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BRIEF

- **Dr. Hossam Osman is Advisor to the Minister of CIT for Technology Innovation, and VP of Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA) mandated by spearheading the development of the ICT industry in Egypt to increase its global competitiveness to make it a key contributor to economic growth. Dr. Osman's responsibilities include supervising the Software Engineering Competence Center (SECC), the Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (TIEC), the IT Academic Collaboration Program (ITAC), and the Electronics Industry Program.**
- **Dr. Osman has over 35-year experience as director, consultant, researcher, instructor, and developer in IT and software engineering. His experience is divided between industry and academia, private and governmental organizations, small and national-level projects, and domestic and overseas companies.**
- **Dr. Osman received the B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in computer engineering from Ain Shams University, Egypt in 1985 and 1990, respectively, and the Ph.D. degree in computer engineering from Queen's University, Canada in 1996. His Ph.D. thesis was awarded the Engineering and Applied Science Outstanding Thesis Award by Queen's University in 1996 and he was selected as Ontario's best post-graduate student in Computing by the Canadian Advanced Technology Association (CATA) in 1996.**