

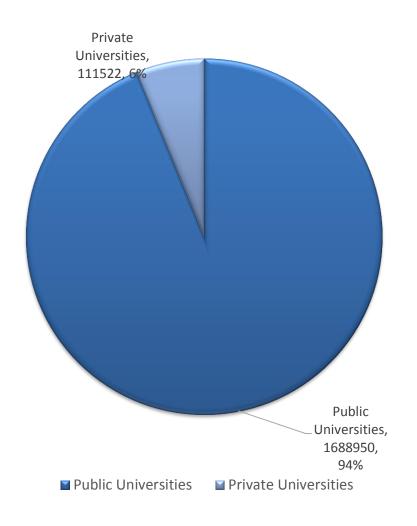
# Empowering Egyptian Human Capital EELU\* Innovative Learning Model

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## Introduction

- Higher education system in Egypt is challenged with very high demand rate ( 30% HE enrollment ratio) against limited resources and access to Higher Education.
- The total HE enrolments is approximately 2.5 Million students, while Universities' enrollments are approximately 1.8 Million / Year\*.
- The number of HE institutions
   (Universities) is 48 University (24 Public 24 Private)\*.
- Public universities accommodate almost 93.6% (1,688,950) of students pursuing Higher Education.

#### **Number of Students**

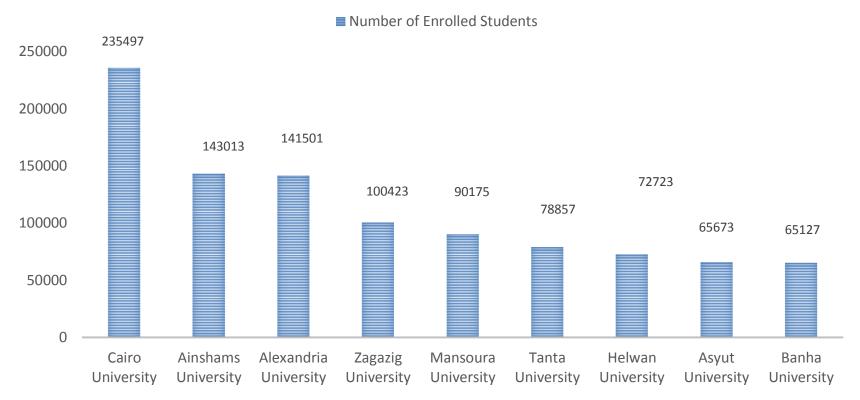




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• There is a situation of very high density of enrolled students among public universities due to access issues such as location, and/or capacity issues related to universities resources.

NUMBER OF ENROLLED STUDENTS AMONG TOP HIGH DENSITY UNIVERSITIES\*





## Challenges

- This situation of high demand versus limited resources caused challenges in terms of education accessibility, quality and match with market needs as follows:
  - HE institutions have to choose between accommodating limited number of students to ensure quality learning, or accommodating more number of students and sacrifice high quality education standards due resources limitation
  - Limited opportunities within Science specialties (Engineering, science, medicine... etc) (16%)
  - Very high density within Human Sciences specialties (Arts, Languages, business... etc) (84%)
  - very limited non-formal education opportunities due to the fact that universities allocate resources to formal education.
  - Accommodating students living in remote areas.
  - Limited lifelong learning accessibility for marginalized groups such as women specially within conservative communities in upper Egypt.
  - ICT market needs literacy



## **Proposed Solutions**

Restructure HE access policies

Provide Alternatives



## E-Learning as an alternative



E-Learning Systems can accommodate more number of students with less physical assets



**Quality Learning** 

#### Interactivity Engagement

- Learner-Centered Learning
- Unlimited educational resources
- Collaborative learning
- ICT skills



Flexible HE Opportunities

#### Anywhere



 Costs and resources utilized to provide and facilitate elearning is relatively less compared to traditional education

Resources Anytime Anything Ø costs Optimized



### E-Learning and empowering Human Capital





### EELU as the engine of Flexible HE in Egypt

• In September 2005, the Ministry of Higher Education prepared a preliminary study for starting the project of the Egyptian E-Learning University (EELU).

