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| Based on the Egyptian government's interest in the strategic planning process & its role in supporting the decision-making process, a decree was issued to reorganize the Information & Decision Support Center (IDSC) as the Intellectual arm of the Egyptian Cabinet for monitoring the implementation of the national strategies/policies & assessing their impact.Accordingly, The Practical framework for the National Strategies Monitoring and Evaluation System has been developed. This framework outlines the key guiding principles desired outcomes, internal collaborative frameworks, and effective partnerships with various agencies according to the best practices. In June 2024, the Central Department for National Strategies Monitoring and Evaluation was established within IDSC, including 5 departments; Strategies Indicators, Monitoring & reviewing, Impact Evaluation, Public Awareness, & Strategic Publications Department.The vision of the Impact Assessment department is to assess the suitability, relevancy, & effectiveness of national strategies & utilize evaluation as a tool that plays an active role in the public policy-making process, making it more effective, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of Egyptian society & leaving no one behind.The Department aims to strengthen the National Evaluation System by fostering peer learning & collaborating with international agencies for capacity-building. In this context, a MOU will be signed between IDSC &UNDP to build capacities in the field of evaluation & obtain quantitative outputs based on strong data analysis to evaluate the impact of a specific intervention instead of relying on descriptive data analysis.IDSC has participated in the WB survey within the framework of a study to highlight the current status of M&E schemes in the MENA region, which will pave the way for a strategic partnership with CLEAR .IDSC faces some challenges in conducting an impact assessment of national strategies due to the need to adopt reliable scientific methodologies, & the limited practical applications for impact assessment despite the wide demand at the high policy level & from various government agencies. Also the lack of financial and human resources poses a significant challenge to obtaining comprehensive & reliable evaluation outputs |