

**AFRICAN MINISTERIAL SUMMIT ON BIODIVERSITY**  
13 November 2018, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

**Theme: “Land and ecosystem degradation and restoration: Priorities for increased investments in biodiversity and resilience in Africa”**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

TIME	ACTIVITY
10 – 10.45 a.m.	<p><b>Session 1. Opening</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Tarek Radwan, Chairman of the African Affairs Committee, House of Representatives of Egypt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt</li> <li>• Harsen Nyambe, Head of the African Union Division of Environment, Climate change, Water and Land Management</li> <li>• Frank Turyatunga, Deputy Director, Africa Office of UN Environment</li> <li>• Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>• Monique Barbut, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification</li> <li>• Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change</li> <li>• Naoko Ishii, Chief Executive Officer of the Global Environment Facility</li> </ul>
10.45 – 11.30 a.m.	<p><b>Session 2. Current status and trends of land degradation at the global level and of biodiversity and ecosystem services in Africa</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Estherine Lisinge-Fotabong, NEPAD Agency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the IPBES Global Land Degradation Assessment Report, by Robert Scholes, Assessment Co-Chair</li> <li>• Presentation of the IPBES regional assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa, by Luthando Dziba, Africa Biodiversity Assessment Co-Chair</li> <li>• Key messages from the 7th Special Session of African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN), by Hon. Jacques-Denis Tsanga, Minister of Water and Forests of Gabon and President of AMCEN</li> </ul>
11.30 a.m.– 12 noon	<p><b>Session 3. Africa’s biodiversity priorities</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Hamdallah Zedan, Ministry of Environment of Egypt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion and endorsement of Africa’s priorities for inclusion in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework</li> </ul>

12 noon – 1 p.m.	<p><b>Session 4. Panel discussion: Relevant experiences, lessons learned and the way forward to combat land degradation and enhance ecosystem restoration in Africa</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Frank Turyatunga, Deputy Regional Director, Africa Office, UN Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of the Pan-African Action Agenda on Ecosystem Restoration for Increased Resilience by Estherine Lisinge-Fotabong, NEPAD Agency</li> <li>• Panel discussion by Ministers from the five subregions of Africa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Central Africa: Hon. Jacques-Denis Tsanga, Minister of Water and Forests of Gabon</li> <li>○ Eastern Africa: Hon. Moussa Mohamed Ahmed, Minister of Housing, Planning, Urban Affairs and Environment of Djibouti</li> <li>○ Southern Africa: Hon. Derek.A. Hanekom, Minister of Tourism and Acting Minister of Environmental Affairs of South Africa</li> <li>○ Northern Africa: Hon. Nezha El Ouafi, Secretary of State Ministry of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development of Morocco</li> <li>○ Western Africa: Hon. Ibrahim Usman Jibril, Minister of State for Environment of Nigeria</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1 – 3 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>
3 – 5 p.m.	<p><b>Session 5. Country commitments on ecosystem restoration</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Harsen Nyambe, African Union Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations of national commitments and actions on ecosystem restoration</li> </ul>
5 – 6 p.m.	<p><b>Session 6. Summit outcomes and follow-up</b></p> <p><b>Chair: H.E. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and adoption of the Ministerial Declaration on Biodiversity including the Pan-African Action Agenda on Ecosystem Restoration for Increased Resilience and Africa’s Biodiversity Priorities</li> </ul> <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cosmas Ochieng, Director of the African Natural Resources Centre of the African Development Bank</li> <li>• Daniel Calleja, Director General for the Environment at the European Commission</li> <li>• Inger Andersen, Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature</li> <li>• Alexandra Rasoamanana (Madagascar) and Simangele Msweli (South Africa), Global Youth Biodiversity Network</li> <li>• Lucy Mulenkei, Executive Director of the Indigenous Women’s Biodiversity Network</li> <li>• H.E. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt</li> </ul>