

Regional Consultation on the Environment and Natural Resources for the 2019 Arab Forum for Sustainable Development (AFSD) and High Level Political Forum (HLPF)

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at the First Residence, Cairo, Egypt, 27 – 28 February 2019

Agenda

Day 1: 27 February 2019

9:30 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming Remarks by Organizing Partners, Chair of CAMRE, and Host Country <i>Mr. Joseph Al Asmar, Advisor to the Lebanese Minister of Environment</i> <i>Mr. Hussein Abaza, Advisor to the Egyptian Minister of Environment for Sustainable Development Affairs</i> <i>Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Executive Director, ESCWA Technology Center, ESCWA</i> <i>Mr. Djamaleddine Djaballah, Minister Plenipotentiary, Director of Environment, Housing and Water Resources Department, League of Arab States</i> - Tour de Table - Presentation of Background and Meeting's Agenda <i>Ms. Lara Geadah, Economic Affairs Assistant, Food & Environmental Policies Section, ESCWA</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:30	<p>Session 1: Promoting and Enhancing Environmental Education to Achieve Sustainable Development Moderator: Mr. Hussein Abaza, Advisor to the Egyptian Minister of Environment for Sustainable Development Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education for Sustainable Development, Where Do We Stand in the Arab Region? <i>Ambassador Shahira Wahbi, Head of Natural Resources, Sustainability and Partnerships, League of Arab States (LAS)</i> - Environmental Education: a Driving Force to Strengthen Environmental Stewardship and Social Responsibility <i>Ms. Elsa Sattout, Program Specialist, UNESCO's Regional Office for Sciences in the Arab States, Egypt</i> - Education for Sustainable Development: Challenges, Opportunities and Lessons Learned <i>Mr. Emad Eldine Adly, General Coordinator, Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED, Egypt)</i> - Environmental Education for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, Horizon 2030 in Algeria <i>Mr. Alkama Derradji Belloum, Manager of Awareness, Culture and Partnership for Protection of Environment, Ministry of Environment & Renewable Energy, Algeria</i>

	<p>Guiding Questions for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can environmental education guide approaches to addressing environmental challenges in the Arab region? - How can initiatives of Education for Sustainable Development particularly help understand the causes and consequences of environmental deterioration, and make responsible and targeted decisions in support of the sustainability of natural resources? - What are the prerequisites for building a participatory approach for enhancing environmental education in the Arab Region? - What are the most important challenges facing the enhancement of environmental education in participating countries?
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Session 2: Encouraging Green Jobs Promotion Initiatives Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Executive Director, ESCWA Technology Center, ESCWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decent Jobs for Egypt’s Youth <i>Ms. Perihan Tawfik, Decent Jobs for Egypt’s Young People Project Coordinator, International Labour Organization, Cairo Office, Egypt</i> - Sustainable Cities, Urban Mines <i>Mr. Hossam Allam, Regional Director – Sustainable Growth Division (SGD), Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE), Egypt</i> - Green Jobs in the Renewable Energy Sector in Jordan <i>Mr. Suhaib Ababneh, Expert in Studies, National Energy Research Center, Royal Scientific Society (RSS), Jordan</i> - Green Economy in the Arab Region <i>Mr. AlBahloul Mohamed Ishtewi, Economic Consultant, Arab Labor Organization</i> <p>Guiding Questions for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the available opportunities for generating decent green jobs in the Arab region? - How does encouraging local production contribute to the provision of decent green job opportunities in the Arab Region? - Exchange of lessons learned and experiences on sustainable growth, and promoting responsible consumption and production in the Arab countries. - What are the needs of Arab countries to take a step forward towards implementing Goal 8 of the SDGs?

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9:30 – 11:30	<p>Session 3: Ways of Decoupling Economic Growth from Environmental Degradation Moderator: Ms. Soha Osman, Head of Women and Technology Unit, Arab Women Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approaches for Transforming Environmental Degradation into Economic Growth <i>Mr. Joseph Al Asmar, Advisor to the Minister of Environment, Ministry of Environment, Lebanon</i> - Effects of Environmental Degradation on Economic Growth in Egypt <i>Ms. Hiba Shaarawi, Director General of Environmental Economics, Egyptian Environment Affairs Agency (EEAA), Ministry of Environment, Egypt</i>
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11:30-12:00	Coffee Break
12:00-14:00	<p>Session 4: Impacts of Conflict on the Environment and Ways of Reducing Negative Impacts</p> <p>Moderator: Ambassador Shahira Wahbi, Chief of Natural Resources, Sustainability and Partnerships, League of Arab States (LAS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Armed Conflicts and their Impacts on the Environment and Economic Sectors in the Arab region - Case Study of the Agricultural Sector <i>Mr. Elias Ghadban, Regional Adviser on Food Security Issues, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA</i> - Role of Civil Society Institutions in Reducing the Negative Impact of Conflicts on the Environment in the Arab region <i>Ms. Razan Zuayter, President, Arab Network for Food Sovereignty (ANFS), Jordan</i> - Case Studies from Arab Countries Suffering from Conflict: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Situation of Yemen: <i>Mr. Abdulqader Al-Kharraz, Chairman, Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Ministry of Water and Environment, Aden, Yemen</i> o Situation of Libya: <i>Mr. Fathi Awaz, Director of Administration, Administration of Environmental Inspection and Monitoring, Environment General Authority (EGA), Tripoli, Libya</i> o Situation of Palestine: <i>Mr. Zaghoul Samhan, Director-General of Policies & Planning, General Directorate of Policies & Planning Environment Quality Authority (EQA), Ramallah, Palestine</i> <p>Guiding Questions for Discussion:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do armed and long-term conflicts affect the environment and access to natural resources and lead to the harm and destruction of the region's water, land and energy resource in the region and its basic infrastructure? - The importance of national and sectorial assessments on the impact of conflict on the environment, natural resources and strategic sectors that depend on these resources. - What are the best ways through which countries can claim compensations for the environmental damages they suffered from in the Arab region? - How could the rule of law be strengthened at the national and international levels while ensuring an equal access to justice for all?
14:00-15:00	Lunch Break
15:00-16:00	<p>Closing Session and Key Messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ambassador Shahira Wahbi, Head of Natural Resources, Sustainability and Partnerships, League of Arab States (LAS)</i> - <i>Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Executive Director, ESCWA Technology Center, ESCWA</i>