



## Prof. Konsowa opens the first international symposium of the Water Center of Excellence for Sustainable Water Solutions

Prof. Abdel Aziz Konsowa, President of Alexandria University, opened this morning, Tuesday, 9/6/2022, the first international symposium on sustainable water solutions in Alexandria, organized by the Center for Water Excellence at Alexandria University (funded by the United States Agency for International Development in Cairo USAID, and in partnership with coalition of Egyptian and American universities aiming to support learning and research in the field of water.



Participating in the international symposium were **Ms. Leslie Reed, Director of the United States Agency for International Development in Cairo**, Dr. Hossam Maghazi, former Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Dr. Saeed Allam, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Yasser Khalil, Director of the Center of Excellence for Water at Alexandria University, and the university presidents and their deputies, Chairmen of company councils, deans of colleges, and representatives of various bodies.

In his speech, Prof. Konsowa thanked **the Director of the United States Agency for International Development** for her unlimited support for the Water Excellence Center project at the University of Alexandria, stressing that this project has now become a distinguished institution that conducts joint scientific research, trains and qualifies scientific cadres, and establishes partnerships with specialized bodies in the field of water in accordance with the National Strategy for the



Sustainable Development Plan of the Egyptian State and Egypt Vision 2030. He pointed to the role of researchers, specialists and experts at the Center for Water Excellence at Alexandria University to find solutions to the expected water problems in light of the increasing population growth. Konsowa also called on specialists to work to increase water sources in Egypt in cooperation with water partners. In addition to working to rationalize water use, **Dr. Konsowa said that Alexandria University is adopting an ambitious strategy for cooperation with the industrial sector, noting that there are 7 integrated projects in cooperation between Alexandria University and the industrial sector in order to place the Egyptian industry on the global stage. Dr. Qansouh pointed out that the university, through the Engineering Center, cooperates with the Alexandria Governorate in rainwater drainage projects that are currently underway, stressing that these projects come in light of the**

directives of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and the Prime Minister to implement the integrated strategy for rainwater management in Alexandria Governorate.

While Mrs. Leslie Leed thanked Alexandria University for organizing this distinguished event, noting that **there is great cooperation between the United States of America and the Egyptian government through the Center of Excellence for Water at Alexandria University**, she stressed that this conference serves as a platform for all those concerned with exchanging ideas, opinions and experiences in various fields of water. It is also a good opportunity to discuss ways of cooperation, strengthen partnerships, and learn about modern trends in scientific research in the field of water.

While Dr. Saeed Allam confirmed that the Faculty of Engineering at Alexandria University embraces the Center of Excellence for Water and has provided it with all the necessary facilities to practice its activities in All educational, research and administrative fields, out of the College of Engineering's keenness to participate in societal issues and serve the goals of the sustainable development plan. **He said that the College of Engineering has created a professional master's program in the field of water resources management to serve the center's goals.**