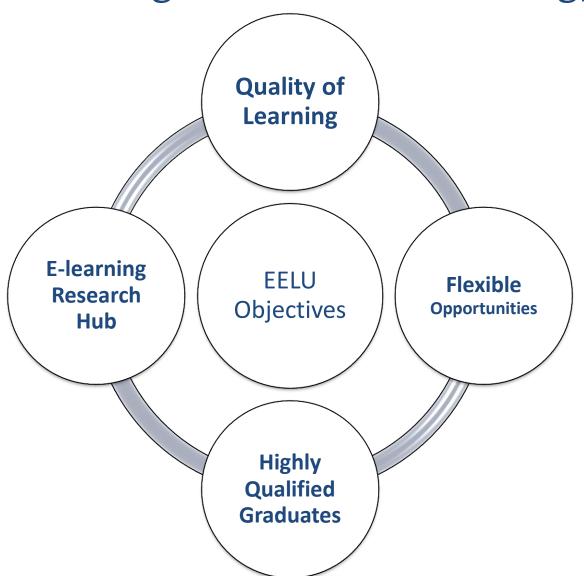


- In November 2006, an action plan was prepared for the University establishment.
- In June 2007, The Cabinet approved the establishment of the Egyptian E-Learning University.
- A presidential decree was issued in August 16, 2008
   No.233 to Establish the Egyptian E-Learning
   University to be the first ever qualified e-learning university based on best practices of the ICT and education technology in teaching and learning.

