**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

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| **Time** | **Wednesday, 14 November 2018** |
| **Opening Plenary (10:00-13:00)****Room:****The Summit** | *Opening remarks*:* H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt
* Governor Khaled Fouda Saddiq Mohammed, South Sinai Governorate
* H.E. Mr. José Octavio Tripp Villanueva, Ambassador of Mexico to Egypt, COP 13 Presidency
* Mr. Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment
* Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity
* H.E. Mr. Siim Kiisler, Minister of Environment of Estonia, President of the United Nations Environment Assembly
* H.E. Mr. Mostafa Madbouly, Prime Minister of Egypt

*Moderated Panel**:* **“The Importance of Investing in Biodiversity for People and Planet”*** Moderator: H.E. Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Minister of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica
* *Setting the Scene*: Mr. Jonathan Baillie, Executive Vice-President and Chief Scientist, National Geographic Society
* Panellists:
* H.E. Mr. Mohamed Maait, Minister of Finance of Egypt
* H.E. Ms. Emmanuelle Wargon, State Minister of Ecological and Inclusive Transition of France
* Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
* Ms. Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility
* Ms. Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
* Ms. Adriana Dinu, Deputy Director, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme
* Dr. Emad El Din Adly, General Coordinator, Arab Network for Environment and Development “RAED”

*Statement:* 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. |
| **Lunch** **(13:00-14:45)** | Ministerial Lunch (By invitation only)**“Biodiversity – Solution to Climate Change and Land Degradation”**Venue: Restaurant, Building 2 |
| **14:45-15:00** | Ministerial photo |

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| **Afternoon Session****(15:00-18:00)** | *Parallel sector round-table sessions*:**Infrastructure round table:** “**Mainstreaming biodiversity in the Infrastructure sector**”*Venue: The Capital Room (Working Group 1)*Co-Chair: H.E. Eng. Randa Elmenshawy Vice-Minister of Housing, Utilities and Urban Development of EgyptCo-Chair: H.E. Mr. Thulasizwe Thembelani Nxesi, Minister of Public Works of South AfricaOpening Speakers:* H.E. Mr. Huang Runqiu, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China
* H.E. Ms. Emmanuelle Wargon, State Minister of Ecological and Inclusive Transition of France
* Ms. Mary Porter Pechka, Director of Environment Social and Governance, International Finance Corporation
* Mr. Yun Liang, Vice President of China Harbour Engineering Company

**Manufacturing and processing round table**: “***Mainstreaming biodiversity in the manufacturing and processing sector”***V*enue: The Summit Room (Working Group 2)*Co-Chair: H.E. Eng. Amr Nassar, Minister of Industry and Trade of EgyptCo-Chair: H.E. Ms. Eugenie Sage, Minister of Conservation of New ZealandOpening speakers:* H.E. Mr. Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry of South Africa
* H.E. Mr. Edson Gonçalves Duarte, Minister of Environment of Brazil
* H.E. Mr. Jochen Flasbarth, State Secretary of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany
* H.E. Mr. C. K. Mishra, Secretary of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India
* H.E. Mr. Minoru Kiuchi, State Minister of Environment of Japan
* Mr. Peter White, Chief Operating Officer, World Business Council on Sustainable Development
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| **18:30** | *Evening reception* |
| **Time** | **Thursday, 15 November 2018** |
| **Morning Session****(10:00-13:00)** | *Parallel sector round-table sessions*:**Energy and mining round table*:*** “***Mainstreaming biodiversity in the energy and mining sector***”*Venue: The Capital Room (Working Group 1)**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 RicaOpening Speakers:* H.E. Mr. Denis Sandy, Minister of Lands, Housing, and Environment of Sierra Leone
* H.E. Mr. Gwede Mntashe, Minister of Mineral Resources of South Africa
* Mr. Brian Sullivan, Executive Director, IPIECA

**Health round table**: “***Mainstreaming biodiversity in the health sector”****Venue: The Summit Room (Working Group 2)**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 FinlandOpening Speakers:* H.E. Mr. Aron P. Motsoaledi, Minister of Health of South Africa
* H.E. Ms. Karolina Skog, Minister of Environment of Sweden
* Dr. Joy St. John, Assistant Director-General Climate and other Determinants for Health, World Health Organization
* Dr. Manuela da Silva, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, WFCC Executive Board Member
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| **Lunch** **(13:00-15:00)** | Ministerial lunch (by invitation only)**“Financial Opportunities and Risks: Why Biodiversity Matters”**Venue: The Restaurant, Building 2 |
| **Closing Plenary****(15:00-18:00)****Room:** **The Summit** | *Report back from round tables** Chairs of round tables

*Adoption of the Sharm El-Sheikh Declaration**Moderated Panel* **“The Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and Vision to 2050”*** *Moderator*: H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt
* *Setting the Scene*: Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity
* *Panellists*:
* H.E. Dr. Hala El-Said Younis, Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform of Egypt
* H.E. Mr. Karmenu Vella, Commissioner, European Union
* H.E. Mr. Huang Runqiu, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China
* Mr. Manuel Pulgar Vidal, Global Lead Climate and Energy, WWF International
* Ms. Claire Tutenuit, Executive Director, Entreprises pour l’Environnement
* Ms. Mirna Inés Fernandez, Steering Committee, Global Youth Biodiversity Network
* *Concluding statement:* The Egypt to China Action Agenda for Nature

*Launching* **“The International Alliance on Nature and Culture”*** Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity
* Mr. Ghaith Fariz, Director of UNESCO Regional Bureau for Sciences in the Arab States
* Ms. Inger Andersen, Director General, IUCN
* Dr. Mohamed Salem, Director Nature Conservation Sector, Ministry of Environment of Egypt
* Ms. Anne Nuorgam, Vice-Chair, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

*Regional statements** One statement from each of the regional groups

*Closing remarks:** Egyptian authorities
* China as Host of COP 15
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