countries of the Mediterranean Basin. He also pointed to the center's vision, which is to study and research water problems and integrate economists to form a striking and effective force of scientists and researchers.

Dr. Al-Sayed Al-Saifi also welcomed the attendees, expressing his happiness at the Faculty of Commerce hosting this event, considering it the starting signal for the launch of the blue economy in Egypt.

Dr. Saeed Abdel Aziz pointed out that this workshop is the first of the new center established by Alexandria University in cooperation with the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, the "Blue Economy Center," which in turn works to "provide social and economic returns for current and future generations by contributing to achieving food security, eliminating poverty, and improving The standard of living, improving income, providing job opportunities and safety, achieving sustainable health, security and political development, and relying on renewable energy and recycling materials in order to ensure economic and social sustainability at all times. He pointed out that control over the management of the blue economy is achieved through the use of management methods that are characterized as comprehensive and sustainable. Participation and effective activities in society.