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15th Cairo Climate Talks (CCT)

„Getting ready - Urban Communities Adapt to Climate Change“

April 2013 - 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 15th CCT Discussion will be dedicated to these issues.

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.

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.

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The discussion will be moderated by **Mahmoud Wafik Sabae**.

After the panel discussion the audience will have the opportunity to interact with the panelists.

Market Place (from 6:30 until 9:30)

Don't miss the CCT Market Place in the DWZ Garden, presenting projects and initiatives focusing on climate change adaptation. Local authorities, institutions, NGOs and a variety of projects are invited to display their work and share their experience with the interested public.

Where:

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

When:

April 17th, 2013 – 7pm

About Cairo Climate Talks

“Cairo Climate Talks” is a series of monthly events meant to provide a platform to exchange experience, raise awareness and foster cooperation between policymakers, the business community, the scientific community as well as civil society. It is held in cooperation between the German Embassy in Cairo, the Egyptian Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs, the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), the German Academic Exchange service (DAAD), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the Egyptian German High Level Joint Committee for Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Environmental Protection (JCEE).

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