

The Embassy of the Federal  
Republic of Germany in Cairo

and

The Ministry of State for  
Environmental Affairs

Have the pleasure to invite you to the 15<sup>th</sup> Panel Discussion of the  
**Cairo Climate Talks (CCT)**

**On April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**7pm**

**at the German Science Center Cairo**

To review and assess the following topic  
**„Getting ready - Urban Communities  
Adapt to Climate Change“**

The latest IPCC assessment report concludes that most of the countries in the MENA region, including Egypt, are highly vulnerable to the impact of climate change. Egypt is increasingly affected by its consequences with severe impacts on food security and water availability. In addition, Egypt has the largest population in the MENA region with 82 million inhabitants. With expectations that the population will double by 2050 and a high urbanization rate, the urban population will increase significantly. Egypt's cities are growing rapidly, often in the absence of any governmental or urban planning. The issue of climate change and its consequences for poor urban and so-called informal areas has until now not been raised in Egypt.

While it is of utmost importance to hold the focus on mitigation measures in the fight against climate change, it is also necessary to seek adaptation in some areas. In particular, approaches of community-based climate change adaptation and the concepts of vulnerability and urban resilience are of great importance and have not been addressed in the urban context before. Therefore the 15<sup>th</sup> CCT Discussion will be dedicated to these issues.

We have the honor to welcome keynote speakers from Germany, the United Kingdom and Egypt, who will guide us through our discussion with their expert knowledge and valuable insight in the topic.

**Dr. David Dodman**

Senior Researcher, Human Settlements & Climate Change Groups  
International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

**Regina Kipper**

Participatory Development Programme in Urban Areas (PDP)  
Head of Component Cities and Climate Change Adaptation  
GIZ, Egypt

**Saber Osman**

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Climate Change Central Department, EEAA

**Sarah Rifaat**

DEMENA Climate Ambassador Project Manager  
350.org Arab World Coordinator  
Co- Founder of the Egyptian National Climate Change Coalition (ENCCC)

The discussion will be moderated by Mahmoud Wafik Sabae.

**Venue**

German Science Center Cairo (DWZ) 11, Saleh Ayoub Street, Zamalek

**Don't miss the CCT Market Place, presenting projects and initiatives focusing  
on climate change adaptation in the DWZ Garden (6:30-9:30pm)**

A buffet reception will close the evening ▪ Please present a printed version of this invitation at the entrance ▪ RSVP to [info@cairoclimatetalks.net](mailto:info@cairoclimatetalks.net)