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**1st ICWA–ECFA Conference to Discuss Bilateral Relationship
Between India and Egypt**

The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) in collaboration with the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA) is organizing a day-long conference on 16 October, 2012 to discuss the present realities and future prospects of bilateral relationship between India and Egypt, two traditional Afro-Asian allies. The present dialogue between two think tanks is being organized as a part of the MoU signed between ICWA and ECFA at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2011. A four-member ECFA delegation headed by Ambassador Dr El-Sayed Amin Shalaby, Executive Director ECFA, is in India to participate in this conference. Eminent Indian diplomats and academics will participate in this conference to discuss several strategic, political and economic issues of common interest.

This event is taking place at a time when Egypt, along with other nations of the region, is passing through a phase of social and political transformation. Both sides are expected to discuss the future prospects of bilateral relationship in the backdrop of the changes taking places in the region in general and in Egypt in particular. Apart of discussing the bilateral relationships and the Arab Spring, this joint dialogue will also deliberate upon the evolving world order and its impact on the region in Asia and Africa. The ECFA delegation, during the visit, will call on Shri Sanjay Singh, Secretary (East), and will visit Institute of Research and Information System (RIS) and Institute of Defense Studies and Analysis (IDSA).
