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Prof. Khalifa has obtained her B.Sc. (1995) & M.Sc. (2000), "Urban Planning" specialization from Ain Shams University (ASU), Egypt while her PhD (2007) was a joint supervision between ASU and the University of Sheffield, UK. Currently, Prof. Khalifa occupies 2 positions in Faculty of Engineering, ASU: 1) Director of the "Graduate Engineering School for Research" (GESR) and 2) Academic coordinator for the B.Sc. program "Environmental Architecture & Urbanism" (ENVR) under the Credit Hours Engineering Programs (CHEP), in addition to being a professor in the Department of Urban Planning & Design, Faculty of Engineering, where she joined the academic staff since 1996. Prof. Khalifa has major interest in informal settlements upgrading, participatory planning approaches, environmental assessment & risk reduction, and resources efficient cities. She combines the advantages of having both the theoretical grounds and practical application experience. She has been teaching and supervising multidisciplinary topics, both undergraduate and postgraduate since 1996 to date. Simultaneously, she had provided consultancy services to national and international organizations in Egypt related to her area of expertise. Additionally, since 2007 she has participated in and coordinated 2 international cooperation projects with universities in EU, Latin America, South Asia and MENA Region related to higher education reform in the field of participatory planning and natural resources management.