



## Eye on Earth Summit 2015 Arab Region' Participation





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# Strategy for Arab Region's participation

## Eye on Earth Objective

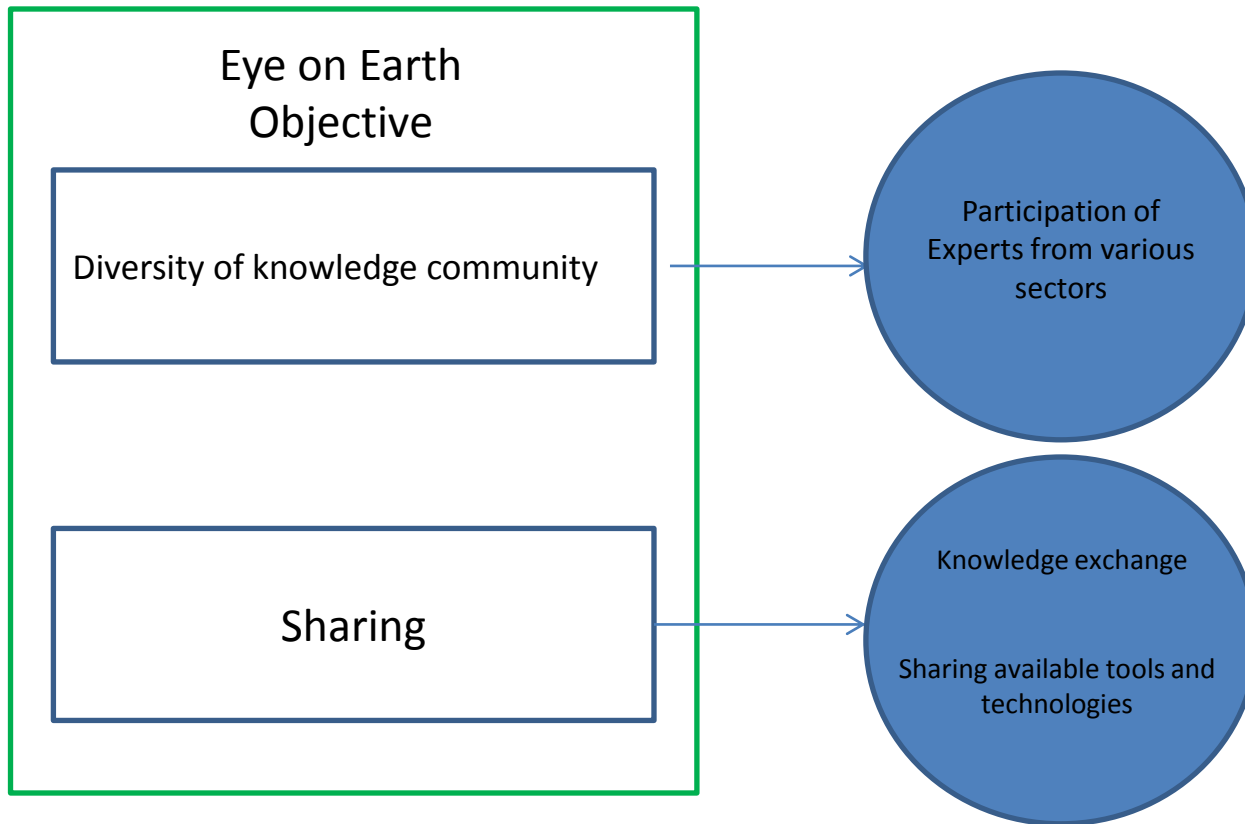
The Eye on Earth initiative aims to facilitate the **sharing** of environmental, societal and economic data and information, provided by the **diversity of knowledge communities**, to support sustainable development

