

Contributors

DR. IBRAHIM ABDEL GELIL

Academic Chair of Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, and Director of the Environmental Management Programme at the Arabian Gulf University in Bahrain. He was the CEO of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), and the chairman of the Egyptian Organization for Energy Planning (OEP). He authored and co-authored around 70 publications on energy and environment.

DR. AYMAN ABOU HADID

Director at the Ministry of Agriculture in Cairo, Egypt of the Central Laboratory for Agricultural Climate (CLAC). He established the Arid Land Agriculture Research Institute at the University of Ain Shams and was the Executive Director of the Egyptian environmental Affairs Agency. He has over 250 published papers, and is coordinator of various research projects on agriculture and climate change.

DR. MOHAMED EL-ASHRY

Senior Fellow at the UN Foundation. He previously served as CEO & Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Prior to joining the GEF, he served as Director of the Environment Department at the World Bank, as Senior Vice-President of the World Resources Institute, and as Assistant Professor of Geology at Cairo University. He also served as a member of several high-level international commissions and has received a number of awards, including the 2006 Champions of the Earth Award.

DR. HAMED ASSAF

Professor of civil and environmental engineering at the American University of Beirut (AUB). In addition to teaching courses in hydrology, water resources planning and management, information technology and GIS, he is actively involved in research focusing on the implications of climate change on water resources and adaptation options with particular emphasis on the integrated water resources management (IWRM) approach.

DR. EMAN GHONEIM

Geomorphologist with a primary interest in the application of Geographical Information System (GIS), remote sensing and space technology in the study of arid environment, natural disasters, and water resources in desert regions. She is assistant research professor at the Center for Remote Sensing, Boston University, USA. She has many papers to her credit.

DR. ABDELLATIF KHATTABI

Professor at Ecole Nationale Forestière d'Ingénieurs in Morocco, where he teaches courses related to environmental impact assessment, environmental and resource economics and sustainable management of natural resources. His main

research area is rural development and environmental management, including adaptation to climate change mainly in coastal and wetlands areas.

DR. IMAN NUWAYHID

Professor of occupational and environmental health and Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the American University of Beirut (AUB). He is American Board Certified in Occupational Medicine. He has led efforts in Lebanon and the Arab region to promote an Ecosystem Approach to Human Health, and his research focuses on the impact of environmental and work-related hazards on the health of children and working people.

DR. DIA EL-DIN EL-QUOSY

Chairman of Water Resources and Irrigation Committee at the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology, Cairo, Egypt. He is lecturer at many Egyptian universities and consultant to international organizations.

DR. MOHAMED EL-RAEY

Professor of Environmental Physics and Dean of the Institute of Graduate Studies and Research at the University of Alexandria, Egypt. He has published many research papers on climate change, mainly covering the subject of coastal areas and sea level rise, and contributed as expert to IPCC reports.

NAJIB SAAB (CO-EDITOR)

Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of *Al-Bia Wal-Tanmia* (Environment & Development), the leading Arabic magazine on sustainable development, and Founding Secretary General of the Arab Forum for Environment & Development (AFED). Architect, university lecturer and writer, he is a 2003 laureate of the United Nations Environment Programme's Global 500 Award for environmental achievements.

DR. MAGDA SHAHIN

Director of the Trade-related Assistance Center at the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt. She has had a long career in the Egyptian diplomacy, lastly as an Ambassador in Athens. A member of the Egyptian delegations to numerous United Nations and WTO Conferences, and contributor to various symposiums and workshops organized by WTO, UNCTAD, and ESCWA.

DR. SALMA TALHOUK

Professor of Landscape Horticulture at the American University of Beirut. She is the Chair of the Department of Landscape Design and Eco-system Management and the Director of IBSAR, nature conservation center for sustainable futures. Her research activities focus on the characterization and conservation of plant genetic resources and native flora.

DR. MOSTAFA KAMAL TOLBA, (CO-EDITOR)

President of the Board of Trustees of the Arab Forum for Environment and Development (AFED). In 1972, he led Egypt's delegation to the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment, thus starting a long-life commitment to environmental issues. He was nominated, immediately after Stockholm, as the Deputy Executive Director of the newly-established United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Within two years, he became UNEP's Executive Director - a post he held until retiring at the end of 1992.

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

(Members of AFED Board of Trustees)

Dr. Mostafa Kamal Tolba, former Executive Director of UNEP (*Chairman*)

Dr. Mohamed Kassas, Professor emeritus at Cairo University and former President of IUCN

Dr. Mohamed El-Ashry, former CEO & Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Senior Fellow at the UN Foundation.

Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Awadi, Executive Secretary of the Regional Organization for the Protection of Marine Environment (ROPME) and former Minister of Health in Kuwait

Najib Saab, Secretary General of AFED and Editor-in-Chief of Environment & Development (*Coordinator*)

WILLIAM SAAB, COPY EDITOR

William Saab holds a BA in Social and Political Sciences from the University of Cambridge and an MA in International Relations and International Economics, with a specialization in International Energy and Environment Policy, from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).