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Academic qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Tourism Studies, Faculty of Tourism and Hotel Management, Helwan University, in 2012.
- Diploma in African Languages, Swahili Language Department, Graduate faculty of African Studies, Cairo University, in 2019.
- Pre-Master's degree in African Studies, African Languages Department, specializing in African Literature and Heritage, in 2020.
- Master's degree in African Studies, African Languages Department, Literary Studies in Swahili Language in 2023.

Work Experience:

TV:

- Trainee on Nile channel specialized in Maspero (Egyptian Radio and TV).
- * Nour Eldonia channel (the first channel specialized in agriculture) based in Media Production City:
- Producer of "Donya Eldawagen" program, a specialized program in poultry wealth (On Air program).

- Producer of "Alam wa Amal" program, a social and service program (recorded).
- Producer in the morning talk show "Sabah Nour Eldonia" (On Air program).
- Producer in "Ala Abwab Qarya" program (recorded).
- Coverage of the 14th "Agrena" International Exhibition in June 2012.
- Coverage of the 5th International Animal and Fish Wealth Conference at the Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo University in September 2012.
- Coverage of the Sahara International Exhibition in September 2012.
- Street reports in "Donya El Dawagen" and "Sabah Nour Eldonia" programs.

Press:

- Journalist at Sawt Helwan newspaper in 2008.
- Investigations department at "Nohod Helwan" newspaper in 2009.
- Journalist at "Al-Sharq Al-Awsat" newspaper in 2012, reports and investigations department.
- Journalist and Deputy Head of Entertainment Department at Veto newspaper in 2014.
- Journalist at "Face misr" newspaper, investigations department in 2015.
- Chief of the News Department at "Face misr" newspaper in 2015.
- Chief of Governorates / Regions Department at "Face misr" newspaper in 2015.
- Chief of Investigations Department at "Face misr" newspaper in 2016.
- Chief of Governorates/ Regions Department at "Al-Balagh" newspaper in 2016.
- Chief of the News Department at "Al-Balagh" newspaper in 2017.
- Chief of the Video Department at "Al-Balagh" newspaper in 2017.
- Journalist at "Al-Hadath Al-Eqtisadi" magazine in 2016.
- Journalist at "Al-Shura Al-Ikhbari" website in 2016, news department (responsible for the transportation file and daily news of Palestine).
- Journalist at "Ahl Masr" newspaper and website 2017, (Transportation and Health file - Investigations department).
- Journalist at "Maddad" website 2017 to 2018, (reports and investigations).
- Journalist at "Al Karama" newspaper from 2017 till now, Reports and Investigations department.(A newspaper operating under the umbrella of the Al-Karama Party in Egypt).
- Journalist at "Arabi Press" website 2018.
- Journalist as part of the team of "Lotus" magazine Published by the Egyptian Center for Economic and Social Rights (an Egyptian non-governmental organization that focuses on legal, economic, and political rights. It was founded by human rights activist and former presidential candidate Khaled Ali). 2020-2022.

- Freelance journalist at “Raseef 22”, Lebanese website 2022.
- Writer and journalist researcher at “Al Safir Alarabi” ,Lebanese website 2022 till now.

Radio:

- Program preparation at Sawt Al Arab Radio 2012-2013, in variety programs.
- News presenter at Ahl Masr Radio 2013.
- Presenter in evening programs at Ahl Masr Radio (Main program: Habbet Ged) 2013.
- Presenter in morning news programs at Ahl Masr Radio (Main program: Sahat Sobhia) 2013.

Volunteer and Social work:

- Volunteer at Friends of the Environment group, aimed at preserving and protecting the surrounding environment from pollution. Associated with the Egyptian Ministry of Environment
- volunteer at the Egyptian Red Crescent.
- Members of the Ahl Misr Charitable Foundation.
- Volunteer in the "Knowledge is Light" initiative for adult literacy in informal and poor areas, affiliated with the Life Makers Foundation 2012.
- Team member organizing the "A Thousand African Leaders" initiative sponsored by Cairo University and the Leaders Foundation.
- Member of the African Student Affairs Office at Cairo University.
- Member of the "Hadd Muhitaj" group to support the poor citizens during the Corona crisis (Youth group).
- A founding member of the "Female Egyptian Journalists" group, interested in defending the rights of journalists in the Egyptian community, and attempting to find legal means to defend them.
- A member of the Deir El-Dominican group in Cairo, which is a group interested in discussing peaceful coexistence, interfaith dialogue, Religious issues and some issues related to minority affairs.
- Founder of the Rescue Initiative, which aims to shelter and save stray animals from official animal poisoning campaigns.

- I am interested in individual initiatives to combat female/male circumcision and promote body protection culture.
- A participating member of the Freedom Committee in the Egyptian Journalists Syndicate.
- Founding member of the Women's Committee at the Egyptian Journalists Syndicate.
- I have participated in several campaigns for candidates for the Journalists Syndicate as a communication and social media officer.
- Among the responsibilities of the social media team in the current advertising campaign of the current Egyptian Journalists Syndicate President, Khaled Al-Balshi.
- Journalism trainer for students at Al-Azhar University's Faculty of Media from 2017 to 2019.

Hobbies and projects:

- A playwright and actress who has participated in many independent theater groups.
- One of my research interests is studying and documenting dialects and oral languages specific to works that are on the verge of extinction or undocumented.
- I am a novelist, but I have not yet published any printed works.
- Raising pets and striving to develop a societal culture around improving their treatment.

Skills:

Computer skills:

- Good knowledge of Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint....).
- Knowledge of video editing programs on mobile phones.

- Ability to use Google Drive and digital communication platforms (Zoom, Google Meet, etc.).

Language skills:

- Arabic: Native language.
- English: good.
- Swahili: beginner level.

Communication skills and strengths:

- Ability to come up with innovative solutions for urgent work problems.
- Good teamwork skills and leadership ability.
- Proficient in networking between journalists and civil society organizations.
- Good speaker.
- The desire for continuous learning and creating spaces to acquire new skills.
- Complete freedom to travel within and outside Egypt and move according to work requirements.

Objectives:

- I aspire to train to work for research institutions/public policy and international human rights organizations.
- I aim to improve my English language skills to gain more job opportunities and communicate with journalists/institutions outside of Egypt.
- I desire to obtain a PhD in African heritage and literature.
- Planning to obtain a scholarship/fellowship abroad to train on legal and human rights tracks to protect journalists in Egypt.
- I aspire to become the first female syndicate leader for Egyptian journalists.

- I aim to establish a unit for investigative television journalism to work locally and internationally.
- I desire to obtain assistance programs for housing homeless women.
- To have the opportunity to establish a shelter for stray animals.