## Eye on Earth Summit themes

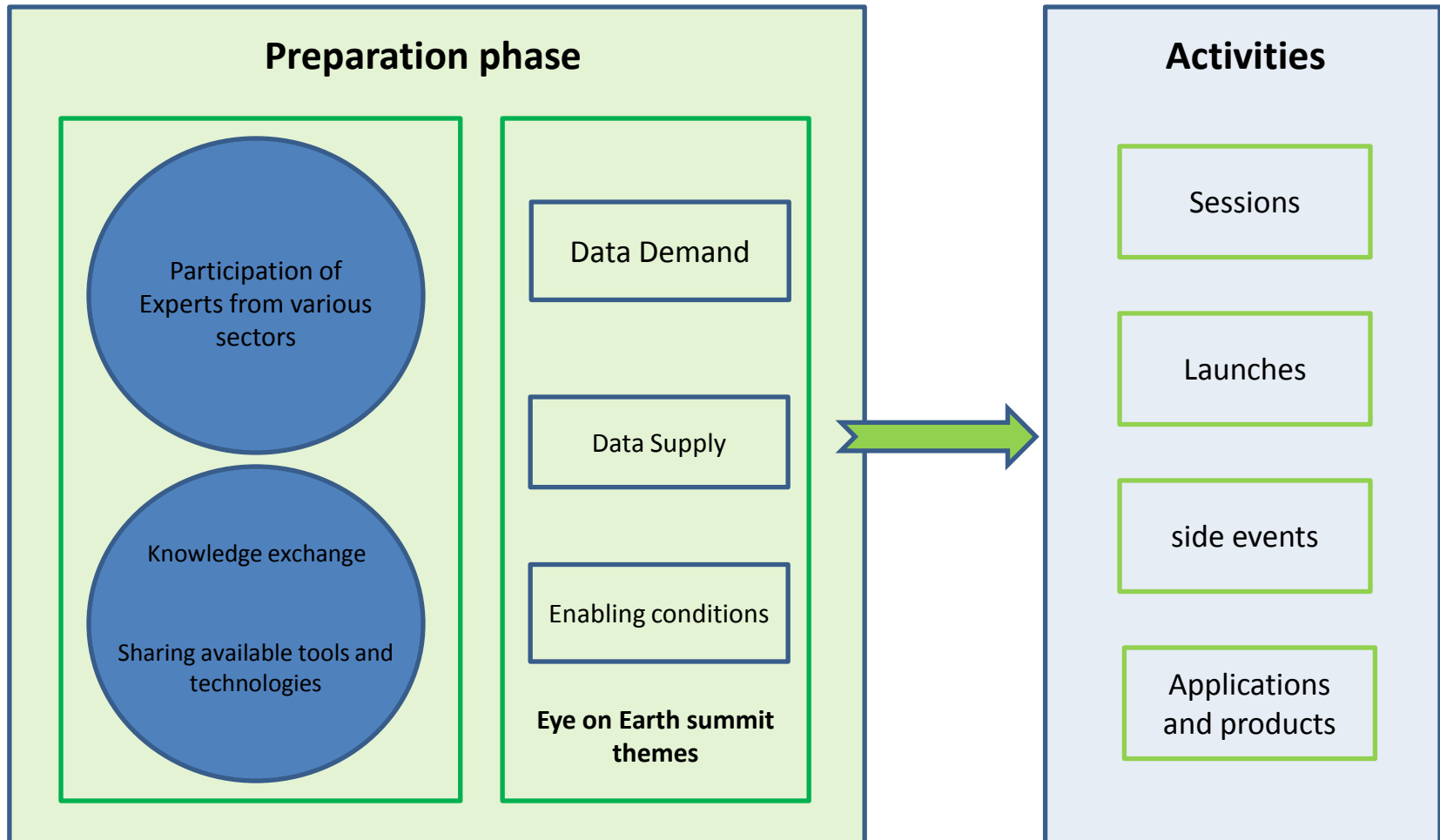
- Data Demand
- Data Supply
- Enabling conditions

