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Dina Sherif has been the Associate Director of the John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement since it was established in 2006 at the American University in Cairo. She also acts as a technical advisor to a number of Foundations in the Arab region. Further to that, she also frequently consults with companies based in the Arab region with regards to their corporate social responsibility efforts.

Prior to her position at the John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement, she was the Deputy Director of Projects at Financial Technical Consulting Services, a consultancy firm that specializes in rural development in sub-Saharan Africa, where she travelled extensively throughout Africa. Ms. Sherif also has wide-ranging experience in development at the local level in Egypt through her work at the Institute for Cultural Affairs in the Middle East and North Africa, and her work at Environmental Quality International. Further to the above, she is currently a board member of the Arab Media Forum for Environment and Development, a US Based NGO called Soliya, the Alashanek ya Baladi Association (For You My Country), and Tawasol, a newly launched community foundation; all based in Egypt.

Ms. Sherif's overall experience has led her to be qualified in project management, strategic planning, the design of public awareness campaigns, monitoring and evaluation, program design, organizational capacity building and socio-economic research. Over Ms. Sherif's ten years of experience, her work has been applied to the following areas: environment, education, women's empowerment, youth development, food security, agricultural development, public health, service learning and strategic philanthropy.

Ms. Sherif is co –editor and contributing author of the book: *From Charity to Social Change: Trends in Arab Philanthropy* (Volume I) and is also a contributing author to Volume 2 of the same book, due to be published in 2010.

Ms. Sherif holds a BA in Political Science and an MA in Development Studies, both acquired from the American University in Cairo.