

**High-Level Segment**  
**United Nations Biodiversity Conference, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt 2018**  
**“Investing in Biodiversity for People and Planet”**  
**Provisional Agenda**  
As of 12 November 2018

Time	Wednesday, 14 November 2018
<b>Opening Plenary (10:00-13:00)</b> <b>Room: The Summit</b>	<p><i>Opening remarks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt</li> <li>- Governor Khaled Fouda Saddiq Mohammed, South Sinai Governorate</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. José Octavio Tripp Villanueva, Ambassador of Mexico to Egypt, COP 13 Presidency</li> <li>- Mr. Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment</li> <li>- Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Siim Kiisler, Minister of Environment of Estonia, President of the United Nations Environment Assembly</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Mostafa Madbouly, Prime Minister of Egypt</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderated Panel: “The Importance of Investing in Biodiversity for People and Planet”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moderator: H.E. Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Minister of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica</li> <li>- <i>Setting the Scene:</i> Mr. Jonathan Baillie, Executive Vice-President and Chief Scientist, National Geographic Society</li> <li>- Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Mr. Mohamed Maait, Minister of Finance of Egypt</li> <li>- H.E. Ms. Emmanuelle Wargon, State Minister of Ecological and Inclusive Transition of France</li> <li>- Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change</li> <li>- Ms. Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility</li> <li>- Ms. Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</li> <li>- Ms. Adriana Dinu, Deputy Director, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme</li> <li>- Dr. Emad El Din Adly, General Coordinator, Arab Network for Environment and Development “RAED”</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Statement:</i> Egypt’s global initiative to promote the use of nature-based ecosystem approaches to coherently address biodiversity loss, climate change and land and ecosystem degradation.</p>
<b>Lunch (13:00-14:45)</b>	Ministerial Lunch (By invitation only) <b>“Biodiversity – Solution to Climate Change and Land Degradation”</b> Venue: Restaurant, Building 2
<b>14:45-15:00</b>	Ministerial photo

<p><b>Afternoon Session (15:00-18:00)</b></p>	<p><i>Parallel sector round-table sessions:</i></p> <p><b><u>Infrastructure round table: “Mainstreaming biodiversity in the Infrastructure sector”</u></b>  <i>Venue: The Capital Room (Working Group 1)</i>  Co-Chair: H.E. Eng. Randa Elmenshawy Vice-Minister of Housing, Utilities and Urban Development of Egypt  Co-Chair: H.E. Mr. Thulasizwe Thembelani Nxesi, Minister of Public Works of South Africa  Opening Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Mr. Huang Runqiu, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China</li> <li>- H.E. Ms. Emmanuelle Wargon, State Minister of Ecological and Inclusive Transition of France</li> <li>- Ms. Mary Porter Pechka, Director of Environment Social and Governance, International Finance Corporation</li> <li>- Mr. Yun Liang, Vice President of China Harbour Engineering Company</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Manufacturing and processing round table: “Mainstreaming biodiversity in the manufacturing and processing sector”</u></b>  <i>Venue: The Summit Room (Working Group 2)</i>  Co-Chair: H.E. Eng. Amr Nassar, Minister of Industry and Trade of Egypt  Co-Chair: H.E. Ms. Eugenie Sage, Minister of Conservation of New Zealand  Opening speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Mr. Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry of South Africa</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Edson Gonçalves Duarte, Minister of Environment of Brazil</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Jochen Flasbarth, State Secretary of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. C. K. Mishra, Secretary of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Minoru Kiuchi, State Minister of Environment of Japan</li> <li>- Mr. Peter White, Chief Operating Officer, World Business Council on Sustainable Development</li> </ul>
<p><b>18:30</b></p>	<p><i>Evening reception</i></p>
<p><b>Time</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday, 15 November 2018</b></p>
<p><b>Morning Session (10:00-13:00)</b></p>	<p><i>Parallel sector round-table sessions:</i></p> <p><b><u>Energy and mining round table: “Mainstreaming biodiversity in the energy and mining sector”</u></b>  <i>Venue: The Capital Room (Working Group 1)</i>  Co-Chair: H.E. Eng. Tarek El-Molla, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources of Egypt  Co-Chair: H.E. Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica  Opening Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Mr. Denis Sandy, Minister of Lands, Housing, and Environment of Sierra Leone</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Gwede Mntashe, Minister of Mineral Resources of South Africa</li> <li>- Mr. Brian Sullivan, Executive Director, IPIECA</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Health round table: “Mainstreaming biodiversity in the health sector”</u></b>  <i>Venue: The Summit Room (Working Group 2)</i>  Co-Chair: H.E. Dr. Hala Zayed, Minister of Health and Population of Egypt  Co-Chair: H.E. Mr. Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of Environment of Finland  Opening Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Mr. Aron P. Motsoaledi, Minister of Health of South Africa</li> <li>- H.E. Ms. Karolina Skog, Minister of Environment of Sweden</li> <li>- Dr. Joy St. John, Assistant Director-General Climate and other Determinants for Health, World Health Organization</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Manuela da Silva, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, WFCC Executive Board Member</li> </ul>
<b>Lunch (13:00-15:00)</b>	Ministerial lunch (by invitation only) <b>“Financial Opportunities and Risks: Why Biodiversity Matters”</b> Venue: The Restaurant, Building 2
<b>Closing Plenary (15:00-18:00) Room: The Summit</b>	<p><i>Report back from round tables</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chairs of round tables</li> </ul> <p><i>Adoption of the Sharm El-Sheikh Declaration</i></p> <p><b>Moderated Panel “The Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and Vision to 2050”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Moderator:</i> H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt</li> <li>- <i>Setting the Scene:</i> Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>- <i>Panellists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Dr. Hala El-Said Younis, Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform of Egypt</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Karmenu Vella, Commissioner, European Union</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Huang Runqiu, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China</li> <li>- Mr. Manuel Pulgar Vidal, Global Lead Climate and Energy, WWF International</li> <li>- Ms. Claire Tutenuit, Executive Director, Entreprises pour l’Environnement</li> <li>- Ms. Mirna Inés Fernandez, Steering Committee, Global Youth Biodiversity Network</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <i>Concluding statement:</i> The Egypt to China Action Agenda for Nature</li> </ul> <p><b>Launching “The International Alliance on Nature and Culture”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>- Mr. Ghaith Fariz, Director of UNESCO Regional Bureau for Sciences in the Arab States</li> <li>- Ms. Inger Andersen, Director General, IUCN</li> <li>- Dr. Mohamed Salem, Director Nature Conservation Sector, Ministry of Environment of Egypt</li> <li>- Ms. Anne Nuorgam, Vice-Chair, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</li> </ul> <p><i>Regional statements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One statement from each of the regional groups</li> </ul> <p><i>Closing remarks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Egyptian authorities</li> <li>- China as Host of COP 15</li> </ul>