

Arab Region's Participation in EoE Summit



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Eye on Earth Summit 2015 - Outcomes

The second Eye on Earth Summit, held on October 6-8, 2015, has concluded with a commitment by delegates to implement a number of mechanisms, recommendations and practical actions around the supply, demand and enabling conditions of data considered essential to support informed decision-making and the 2030 sustainable development agenda.



Arab Region's Participation in EoE Summit

- Arab Region's Environmental data challenges
- Arab Civil Society – An Eye on Earth
- Cross Regional Cooperation

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6th Oct

- Data Demand

7th Oct

- Data Supply

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- Enabling Conditions

Side activities

Launches

8:30 - 11:00 Welcome

11:00 - 12:00 Opening ceremony

Convene, Converge, Collaborate



12:00 - 13:10 Plenary 1

Welcome address - Data revolution and institutional transformation



13:10 - 14:15 Lunch

14:15 - 15:45 Track 1

Addressing policy making demand for data; dialogue between decision makers and providers



Biodiversity: data gaps from global to local practice



Arab Region's Environmental data challenges



Measuring progress towards sustainable development: priorities to meet the data demand



15:45 - 16:00 Coffee Break

Arab Region's Environmental data challenges

This session will discuss environmental data management strategies in the Arab region to support sustainable development indicators and enhance the environmental policymaking process in the Arab region.

Location: Room A2

Speakers: Ahmed Abdelrehim; Asma Aba Hussein; Najib Saab; Adel Farid Abdel-kader; H.E. Nadia Makram Ebeid; Iyad Abumoghli; Fathia Abdel Fadi; Mohammed Dawood Al-Ahmed; H.E. Taher Al Shakhashir; Yasser Osman; Shahira Wahbi.

Download Presentations:

[Adel Farid Abdel Kader – Session on Arab Region Environmental Data Challenges \[Video 1\]](#)

[Asma Al Hussein – Arabian Gulf University \[Arabic\]](#)

[Fathia Abdel Fadi – Challenges in data collection and data gap](#)

[Mohammed Dawood Al-Ahmed – eMISK \(Environmental Monitoring Information System of Kuwait\) \[Arabic\]](#)

[Najib Saab – Arab Forum for Environment & Development \(AFED\)](#)

[Yasser Othman – Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi \[Arabic\]](#)

Session's objectives

- Identifying of environmental data management strategies in the Arab Region to support sustainable development policy-making processes
- Exploring the mechanisms of management of supply, demand, challenges and opportunities of data collection and enablers of environmental data throughout the region.
- Showcasing available tools and systems, current and future initiatives for data collection
- Exploring methods of standardization, availability; consistency and exchange of data among different sectors, as well as data sharing mechanism across countries and regions.

Speakers:

H.E. Dr. Taher Shakhshir

Minister of Environment-Jordan

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First Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Development and Globalization Division (EDGD) United Nations- ESCWA

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Timing 14.15 : 15.45
 Arab Region's Environmental Data Challenges

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Dr. Abu Fadih Alabdulhadi

Panel of speakers seated at a long table with microphones and water bottles. The table features the eye on earth logo.



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9:00 - 10:30 Plenary 2

Data Revolution-data supply side/award for the visual context winner

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 Track 3

Connecting networks to support environmental sustainability: What Global Network of Networks can do for you!

It's an urban world!

Arab Civil Society – An Eye on Earth

Data for Sustainable Development

Mobilising Data to Support Decision-Making for SIDS

12:30 - 14:00 Press event/Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Track 4

Innovations in data supply: Big data and how to manage it

Data integration for Effective Monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals

Understanding the Costs of Knowledge – Cost of Data Generation and Maintenance

Decision-making in Water Security - Community Strategy for Success

Oceans and Blue Carbon – The Role of Mapping and Joint Fact-finding in Efficiently Creating Community

Emad Adly
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Arab Civil Society – An Eye on Earth

Participating institutions, NGOs and organizations will explore the potential roles for civil society to assist decision and policy makers to improve environmental decision making processes through reliable data collected by civil society.

Location: Room A2

Speakers: Ayman Rabi; Emad Adly; Fatma Zerouati; Majda Abu Ras; Mufleh Abbadi; Salvatore Nigro; Yomn El Hamaky.

