

Meeting with Cairo Climate Talk partners

On the Road to COP27: Environmental organizations in Egypt

Friday, 11th of February 2022 at 8:00-9:00 pm

In preparation to COP27 taking place this year in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, Egyptian organizations and German institutions are preparing for their involvement and opening paths to include and communicate the climate negotiations to Egyptian society. During the visit of H.E. Annalena Baerbock, Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Egyptian environmental ecosystem presented their work on the ground as well as the planned activities for the year to come. The current status quo of German involvement in environmental projects was also highlighted during the event, as the various organizations presented their involvement.

Agenda:

5:00 pm

Arrival of all organizations, booth set-up and pre-brief

7.00 Pm

Arrival of delegation of German journalists and tour through the booths

8:15 pm

Encounter of

H.E. Yasmine Fouad, Egyptian Minister of Environment (tbc) and

H.E. Annalena Baerbock, Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs with

Isabell Mering, Director of the DAAD Regional Office Cairo

Joint tour through the booths at the DAAD garden to get to know environmental organizations (1–2-minute pitch per booth)

1. CCT - Cairo Climate Talks
2. DAAD – German Academic Exchange Service
3. Heliopolis University/Sekem
4. Greenish/Very Nile
5. youthinkgreen
6. Upfuse
7. FES – Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
8. Banlastic
9. Kendaka
10. GIZ
11. Goethe-Institut

Followed by informal conversations in the garden

Representatives of German organizations in Egypt:

Frank Hartmann, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

Isabell Mering, Director of the DAAD Regional Office Cairo

Susanne Höhn, Regional Director of Goethe-Institut Kairo

Richard Probst, Resident Representative at Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Egypt Office

Martin Neussel, Head of project, Egyptian-German Joint Committee on Renewable Energy Efficiency and Environmental Protection (JCEE) at GIZ

Representatives of Egyptian initiatives and organizations:

Helmy Abouleish, President of Sekem ([Bio](#))

Haneen Shaheen, Board Member of the Climate Action Network (CAN) Egypt ([Bio](#))

Mohamed Kamal, Co-managing Director at Greenish ([Bio](#))

Abdelrahman Fahmy, Chairperson at youththinkgreen Egypt ([Bio](#))

Manar Ramadan, Co-Founder at Banlastic ([Bio](#))

Catherine El Taweel, Founder of Kendaka ([Bio](#))

Yara Yassin, Co-Founder at Up-Fuse ([Bio](#))

Organization overview:

Sekem	Sustainable development initiative, farming the desert ecologically and ethically. Production of sustainable and organic products.
Heliopolis University	Inaugurated in 2012, Heliopolis University is a non-profit university in Egypt with the mission of sustainable development.
Greenish	Egyptian social enterprise that aims to achieve sustainable development through interactive educational activities, environmental assessment services, and provide support to local vulnerable communities.
youththinkgreen	A non-for-profit social enterprise aiming to educate and empower youth to apply sustainable ecological solutions.
Upfuse	Cairo-based social enterprise, upcycling trash to bags, fashion and shoes, as well as teaching youth to upcycle.
FES	The Friedrich Ebert Foundation aims to promote democracy, and support economic and social development through various projects.
Banlastic	Alexandria-based social enterprise Banlastic aims to one day ban single-use plastic once and for all - they work advocacy through clean ups and workshops and have a financial stream for plastic alternatives.
Goethe-Institut	The GI provides access to German culture and language, and supports various projects adjacent to those fields. They have been active in Egypt since 1958 and have offices in Cairo, Alexandria and Hurgghada.
Kendaka	Is set up by women for women upcycling and crafting glass and textile waste into products for the Egyptian market.
GIZ	GIZ works in Egypt on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and implements projects on

behalf of Ministries, the EU and IOs. GIZ's activities support the Egypt's Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS): Egypt Vision 2030.