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Baher Esmat joined MCIT in August 2002 as a member of the Telecom Strategic Planning Department, leveraging his experience with Carrier-Class Telecoms to provide consultation support in projects related to telecommunications infrastructure and service development within the framework of Building Egypt's Information Society. In October 2004, Baher was promoted to head the Telecom Planning Department of MCIT, carrying on his role in providing consultation and preparing action plans for national projects as well as initiatives promoted by MCIT, while at the same time leading other working groups that study the feasibility of introducing new telecom services to the Egyptian market.

Bringing 12 years of experience, Baher started his career in 1993 as a Systems Engineer at Egypt's Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC / RITSEC) where he participated in setting up and operating the first Internet Point of Presence in Egypt serving the public as well as the private sectors. During that time, Baher participated in the design, implementation and technical support of data networks for many governmental as well as public organizations. Almost 6 years later, in February 1999, Baher moved to Newbridge Networks, a leading multi-national manufacturer of Carrier-Class Data Switches that was later on acquired by Alcatel. With Newbridge / Alcatel, Baher served as a Systems Consultant responsible for sales support activities focusing on Telecom Operators and Carriers in Egypt and Levant.

In November 2004, Baher was selected by the UN Secretary General to be a member of the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG), a group of 40 experts representing various sectors and organizations mandated to investigate and make proposals for action on the governance of Internet. Additionally, since September 2004, Baher has been the Chair of the Egyptian IPv6 Task Force, an activity that is concerned with raising awareness and developing a plan of action for the transition to IPv6 in Egypt as well as playing a liaison role with other regional and international IPv6 groups.

Baher received a Bachelor Degree in Electronics and Communications Engineering from Cairo University in June 1993, and a Master Degree in Computer Science from the American University in Cairo in June 1999. In May 2004, Baher completed Executive Development Program of IESE Business School, the graduate school of management of the University of Navarra, Spain. Baher's main area of interest is Mobile IP and Broadband Wireless in which he has published few papers in international conferences and proceedings.