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**The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Cairo and the  
Ministry of Environment of the Arab Republic of Egypt  
have the pleasure to invite you to the 75th Cairo Climate Talks (CCT)**



# Fragile Ecosystems & How to Protect Them: New Forests & How to Grow Them

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VIRTUAL CCT VIA ZOOM (PLEASE REGISTER [HERE](#))

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**At the One Planet Summit, [UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres](#) called biodiversity “our life insurance”. Forests, green areas, marine ecosystems, and other ecosystems act as the world’s lungs.**

Additionally, protecting and preserving a healthy ecosystem is a key pillar for a healthy society and a healthy economy. Species of animals and plants provide medicinal products, food security, and many services and products that are indispensable for human survival. The [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPCC\) identifies climate change as one of the biggest threats facing the world’s ecosystems](#). Since biodiversity is also one of the world’s safeguards against climate change, a failure to protect biodiversity further worsens climate challenges.

While protecting existing ecosystems and biodiversity is at the heart of global attempts to mitigate and adapt to the adverse effects of climate change, approaches to creating new ecosystems

that help in the mitigation are promising projects.

Afforestation projects all over Egypt seek to undo environmental degradation such as desertification, offer agricultural biodiversity and increase the air quality. These projects include the creation and maintenance of multiple plant nurseries, afforestation of the streets of multiple governorates, and afforestation of multiple landfills in Cairo.

Additionally, the Ministry of Environment has also launched the “Eco Egypt” campaign aiming to promote Egypt’s natural protectorate and encourage ecotourism.

Egypt’s targets to achieve sustainable development goals concerned with biodiversity will require further efforts in education, legislation, and preservation.

Join our experts on the 1st of June to learn more about the existing afforestation efforts, efforts to combat biodiversity loss, and the way forward.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

**Cairo Climate Talks** are conceived, organized and hosted as a cooperation between the German Embassy in Cairo, the Egyptian Ministry of Environment, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ).



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