## **Introductory and Implementation phases**

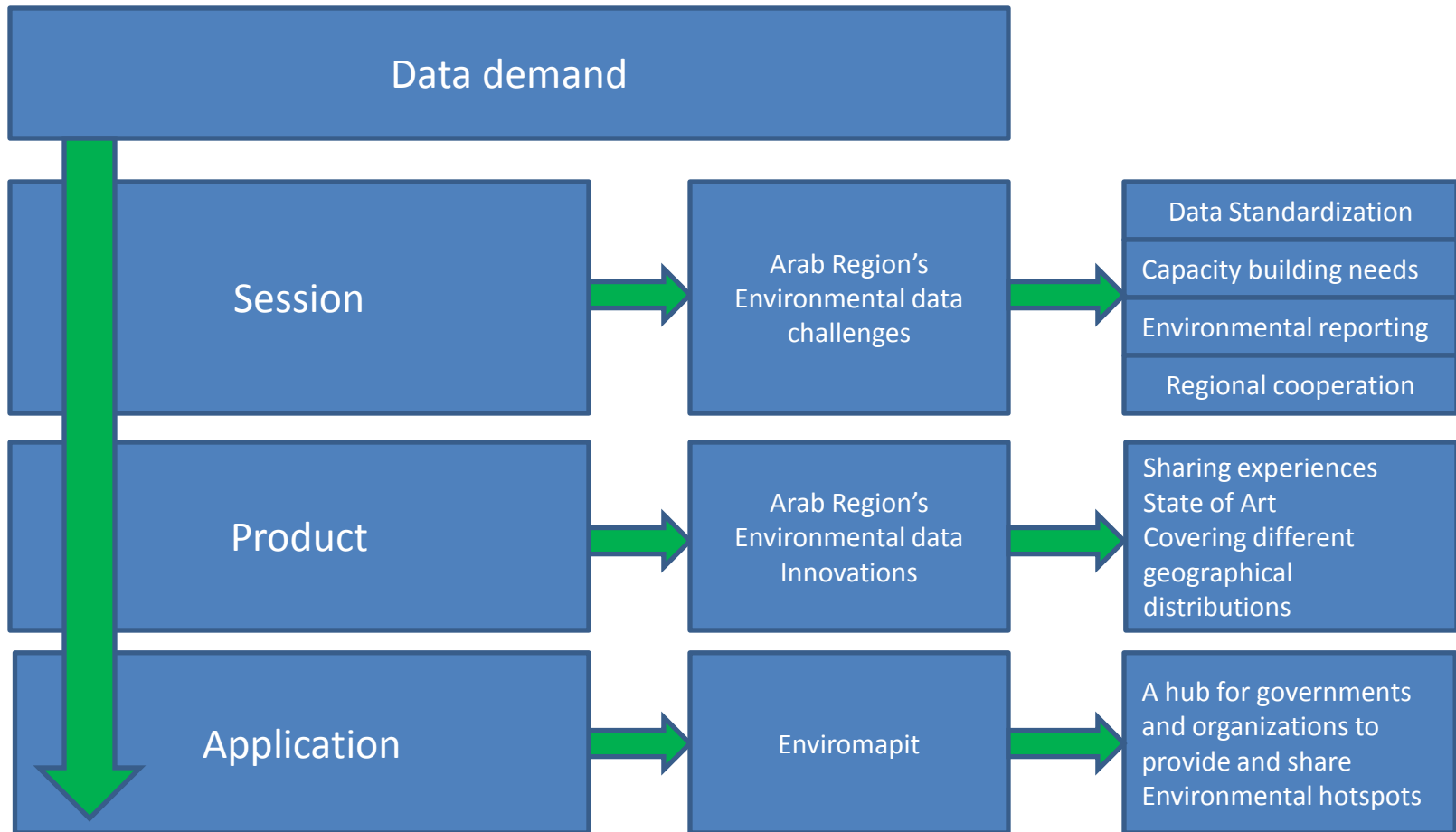
# Introductory phase



# Implementation Phase



# Activities







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1 Summit 3 Days 8 Sessions 650 Participants





