

## **Dr. Ismail Serageldin**

### **Recipient of Jamnalal Bajaj Award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India-2006**

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Dr. Ismail Serageldin is an Egyptian national, born in Guiza in 1944. He is currently Director of the world-famous Library of Alexandria (Bibliotheca Alexandrina) the historic institution reviving the "cradle of knowledge" which Alexandria has been known for throughout the centuries in both Western and Eastern civilizations. He chairs the Boards of Directors for each of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina's affiliated research institutes and museums. He is also Distinguished University Professor at Wageningen University, the Netherlands. Earlier, he was the Chairman, Youth Employment Summit (YES) Campaign, Special Advisor, The World Bank and Distinguished Visiting Professor, American University in Cairo. He has also served in a number of capacities at the World Bank, including as Vice-President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development. and for Special Programs. He was the Founder Chairman, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), Chairman of the Global Water Partnership, the World Commission for Water in the 21st Century and the Consultative Group to Assist the Poorest (CGAP), a microfinance programme. His professional memberships include the Supreme Council for Culture, Egypt, Institut d' Egypt, the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, India, the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Austria, the Bangladesh Academy of Sciences and Arts, the American Institute of Certified Planners and the World Academy of Arts and Sciences, United States of America.

He also serves as Chair and Member of a number of advisory committees for academic, research, scientific and international institutions and civil society efforts. Dr. Serageldin's credo is :

- The world is my home
- Humanity is my family
- Non-violence is my creed
- Peace, justice, equality and dignity for all is my purpose
- Engagement, rationality, tolerance, dialogue, learning and understanding are my means.

Dr. Serageldin has received 18 honorary doctorates and has edited or authored over 50 books and monographs and over 200 articles, book chapters, and technical papers on topics like sustainable development, rural well-being, the value of science to society and biotechnology. He is a distinguished member of several renowned organizations globally such as the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Austria, the Third World Academy of Sciences, Italy and the Academia Bibliotheca Alexandrinae (ABA).

Dr. Serageldin is considered a pivotal and articulate leader in the Arab Reform movement around the world. His reform movement underway is aimed at recasting economic policies and political governance in the Arab world and other Muslim nations. Speaking at a convocation function to students in Australia, Dr. Serageldin elaborates his vision of a caring society where (in keeping with Gandhi) there would be:

No Politics without Principle

No Wealth without Work

No Commerce without Morality

No Pleasure without Conscience

No Education without Character

No Science without Humanity

Dr. Ismail Serageldin is a true global citizen for peace and harmony for our planet.