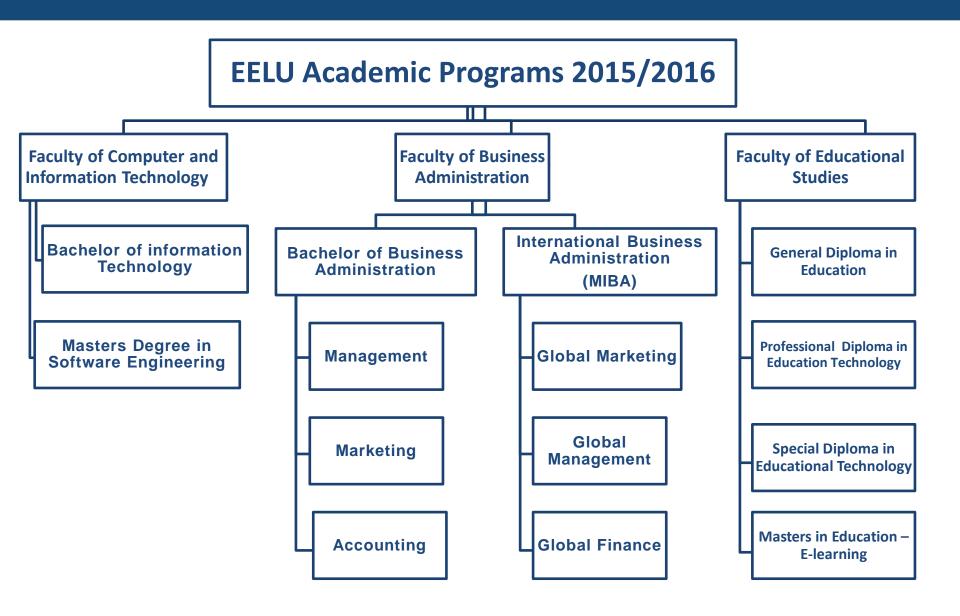




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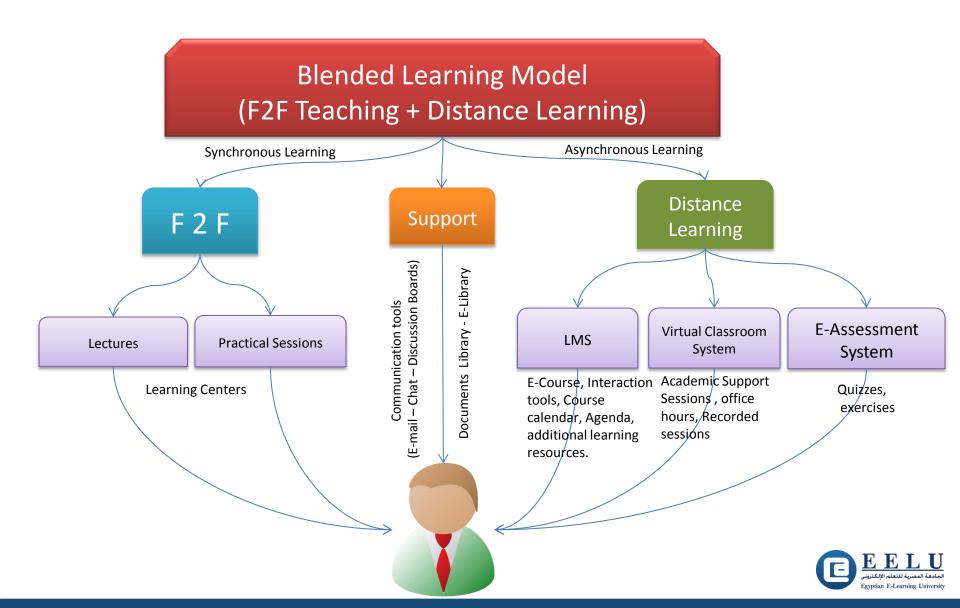
## Teaching and Learning at EELU

- Accessible, flexible HE & lifelong learning opportunities.
- Distant educational activities.
- Educational resources accessible/available via the Internet 24/7
- HE opportunities for marginalized groups such as women, education dropouts and rural/remote areas residents.
- Learner-centered Approach
- Multiple educational resources
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

