



Press Release
The Cairo Climate Talks (CCT) celebrated their 10-year anniversary
on November 30, 2021

The German Embassy in Cairo, the Egyptian Ministry of Environment, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Corporation for Cooperation (GIZ) celebrated 10 years of collaboration on the Cairo Climate Talks (CCT).

The 10-year anniversary event, which was held in the Garden of the German Ambassador's and livestreamed through Facebook, was opened by speeches from H.E. Frank Hartmann, the German Ambassador to Egypt, H.E. Mohamed Nasr, Head of Environment and Sustainable Development Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Ali Abo Sena, CEO of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), and a video speech from the German Minister of State H.E. Niels Annen. This was followed by the awarding ceremony for the winners of the upcycling Garbage Art Competition for school students.

The evening included testimonials and timestamps from different CCT stakeholders, as well as moderated statements of key actors of youth and civil society organizations that have been engaged with CCT from the very early stages: Loay Awni from Youthinkgreen, Marwan Rasmy from Greenish, and Lilly von Stackelberg from CCT. The statements reflected on the past 10 years, the role CCT has played within different organizations, and their efforts to shape the future for Egypt in relation to climate issues, awareness and mitigate and adaptation measures.

Since its inauguration in 2011 CCT has conducted almost 80 CCTs, multiple environmental journalism workshops and since 2020 an annual Environmental Journalism Award. Since the beginning of the project, educating youth was an integral part of CCT's work and was officially branded as CCT Junior in 2017.

In the past 10 years the Cairo Climate Talks have spanned a variety of environmental themes, from waste management, over renewable energies, and the German energy transition, to sustainable infrastructure, transport, and agriculture, and many more. A key element of CCT is the inclusion of actors from all fields, academia, civil society, policy makers and private sector. Throughout the years CCT's many partners and supporters were able to ensure a diversity and plethora of themes and talks. Scientific workshops provide a platform for exchange to practitioners, while public panel discussions raise awareness to the public and ensure that scientific conversations also resonate beyond the workshop walls.

Background Information:

The Cairo Climate Talks are conceived, organized, and hosted as a cooperation between the German Embassy in Cairo, the Egyptian Ministry of Environment, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ).

You can find the recordings for all talks here: www.youtube.com/cairoclimatetalks
And the reposts for all talks here: https://bit.ly/CCT_report

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