Timing 14.15 : 15.45  
 Arab Region's Environmental Data Challenges

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 15-16 OCTOBER 2015

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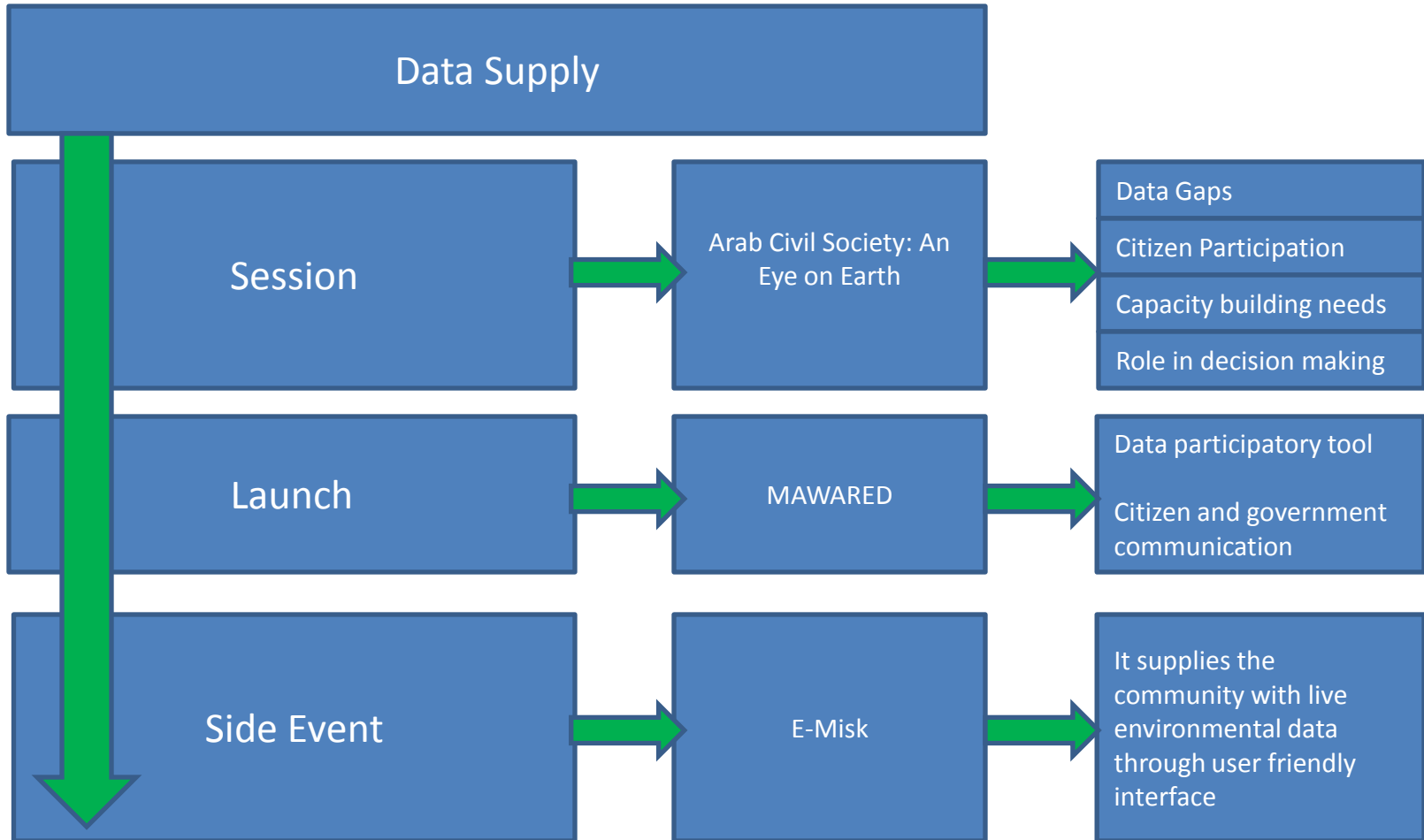
Panel of speakers seated at a long table with the Eye on Earth logo on the front. Each speaker has a nameplate and a water bottle.





