**AFRICAN MINISTERIAL SUMMIT ON BIODIVERSITY**

13 November 2018, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

**Theme: “Land and ecosystem degradation and restoration: Priorities for increased investments in biodiversity and resilience in Africa”**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
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| 10 – 10.45 a.m. | Session 1. OpeningModerator: Mr. Tarek Radwan, Chairman of the African Affairs Committee, House of Representatives of Egypt* H.E. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt
* Harsen Nyambe, Head of the African Union Division of Environment, Climate change, Water and Land Management
* Frank Turyatunga, Deputy Director, Africa Office of UN Environment
* Cristiana Pașca Palmer, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity
* Monique Barbut, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
* Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
* Naoko Ishii, Chief Executive Officer of the Global Environment Facility
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| 10.45 – 11.30 a.m. | Session 2. Current status and trends of land degradation at the global level and of biodiversity and ecosystem services in AfricaModerator: Estherine Lisinge-Fotabong, NEPAD Agency* Presentation of the IPBES Global Land Degradation Assessment Report, by Robert Scholes, Assessment Co-Chair
* Presentation of the IPBES regional assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa, by Luthando Dziba, Africa Biodiversity Assessment Co-Chair
* Key messages from the 7th Special Session of African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN), by Hon. Jacques-Denis Tsanga, Minister of Water and Forests of Gabon and President of AMCEN
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| 11.30 a.m.– 12 noon | Session 3. Africa’s biodiversity prioritiesModerator: Hamdallah Zedan, Ministry of Environment of Egypt* Discussion and endorsement of Africa’s priorities for inclusion in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
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| 12 noon – 1 p.m. | Session 4. Panel discussion: Relevant experiences, lessons learned and the way forward to combat land degradation and enhance ecosystem restoration in AfricaModerator: Frank Turyatunga, Deputy Regional Director, Africa Office, UN Environment * Introduction of the Pan-African Action Agenda on Ecosystem Restoration for Increased Resilience by Estherine Lisinge-Fotabong, NEPAD Agency
* Panel discussion by Ministers from the five subregions of Africa:
	+ Central Africa: Hon. Jacques-Denis Tsanga, Minister of Water and Forests of Gabon
	+ Eastern Africa: Hon. Moussa Mohamed Ahmed, Minister of Housing, Planning, Urban Affairs and Environment of Djibouti
	+ Southern Africa: Hon. Derek.A. Hanekom, Minister of Tourism and Acting Minister of Environmental Affairs of South Africa
	+ Northern Africa: Hon. Nezha El Ouafi, Seccretary of State Ministry of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development of Morocco
	+ Western Africa: Hon. Ibrahim Usman Jibril, Minister of State for Environment of Nigeria
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| 1 – 3 p.m. | LUNCH |
| 3 – 5 p.m. | Session 5. Country commitments on ecosystem restorationModerator: Harsen Nyambe, African Union Commission* Presentations of national commitments and actions on ecosystem restoration
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| 5 – 6 p.m. | Session 6. Summit outcomes and follow-upChair: H.E. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt* Presentation and adoption of the Ministerial Declaration on Biodiversity including the Pan-African Action Agenda on Ecosystem Restoration for Increased Resilience and Africa’s Biodiversity Priorities

Closing remarks* Cosmas Ochieng, Director of the African Natural Resources Centre of the African Development Bank
* Daniel Calleja, Director General for the Environment at the European Commission
* Inger Andersen, Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature
* Alexandra Rasoamanana (Madagascar) and Simangele Msweli (South Africa), Global Youth Biodiversity Network
* Lucy Mulenkei, Executive Director of the Indigenous Women’s Biodiversity Network
* H.E. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt
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