

The Embassy of the Federal  
Republic of Germany in Cairo

Ministry of Environment of  
the Arab Republic of Egypt

have the pleasure to invite you to the 53rd Cairo Climate Talks (CCT) Panel Discussion on

**May 13th 2018 at 6:30 pm**

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD),  
11 Al Saleh Ayoub Street, Zamalek

## “Digital Climate Education: Open Access to Knowledge”



Climate change affects everyone—countries, governments, businesses, but also individuals. So everyone should know about the impacts of climate change and ways to deal with it.

Innovative and free climate education can provide an especially efficient way to raise awareness and combat climate change. Understanding the implications of climate change helps different communities to make informed decisions about adaptation and mitigation measures. Bringing people together and teaching knowledge about climate issues plays a valuable role in supporting researchers and innovators to devise solutions and transform threats into opportunities.

For decades, scientists from all over the world have presented more and more evidence that climate change exists and continues to intensify. This mountain of knowledge has paved the way for the world to understand and identify climate change as a global issue. It is our collective responsibility to develop, spread, and share the knowledge for future generations, for the survival and livelihood of our societies will depend on whether the world takes action now. Many solutions have been proposed; many more are yet to be discovered. Mitigating climate change is closely interlinked with intensive research and a broad sharing of knowledge in order to shape the transformation into a

sustainable future. One innovative solution to spread knowledge broadly, quickly and efficiently are Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC). These are platforms that provide free and reliable online courses thus making the findings of climate science accessible to everyone.

The Cairo Climate Talks are proud to welcome to its 53rd edition a delegation of the German Climate Consortium (DKK), which together with the World Wild Fund (WWF) Germany developed the online-course “Climate Change Risks and Challenges”. The course was funded by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany and is accessible via the internet worldwide and for free. Leading climate researchers from Germany present basic and concise knowledge on climate change: its causes, impacts, and how it can be mitigated. Guest scientists from all around the world talk about regions already experiencing severe impacts of global warming.

In the framework of the CCT panel discussion, two of the 25 scientists having contributed to the course give insights into key messages of climate change and the opportunities of a modern decarbonized economy. The project initiator will explain how to make use of the online-course. The panel is completed by representatives of NGOs and universities in order to discuss the usage of tools such as the MOOC in practice.

### The discussion will be opened by

**H.E. Julius Georg Luy**

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Cairo

**H.E. Dr. Khaled Fahmy (tbc)**

Minister of Environment of Egypt

### Panelists

**Dr. Christiane Textor**

Head of the German IPCC  
Coordination Office

**Dr. Gernot Klepper**

Vice-Chair, German  
Climate Consortium (DKK),  
Kiel Institute for the World  
Economy

**Marie-Luise Beck**

Management Director, Ger-  
man Climate Consortium

**Dr. Omar Ramzy**

Dean of the Faculty of  
Business and Economics,  
Heliopolis University

**Nancy Salem**

Senior Research Officer,  
A2K4D

**Dr. Tina Jaskolski**

Associate Director, RISE

Moderator: **Abdelrahman ElGammal**, Youththinkgreen board member

A networking dinner will close the event