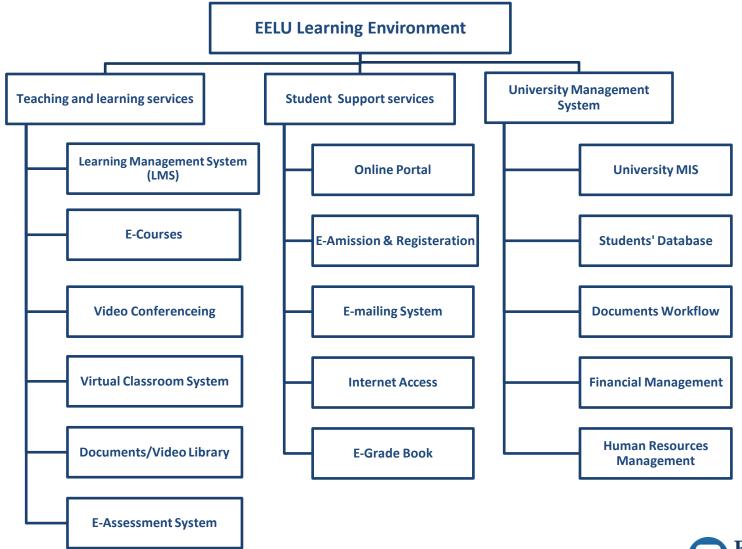




## **EELU Educational Model**



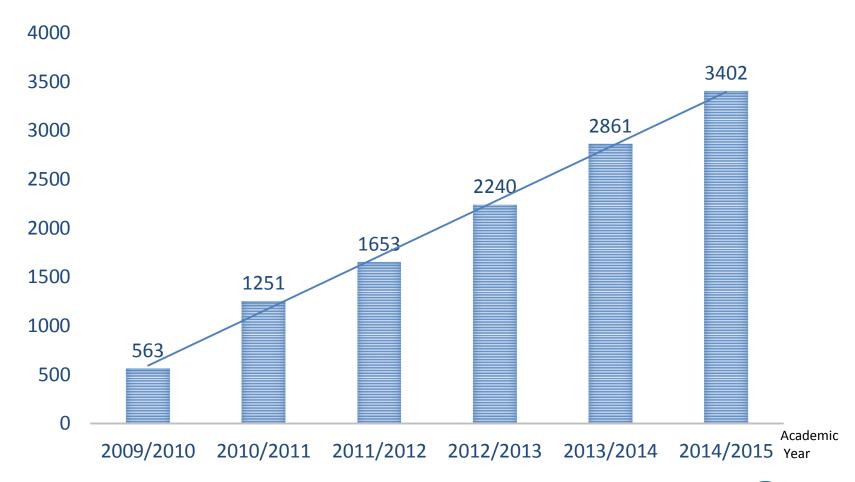
## e-Environment @ EELU





## Students' Numbers Development

#### **EELU ENROLLED STUDENTS SINCE STARTING**





### Continuing Learning Center @ EELU

EELU established The Continuing
Learning Center (CLC) to provide
continuous learning opportunities for
various educational and training
programs in different fields such as
Information Technology, Business
Management, General and Basic
Sciences, Humanities.

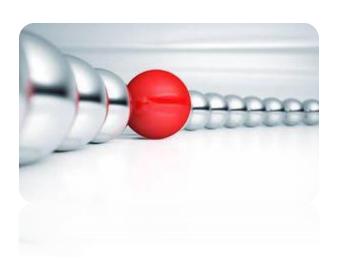


 CLC uses latest ICT tools to offer flexible learning opportunities via distance learning for all with no restrictions what so ever and to earn a professional acknowledged certificate.



### Uniqueness of CLC





- Training experiences using latest elearning technologies flexibly with minimum restrictions
- Minimum training requirements, just an internet connected PC
- Asynchronous learning opportunities to maintain maximum flexibility in terms of time and location
- Affordability is an essential factor in programs pricing
- Synchronous teaching and coaching is done by specialized expert equipped with online teaching skills and experience
- Earning an acknowledged certificate.



### MOOCs @ EELU

 Egyptian E-Learning University (EELU) launched a huge project that aims to provide learning opportunities to all people with no restriction, no entry requirements and totally free.



 This project launched under the name LEARN4ALL Initiative which implies the message of providing learning opportunities for everyone.



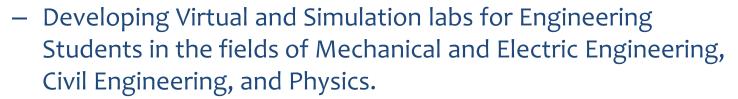
#### "WHY!!??" MOOCs @ EELU Necessity for wider expansion in quality continuing higher education and non-formal Reach education programs. Change Collabora-Culture tion Promote ICT as a learning tool Collaborative Why learning MOOCs Skills Access Control the learning Improving ICT domain **Skills** Learnin g Style Constructivism Vs.



Instructivism

### International Projects @ EELU

#### E-Lab Project





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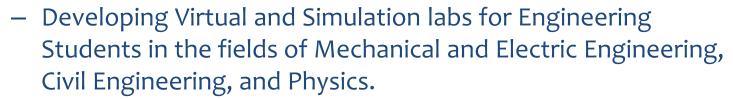






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#### eSTEM

The project aims at developing a new generation of STEM teachers in Egypt, capable of providing adequate and innovative teaching in Science, Technology, Math and Engineering-based subjects embracing STEM philosophy and are capable to bridge the gap between current school education methodologies and those needed for future pre-university school evolution.



## Challenges - 1:

- Accreditation.
- Lack of cultural awareness about e-learning.
- Social and labor market Recognition.
- National and international cooperation.



## Challenges -2:

- Human Resources (Faculties, Technical staff, ...).
- Financial issues.
- Lack of good technological infrastructure in some geographical (rural) areas.



## Wrapping-up

- E-Learning can empower human capital in multiple ways:
  - Access to Information and Knowledge
  - Convenient learning opportunities
  - Controlled Learning
  - 21<sup>st</sup> century skills development
  - Collaboration





#### **THANK YOU**

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