

## Shaimaa ElBanna: Biography

Shaimaa ElBanna is the Head of Science at British Council Egypt. She manages a 55 million GBP science programs between Egypt and UK. Shaimaa Has more than 20 years of work experience. She started as a researcher and got promoted over years. She has a direct experience in Development and empowering marginalized categories of the society like women, youth and small farmers. She has more than 14 years' experience in program management which includes developing and delivering detailed work plans, budgets, and output for the program; monitoring and reporting on the impact and effectiveness of the program activities; designing, managing, coordinating, and monitoring subcontracts and consultancies; providing general supervision, guidance, and mentoring to local program staff.

Ms Shaimaa was the Off-shore programs manager at Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities (MUCIA) - AERI Value-Chain Training Project. Before that she was the Senior Training specialist of the Goldman Sachs Women's Entrepreneurship and Leadership Program. She also worked as a media and public relations consultant to some reputable International NGOs and Agencies such as ASHOKA Arab world, Save the Children, UNDP, BBC and Arab league. She is also accredited Social auditor for Fair Labor Association (FLA) & Virtue in Egypt. She received BA in Political sciences from the Cairo University (1999) with honorary degree she was top 10 on her class. She received a diploma in Public Administration with focus on transparency (2000). She received executive course in Human rights in Denmark (2001) and were chosen by the American Embassy in Cairo to be part of Young Political Leaders Program and spent a month in USA to be introduced to the key political and development figures.