

Speech of

H.E. Minister Maged Goerge

Minister of State for Environmental Affairs

In the Official Launching Event of

“Cairo Climate Talks”

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Cultural Wheel

**Your Excellency Michael Bock,
Ambassador of the Federal of Republic of Germany in Egypt
Distinguished Guests,**

First of all, allow me to convey to you the warm greetings of H.E. Maged George, Minister of State for Environmental Affairs, who expressed his deep interest in sharing with you this important event, unless emergent commitments.

Let me deliver this speech on behalf of H.E.

Ladies and Gentlemen...

It is my great pleasure to share with you the inauguration of "**Cairo Climate Talks**" to discuss the expectations and perspectives. We congratulate you for choosing the theme of this important "Talks" that comes before the International Climate Change Negotiations that will be held in Durban.

I would like also to seize this opportunity to praise the role of the Federal Republic of Germany to contribute in improving the state of the environment and achieving sustainable development at national and international levels.

We all share recognition of the serious threats climate change poses to our world's stability and prosperity, as well as the need to focus on integrating environmental dimensions into economic and social development.

Distinguished Guests,

Despite the very low contribution of Egypt in the global GHG emissions, Egypt is currently facing several severe negative impacts arising from the adverse effects of climate change, according to Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports (IPCC).

Egypt is one of the first countries, which has given great attention to this issue nationally and internationally. Egypt has ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 1994, and the Kyoto Protocol in 2005, and submitted the first & second national communication reports in 2000 and 2010 respectively.

Although, transforming our Societies to low carbon economies to address climate change and future energy security is a major challenge, but also it offers many opportunities for new jobs and sustainable economic growth, so international cooperation is essential to provide effective and efficient solutions at the global level to share experiences and best practices.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The Government of Egypt is open to dialogue with Germany as an active member of the European Union. There are many environmental programs that provided or shared by the Federal Republic of Germany.

“Cairo Climate Talks”

Comes in the context of the strong partnership between Egypt and Germany. We are looking forward to enhance a platform to exchange experiences, raise awareness and foster cooperation between policy makers, the business and scientific communities as well as civil society.

In Short,

We need to work together to reach the highest professional achievements and to make sure that the core values of what we do together, remain linked to what is valuable for quality of our future generation.

Finally,

I wish you a good & fruitful “Climate Change Talks” this evening.

Thank you for your kind attention.