

Invitation

**“Witness to War and Peace: Egypt, the October War, and Beyond”  
Memoirs of a Senior Diplomat**

*Interview and discussion with*

**H.E. Ahmed Aboul Gheit**

8<sup>th</sup> Secretary-General of the League of Arab States

*Interviewer and moderator*

**Prof. Dr. Udo Steinbach**

Head of the MENA Study Centre at the Maecenata Foundation  
Member of the Board of Directors, German-Arab Friendship Association (DAFG)

**Tuesday, 23 November 2021**

**12:00 noon [Cairo time]**

**11.00 a.m. [Berlin time]**

**online event (webinar via Zoom)**

The German-Arab Friendship Association (DAFG) is honored and delighted to have the rare opportunity to present the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, H.E. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, for an exclusive live interview and discussion on his book “Witness to War and Peace: Egypt, the October War, and Beyond”. As former Egyptian Minister for Foreign Affairs and leading Arab diplomat, H.E. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, will present his first-hand and personal insights into and analyses on the Middle East Conflict.

The interview with Prof. Dr. Udo Steinbach will be broadcasted as a live webinar via the online conference software zoom. After the initial interview, the audience has the opportunity to ask questions via the chat function.

**In order to participate in this webinar, please register via email with: [dafg@dafg.eu](mailto:dafg@dafg.eu).**

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We are looking forward to your participation.

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**H.E. Ahmed Aboul Gheit**

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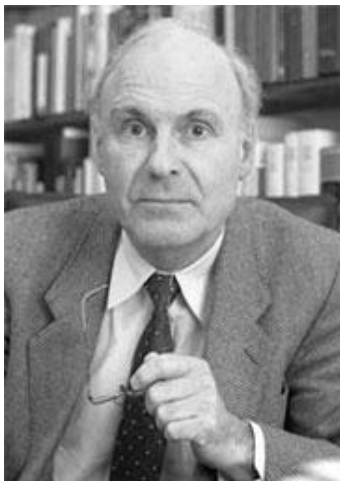
*Ahmed Aboul Gheit joined the diplomatic corps in 1965 after completing university, and rose through the ranks of the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, occupying diplomatic positions in Rome, Nicosia, Moscow and New York. He participated in negotiations in 1978 of the Camp David Accords, which led to the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. In 1999, he was appointed Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations, before being recalled to Cairo in 2004 to take the lead in diplomacy. He served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt from 11 July 2004 to 6 March 2011. In December 2005, he began mediating the Chad-Sudan conflict. Aboul Gheit was elected Secretary-General of the Arab League in March 2016; his term commenced on 3 July 2016.*

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