





The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Cairo

Has the pleasure to invite you to the 28th Cairo Climate Talks (CCT) Panel Discussion

January 28, 2015 at 6:30pm

at the Swiss Club, 90 El Gihad Street off Sudan Street, Imbaba

"The right to a clean and healthy life: Fundamentals of Environmental Justice."



The protection of the environment and the responsible handling of scarce resources are key obligations of our governments and societies, especially in light of future generations' well being. Raising awareness on environmental rights complements governmental efforts to conceive and implement sustainable environmental policies.

The 1972 Stockholm Declaration, which is generally seen as a starting point of a rights based approach to environmental protection, states that "Man has the fundamental right to freedom, equality and adequate conditions of life, in an environment of a quality that permits a life of dignity and well-being, and he bears a solemn

responsibility to protect and improve the environment for present and future generations."

Important principles, such as the protection of agricultural land and water resources as well as the right to a healthy environment and the duty of protecting the latter are enshrined in the Egyptian Constitution. However, as in other countries, Egypt faces challenges of enforcing and implementing national environmental regulations. The 28th Cairo Climate Talks will bring together public and private sector experts from Germany and Egypt to discuss how we can codify, enforce and safeguard environmental rights and ensure that they are applied across the population.

Panelists:

Hesham Eissa

Head of Central Department for Climate Change, EEAA

Ralf Becker

Environmental law expert, German Federal Environmental Agency

Ragia Elgerzawy

Environmental Researcher, The Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR)

Dr. Hassan Abou Bakr

Professor of Biological Control, Department of Economic Entomology, Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo University.

The discussion will be opened by

H.E. Dr. Khaled Fahmy

Egyptian Minister of State for Environmental Affairs

H.E. Hansjörg Haber

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Egypt

A buffet reception will close the evening









