Honored Guests,

It gives us great pleasure to welcome you to TIMEP’s first event of 2014, “Tracing the Revolution: Three Years of Upheaval in Egypt.” The event is timed to commemorate the third anniversary of the day Egyptians poured into Tahrir Square and open spaces throughout Egypt, united in their chant for “bread, freedom and social justice.” As we gather to reflect on the last three years in Egypt, we are reminded both of the immense human losses experienced thus far and of the long road ahead for many countries striving to transition into democratic societies.

At TIMEP, we aim to convey to policymakers and the public an accurate understanding of the situations in such transitioning countries, taking into consideration the nuances and the internal dynamics within them. It is our hope that this effort will lead to well-informed policy that supports the transition to democracy. For such a transition to truly occur, it must be marked not only by elections and popular referenda, but also by the recognition of the rule of law, the protection of minority populations, and the furtherance of economic development that benefits all.

TIMEP is equally committed to providing a platform to amplify the unrecognized regional voices crying out for positive change. By providing information and analysis on events and societal realities that do not often make the headlines, we will contribute to building a more complete understanding of developments in the region. As we begin the year by acknowledging the third anniversary of the January 25 Egyptian revolution, we hope that you will continue to engage with our work in support of the positive changes sought by the people of the countries of the Middle East.

Sincerely,

Mr. Alex Shalaby
Chair of the Board of Advisors

Dr. Nancy Okail
Executive Director