

Egypt

National Higher Education Equity Policy

Governance

The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research is the regulator of HE and responsible for defining the national higher education policies in consultation with all stakeholders. The Supreme Council for Universities (SCU) ensures that higher education is in line with human development goals, provides quality assurance, and is the partner of MHE in setting HE Policies. The Academy of Science and Development, which operates under the authority of the Ministry, sets innovation policies for the country.

Higher Education Policy Documents

What are the current official documents defining the national higher education strategy / policies?

- The Egyptian Constitution, which provides for free education at all levels for all.
- “Seventh Pillar: Education and Training” *Sustainable Development Strategy: Egypt Vision 2030*
- Higher Education Reform Strategy 2000
- Master Plan of Higher Education in Egypt 2007-2022

Equity in Policy Documents

What broad and specific equity objectives do the policy documents identify?

- Egypt Vision 2030 states that its section on education adheres to the UN Sustainable Development Goals as they relate to equity.

Which equity target groups are identified in the policy documents?

- No specific groups

Egypt does not have concrete targets for the participation of specific equity groups.

Egypt does not have a standalone policy document dedicated to equity promotion in higher education.

Egypt does not have specific anti-discrimination provisions.

What specific interventions and/or instruments of equity promotion are included in the official strategy and policy documents (monetary and non-monetary)?

Monetary Policy Instruments

- Students do not pay tuition fees in public universities. However, the Ministry allows them to charge fees to students who did not qualify for access through the regular university entry examination, or for students in special programs such as English-language programs that are in high demand on the labor market (*Intisseb* and program taught in foreign languages).

Non-Monetary Policy Instruments

- None

Financial Resources

What financial resources does the country devote to equity promotion measures?

Not available.

Quality Assurance

The quality assurance criteria do not take equity elements into consideration.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Not available.

Dedicated Equity Promotion Agency

Egypt does not have an agency dedicated to equity promotion in higher education.

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