Download Presentations:

[Ayman Rabi – The Toolkit to Resilience Framework \[Arabic\]](#)

[Emad Adly – Civil Society & Information Technology](#)

[Fatma Zerouati – Fédération nationale de la protection de l'environnement \(FNPE\) \[French\]](#)

[Salvatore Nigro – Education For Employment \(EFE\) Building futures through employment](#)



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8:00-9:00 Launches and side events

9:00 - 10:30 Plenary 4

Creating the enabling environment

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 Track 6

Ensuring the capabilities exists

Policies, partnerships and open data for sustainable development

Education for Sustaining the Planet

Principle 10 of Rio Declaration— for better environmental governance and access for all in different regions

Regional innovative approaches for cross regional cooperation in knowledge sharing

12:30 - 13:45 Press event/Lunch

13:45 - 16:30 Plenary 5: Cutting edge Eye on Earth

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Cross Regional Cooperation

- This session focuses on cross regional cooperation framework within the Eye on Earth Summit objectives and will highlight the need to create a platform among regions to exchange experiences in the field of data sharing, data harmonization and exchange of success stories. The session will include the data issues on a regional, sub regional or cross regional basis. Major environmental data networks will be invited.
- Ahmed Abdelrehim – Arab Region Environmental Information Network
- David Stanners – European Environment Information and Observation Network – Eionet
- Peter King – Introduction to the Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network (AECEN)
- Sabah Nait – Shared Environmental Information Network
- Rodrigo Barriga Vargas – PAIGH – Regional innovative approaches for crossregional cooperation in knowledge sharing
- Costis Toregas – North American experience Do we need to do it all? - See more at: <http://www.eoesummit.org/summit-2015/#schedule>



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Key Questions

- What are the main reasons for cross-regional environmental information sharing?
- How are regional networks cooperating and sharing experiences with respect to environmental knowledge?
- What are the approaches of knowledge sharing and management in different regions? Where have certain case studies been successful and why?
- How can regional networks develop an agreement for knowledge sharing and cooperation?



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Regional needs

- What are the current data infrastructure needs in the region? And how to manage data inconsistencies?
- For the future SDGs+2015 reporting assessment? What institutional arrangements and regulations are needed to monitor them regularly?
- How to meet the region's capacity building needs?

Environmental information in the Arab region is hindered by:

- inconsistencies,
- gaps,
- quality problems,
- limited accessibility,
- political sensitivities,
- weaknesses in national capacities ,
- insufficient participatory approaches and
- dispersion between various organizations,

General Outcomes

- Description of data challenges and capacity building needs in the Arab Region.
- Acknowledge current innovations and success stories in the region.
- Opportunities for cooperation in the region on the regional and global level.
- Elements of vision and strategy for environmental information and reporting in the Arab region

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Special Interest Topics for EoE

- Integrated Environmental Assessment (IEA)
- Consumption and Production
- Peace and Security
- Citizens Science
- Regional data working group

Integrated Environmental Assessment (IEA)

- Producing critical and systematic policy relevant environmental reports on different scales for environmental decision-making.
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- Enhancing reporting on environmental trends and their interactions with economic and social development in the region.
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- Promoting the participatory and interactive approach to linking knowledge and action in environmental reporting.

Citizen Science

- 1. Engaging Arab citizens in the process of data generation promoting their contribution in environmental decision-making.
- 2. Filling the current environmental data gaps through a participatory approach.
- 3. Raising the awareness of environmental issues among Arab citizens.

Peace and Security

The SIG will focus on the impacts of conflicts on the environment of the Arab region and the detrimental effects of environmental degradation and climate change on the regional peace and security.

- 1.Impacts of conflict on the Environment
- 2.Impacts of Environment degradation on the regional security
- 3.Effect of climate change on peace and security

Regional data working group

- 1.Improve availability and access to data in the Arab region
- 2.Work on guiding the Arab region in developing and implementing sustainable development indicators to meet SDGs
- 3.Support Regional Capacity Building
- 4. Improve data sharing and networking and support the Arab Regional Environmental information Network