

Minister Moushira Khattab is an Egyptian human rights activist & a diplomat. She served as Minister of Family & Population of Egypt. She crowned her diplomatic career as ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Since 1999, Moushira Khattab became a human rights activist, serving as the Secretary General of the National Council for Childhood & Motherhood (NCCM) & for 8 years (2002- 2010) as vice chair and rapporteur of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva.

She engineered a paradigm shift in the protection, promotion & monitoring the rights of women and children in Egypt, the Arab world, Africa & the world at large. She initiated and led the most comprehensive rights based legal reform crowned by the adoption of Egypt's Child Law 126/2008. She mobilized the society & became the watch dog for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against women & children focusing on girls. Combating gender based violence including criminalization of female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriage are some of her achievements, making her a target for attack by fundamentalist groups. The success of NCCM was crowned by its transformation in March 2009 into the Ministry of Family and Population and the appointment of Moushira Khattab as Minister. The Ministry was short lived to be abolished in March 2011.

Moushira Khattab holds a PHD, & B.A. from Cairo University, M.A. from the University of North Carolina ,USA.

Khattab received three decorations, two from the Italian republic: Cavaliere della Repubblica, the highest to be bestowed on a non Italian citizen, & Commendatore della Repubblica, and the Order of Good Hope from the President of South Africa.