

Global and Regional Environmental Conventions, Assessments and Outlooks: Harmonizing our Efforts.

➤ Description, objectives and target outcomes of the session:

The session will present the latest environment and health assessment reports and its main findings and recommendations. The session will discuss evidence-based scientific results of the global and regional consultative and participatory environmental assessment processes that are based on recent scientific information and data. Speakers will highlight the scientific assessment findings of the three global conventions namely the UNCCD, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Assessment reports include Global Environment Outlook, Africa Environment Outlook, WHO Health and Climate Change Survey, Emissions Gap, WMO United in Science and other regional assessment reports analyzing current and past environmental policies and identifying future options. Panelists will share their vision on the future modality of work to interconnect and harmonize the three conventions towards facing the ecosystem and climate challenges. Speakers will highlight the possible scenarios and transformative approaches that humanity can take to achieve healthy planet. Speakers will discuss how the findings of these reports and conventions are affecting the global decision/policy-making process to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and internationally agreed climate change goals and targets.

➤ Session format: panel discussion.

➤ Date and Time: 10th of November 2022, 12:00- 12:50.

➤ Thematic day: Science day.

➤ Venue: Room P20 – Blue Zone.

➤ Speakers:

- H.E. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment, Egypt.**
- Prof. Alex Halliday, Founding Dean, Columbia Climate School, Columbia University.**
- Dr. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Director, Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies & Cluster Leader for Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability, UN-ESCWA.**
- Dr. Ahmed Abdelrehim, Regional Programme Director, CEDARE.**
- Dr. Maarten Kapelle, Head, Thematic Scientific Assessments, UNEP (Moderator).**

➤ **Program & Suggested Questions:**

- **12:00 – 12:05** **Arrival and seating**
- **12:05 – 12:10** **Welcoming words by the moderator – *Dr. Maarten Kappelle (UNEP)***
- **12:10 – 12:20** **Welcoming words remarks by *H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad (Minister of Environment of Egypt)***
- **12:20 – 12:40** **Moderated discussion with questions to panellists (One question / each Panellist)**
 1. **Dr. Abdelrehim:** What is the existing global environmental assessment landscape. How can we synergize these assessments to make them impactful to the policy/decision-making process?
 2. **H.E. Dr. Fouad:** Why do we need to have synergies between the three Rio conventions and how do you see the current state of interlinkage and synergies between the three Rio Conventions? and how could this synergy be achieved? and What are the challenges towards achieving this goal?
 3. **Dr. Halliday:** strengthening the science-policy interface at the international level and how and when can science best provide the evidence-based science needed for policy formulation and implementation?
 4. **Dr. Cherfane:** The role of data, monitoring, and reporting to enhance the Science policy interface and improve the decision-making process. (TB discussed with her before the session)
- **12:40 – 12:45** **Way Forward and recommendation - *H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad (Minister of Environment of Egypt)***
- **12:45 – 12:50** **Wrap up and closure by the moderator – *Dr. Maarten Kappelle (UNEP)***