**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 Egypt  Co-Chair: H.E. Mr. Thulasizwe Thembelani Nxesi, Minister of Public Works of South Africa  Opening 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 Egypt  Co-Chair: H.E. Ms. Eugenie Sage, Minister of Conservation of New Zealand  Opening 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 |
| **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 Rica  Opening 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 Finland  Opening 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 |
| **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 |