# Arab Region Environmental Hotspots





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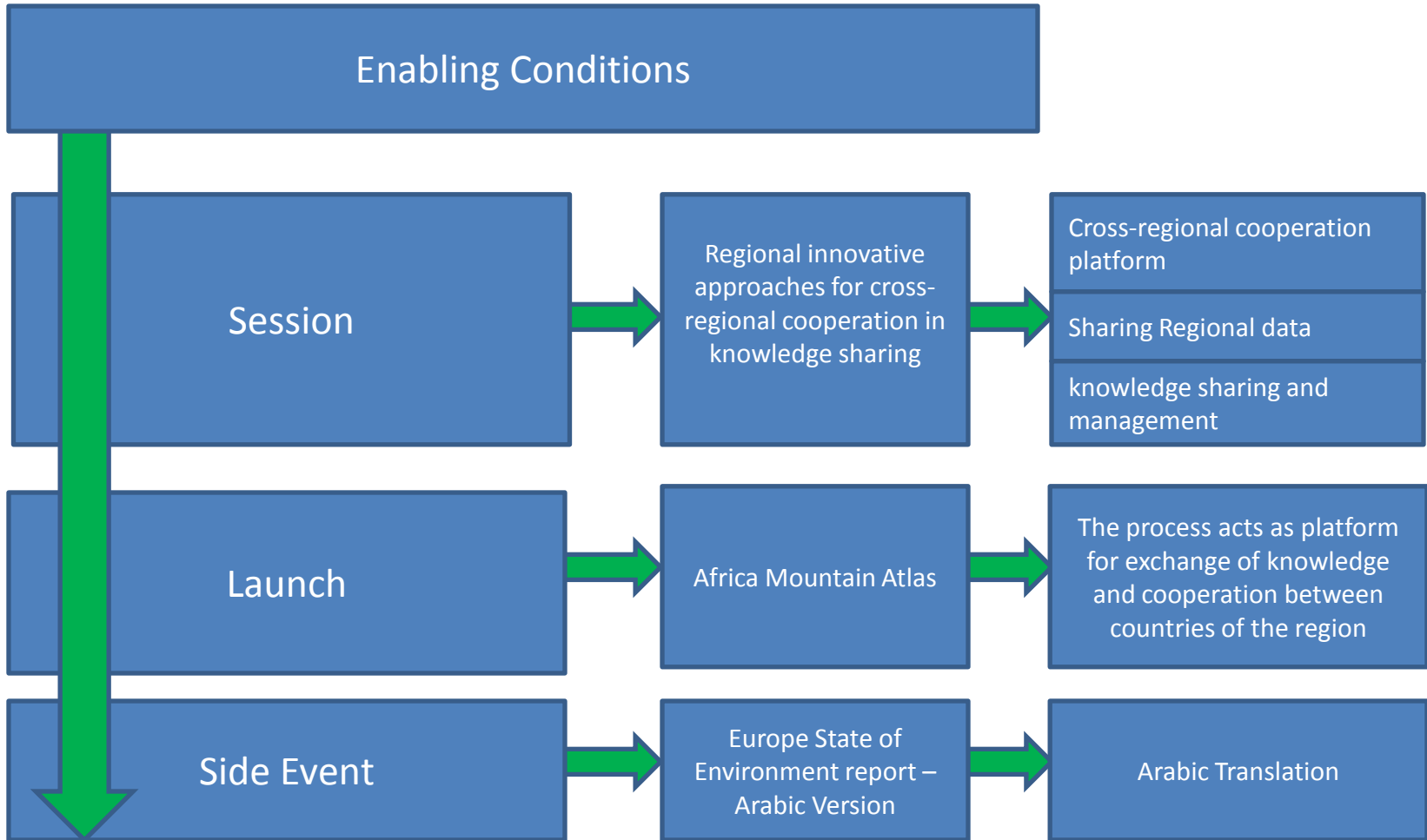
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Mobilizing Arab Wide Action for Reliable Environment Data

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## Key Questions

- What are the main reasons for cross-regional environmental information sharing?
- How are regional networks cooperating and sharing experiences with respect to environmental knowledge?
- What are the approaches of knowledge sharing and management in different regions? Where have certain case studies been successful and why?
- How can regional networks develop an agreement for knowledge sharing and cooperation?



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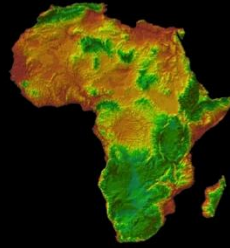
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## Mountains Atlas

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# **Delegates and Speakers**



# Delegates:

- Between 200-230 delegates of the total Eye on Earth participation
- Participating sectors:
  - Governments
  - Academia
  - International Organizations
  - Intergovernmental Organizations
  - Private sector
  - NGO



