

THE CHALLENGE OF GREATER CAIRO GOVERNANCE

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ABSTRACT

As one of the largest urban agglomerations in the world, Greater Cairo Region is situated in a great challenge that affects its liveability and sustainability. From its creation in the second half of the twentieth century, great efforts and investments were allocated to this mega city, but it still faces critical problems of overcrowding, traffic over-congestions, informal settlements expansions and high socio-economic disparities. This is mainly resulted from the inadequacy in the existing fragmented governances of the region. Actually, the weird situation of imbalance, between efforts and investment from one side and the quality of life from another, calls for a comprehensive review of the governance framework in the region.

This paper addresses the challenge of Greater Cairo governance. It analyzes the current governance framework to identify its weaknesses. Then it searches for other governance frameworks that will be more suitable for the case of Greater Cairo.

This will be done through highlighting successful governance frameworks in the world such as the one for Greater London Region. Finally, it proposes a new governance framework that overcomes the main weaknesses that are facing the existing one.

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