

# Cairo conf. to promote think tank links

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**UNDER** the auspices of Prime Minister Ahmed Nazif, the Cabinet Information and Decision Support Centre (IDSC) is organising on Saturday in Cairo a two-day gathering titled "International Conference on the Role of Think Tanks in Developing Countries: Challenges and Solution".

The conference, according to organisers, would be a unique opportunity for grouping the developing world's think tanks "that are becoming more and more essential policy actors in their societies".

"The conference will allow developing countries' think tanks to work together on establishing solid south-south cooperation," said the centre in a statement.

"The conference's main objective is to promote a sustainable network of think tanks collaborating in facing and managing developmental challenges confronting the developing world."

It also aims at developing concrete mechanisms for sharing successful best practices and experiences of worldwide think tanks in terms of public policy advice and decision support for their respective governments.

The conference is sponsored by a large number of institutions, notably UNICEF, UNDP, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, IDRC-Canada, UNDP Oslo Governance Centre, Technical office of cooperation at Embassy of Spain and Swedish Institute of Alexandria.