Mr. Hashem El Dandarawy is a business man whose mission is the social and cultural development of Upper Egypt. Founder of Dandara Development & Investment, an agricultural development company converting 26,000 acres of desert into farm land to advance sustainable economic development in Upper Egypt’s Governorate of Qena, El Dandarawy also established the NGO Dandara Cultural Centres. The organization comprises 64 centers in Upper Egypt serving 350,000 members by improving access to education and fostering women’s empowerment. After obtaining a BA from the American University in Cairo, Hashem El Dandarawy began his career in rice trading in Tanzania, where he set up multiple businesses with neighboring counties. El Dandarawy continues to be a member of numerous business, industry and academic advisory boards around the world, including Egypt’s PDS66 Organico, Danda Global Trade in Sudan, PDS Technologies in Singapore, and the School of Continuous Business Dean's Strategic Advisory Board at his Alma Mater. He is the Head of Upper Egypt’s Tribal Dispute Council and a board member of the AmCham. El Dandarawy’s personal passion is the training of dogs, with a particular focus on security dogs. In 2009, he founded TEAM 4, a security company specialized in training guard and detector dogs, and regional partner of Diag-nose, securing cargo in Paris’s Charles de Gaulle and Amsterdam’s Schiphol airports. Owner of EASTWIND, a comprehensive dog training and deployment center in Cairo, El Dandarawy has represented Egypt twice at the World Championship for Working Dogs and devotes significant amounts of his personal time to cultivating international security dog standards for Egypt.