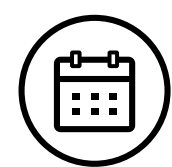


The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Cairo has the pleasure of inviting you to the 87th Cairo Climate Talks

POWERING THE FUTURE THROUGH CLIMATE DIPLOMACY: MENA'S RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION"



Wednesday, June 07



3:30 – 5:00 PM (followed by a short networking cocktail)



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The global energy transition plays a crucial role in order to keep the 1.5°C path alive. The MENA region in particular presents a compelling case for transitioning from fossil fuels to renewables. With its vast solar and wind energy potential, the region can play a crucial role in mitigating climate change, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and enhancing energy security. However, it is essential to understand the current status of energy transition in the region, as it is characterized by both challenges and opportunities. Collaborations are fundamental to accelerating the energy transition in the MENA region. The MENA region has traditionally relied heavily on fossil fuels for its energy needs, given its significant reserves of oil and gas. Breaking away from this reliance poses substantial challenges in terms of economic diversification. Partnerships can help address financial, technical, and operational challenges. For instance, the European Union (EU) and Egypt have engaged in climate diplomacy through various initiatives, including the Joint Declaration on Egypt's Sustainable Development Strategy and the EU-Egypt Task Force on Energy.

This collaboration exemplifies the crucial role of energy and climate diplomacy in driving the MENA region's energy transition towards a sustainable and low-carbon future. Climate and Energy has also been a traditional focus of cooperation between Germany and Egypt: Through its German Development Agency (GIZ), Germany has worked closely with Egyptian stakeholders businesses to assess their energy consumption patterns and identify opportunities for reduction of CO2 emissions of electricity in Egypt. Now, in the framework of the "Nexus Food, Water, Energy" (NWFE) platform, Germany supports the restructuring of the Egyptian energy sector with 250 million EUR. In this context, the 87th Cairo Climate Talks provides an opportunity to explore the current status of energy transition in the MENA region and the role of climate diplomacy to keep the Paris Agreement alive. The panel discussion will serve as a platform for experts, policymakers, and stakeholders to exchange insights, share examples, and discuss potential solutions to accelerate the energy transition in the region.

Panelists

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