

IDSC-Working Paper Series (IDSC-WPS)

INTRODUCTION

In its capacity as one of the distinguished think tanks, the Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center is launching IDSC-Working Paper Series (IDSC-WPS). The idea of launching IDSC-WPS emerged over a year ago to meet the increasing demand from decision- and policy-makers for policy-oriented scientific studies that address priority issues in the fields of social sciences including: economics, political science, statistics and sociology, as well as information technology. Accordingly, the IDSC is looking forward for working papers that are innovative and creative, and aspiring that the WPS would serve as a forum for research and debate stimulating thoughts and exchange of viewpoints amongst researchers with different affiliations and ideologies inside and outside Egypt. Such a forum would be stimulating constructive scientific debate for decision- and policy-makers in addressing high priority issues. The IDSC-WPS encourages the positive contribution of outstanding researchers and scholars from Egypt and beyond, as well as from the Center. The IDSC adheres to the intellectual property rights of the author, who takes sole and total responsibility for the ideas, views and recommendations expressed in the submitted paper. It is planned that IDSC will disseminate the working papers locally, regionally and internationally through various appropriate channels.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The principles of independence, objectivity, and non-partisanship are abiding in the selection of topics and conduct of research. Each submitted paper undergoes a double blind-peer review process. The Executive Committee assigns the task of evaluating the working paper to two external specialized reviewers and withholds the names of authors and reviewers. The reviewers assess the paper from a scientific standpoint according to worldwide acceptance criteria, including:

- significance of the subject to decision-makers,
- adoption of scientific methodology,
- objectivity and accuracy of assumptions and goals,
- scientific authenticity of sources and references and their validity which give credibility and worthiness to the paper,
- logical consistency of the data and logical sequence of presentation,
- clarity and accuracy of the language used in writing the paper, either Arabic or English
- congruence of objectives with results,
- the referential value of the paper in the literature,

- the extent of brevity and clarity,
- structure of the paper, and
- graphs and tables illustrations inclusions.

Each of the two reviewers writes an assessment report on the paper indicating: an acceptance without modifications; an acceptance after modifications or a rejection of the submitted paper.

After the author will have consolidated the reviewers' recommendations, the paper will then be re-submitted to the two reviewers who will finally re-assess the revised paper to ascertain that the author have made the required modifications.

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MEMBERS OF IDSC-WPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The IDSC-WPS is managed by an external executive committee of scholars, each renowned in his/her respective disciplines: economy, political science, statistics, sociology, information technology. Members of the Executive Committee have the voting rights and are exclusively entrusted with managing the IDSC-WPS including: preliminary screening of the submitted papers, selecting the peer reviewers, and accepting the papers in their final form. Members of the Executive Committee change periodically to keep up the continuous evolution of the series in regard to thoughts, perspective, direction and issues, and to keep pace with the recent updates in the local, regional and global arenas.

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