

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Cairo

has the pleasure to invite you to the 56th Cairo Climate Talks (CCT) Event

“Bag It”

Film Screening and Discussion

Is our life too plastic? How plastic bags adversely affect climate change and what we can do about it.

**On Tuesday, November 20th 2018 at 6:30 pm
at Tahrir Lounge, at Goethe Institute, 5 Al
Bostan Street, Downtown**



Plastic bags and climate change are interlinked: from air quality to wildlife toxicity, non-biodegradable bags contribute to harming our environment. Consequently, acting to use less plastic on local and international levels is more important and demanding than ever. Have you ever tried to go a day without a plastic bag?

Joins us for the 56th Cairo Climate Talks to discuss how a small change in our daily behavior– using fewer plastic bags, can dramatically improve our lives and our environment.

The documentary movie “Bag It” explores a product we all use – the plastic bag– and its harmful consequences of using it. Plastic bags are everywhere and impact our lives in inconceivable and quite frightening ways. In this touching and humorous film, we follow Jeb Berrier, as he and his partner, Anne, embark on a journey to use less plastic. The film presents a factual, provocative and emotional story about the negative effects of plastic.

Egyptians use about 12 billion plastic bags each year. These plastic bags litter our landscape, kill our wildlife, and cause severe problems to our environment, and particularly the Nile River and the seas. Plastic bags kill marine life and adversely affect the tourism sector. Plastic bags are mostly

burned, polluting the air with toxic fumes. The disposal of non-biodegradable bags adversely affects nature, our health and the climate. Based on these facts, banning plastic bags can improve health conditions for people and wildlife alike and can even help mitigating climate change in Egypt.

Many countries have already banned plastic bags like Australia, Bangladesh, Morocco, Tanzania, etc. In 2008, Rwanda was the first African country to impose a complete ban on plastic bags as per their sustainability vision of 2020. Recently, the European Parliament approved new rules to reduce the use of plastic bags. Other countries have launched initiatives to put an end to the plastic bag hazard. For instance, in 2017, Egypt launched a national initiative called “Enough Plastic Bags”, a welcome initiative towards ending the use of plastic bags in Egypt and all over the world.

In this special event of the Cairo Climate Talks, we will be screening movie “Bag It” and hosting experts from different backgrounds including environmental experts and representatives from private sector and civil society for a casual movie screening and light snacks, followed by an interactive discussion on the ideas the movie explores and its implementation in the Egyptian context.

The event will be opened by

Mr. Philippe Maupai

Head of the Science Department at the German Embassy in Cairo

The discussion experts:

Ms. Manar Ramadan

Co-founder at Banlastic

Mr. Shady Khalil

Co-founder/managing partner at Greenish Egypt

Moderator: **Ms. Monica Hirano, Project Manager at Darb 1718**

Light snacks will be offered ongoing with the event