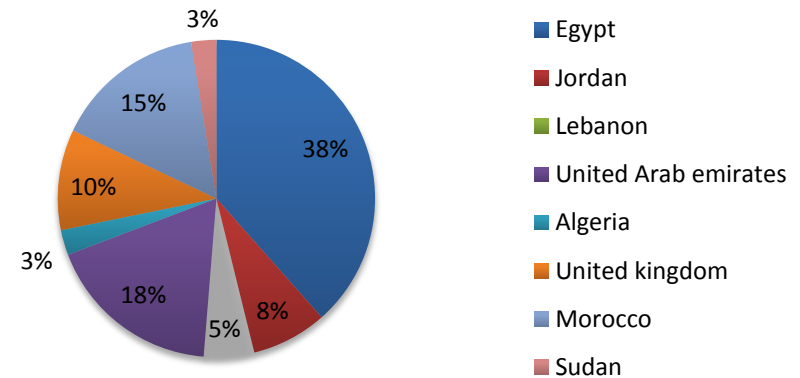
# **General Outcomes**

- Description of data challenges and capacity building needs in the Arab Region.
- Acknowledge current innovations and success stories in the region.
- Opportunities for cooperation in the region on the regional and global level.
- Elements of vision and strategy for environmental information and reporting in the Arab region



## Media Coverage

Country	Number of published articles
Egypt	15
Jordan	3
Lebanon	2
United Arab emirates	7
Algeria	1
United kingdom	4
Morocco	6
Sudan	1



Based on the Arab Region's sessions discussions it was agreed between various presenters that:

*“We recommend the establishment of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to follow-up post-Summit on the issues highlighted;”*

It was agreed that the SIGs will have regional geographical focus and will embrace members from relevant international, national, regional institutions ,private sector and NGOs.



# Eye on Earth

## Special Interest Groups (SIG)

- Regional data working group
- Imagery satellite working group
- Peace and Security
- Integrated Environmental Assessment (IEA)
- Citizens Science
- Environmental Legislations

# Regional data working group:

- **It focuses on Data and Indicators**
- **Main objectives:**
  1. Improve availability and access to data in the Arab region
  2. Work on guiding the Arab region in developing and implementing sustainable development indicators to meet SDGs
  3. Support Regional Capacity Building
  4. Improve data sharing and networking and support the Arab Regional Environmental information Network

# Imagery satellite working group:

- **It focuses on** imagery data availability, free sources and the use of Imagery
- **Main objective :**
  1. Creating a network of the Satellite Imagery of providers

# Peace and security working group:

- **It focuses on** the impacts of conflicts on the environment of the Arab region and the detrimental effects of environmental degradation and climate change on the regional peace and security.
- **Main Objectives:**
  1. Impacts of conflict on the Environment
  2. Impacts of Environment degradation on the regional security
  3. Effect of climate change on peace and security

# Integrated Environmental Assessment- (IEA) working group:

- **It focuses on** improving and enforcement of the IEA process for reporting in the Arab region in order to produce critical environmental knowledge for decision-making.
- **Main objectives :**
  1. Producing critical and systematic policy relevant environmental reports on different scales for environmental decision-making.
  2. Enhancing reporting on environmental trends and their interactions with economic and social development in the region.
  3. Promoting the participatory and interactive approach to linking knowledge and action in environmental reporting.

# Citizen Science working Group:

**It focuses on** filling the data gaps and solving data issues through a participatory approach that involves citizens in environmental decision-making by contributing to collecting environmental data.

## **Main objectives :**

1. Engaging Arab citizens in the process of data generation promoting their contribution in environmental decision-making.
2. Filling the current environmental data gaps through a participatory approach.
3. Raising the awareness of environmental issues among Arab citizens.





# Environmental Legislations working group:

**It focuses on** Environmental Legislations development and mechanisms enforcement

## **Main Objectives:**

1. Supporting governments in the process of developing, enforcement and evaluating environmental laws and regulations in accordance with chapter 8 of Agenda 21
2. Assisting environmental institutions in developing the law-making process into a participatory process that involves relevant inter-governmental and non- governmental organizations.
3. Establishing a regional training network for sustainable development law to ensure its compliance with international laws.
4. Helping governments in farming laws that ensure citizen access to information and participation in environmental decision making at the national level in accordance with principle 10 of the Rio declaration on environment and development.

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