



## Action Plan

### International Year Of Biodiversity 2010 Egypt

#### Global Outlook3

##### **1. Background**

The Year 2010 was designated by the United Nations General Assembly as the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) in order to increase awareness of the importance of biodiversity for sustainable development, and to bring global attention to the causes and consequences of biodiversity loss. The theme of the Year is “Biodiversity is Life, Biodiversity is our life”.

The IYB provides a great occasion to move the biodiversity agenda further and stronger in Africa. **It** is important to give biodiversity the highest political leadership and strategic focus by including it into the policy debates and decision making processes in Africa.

It is critical to highlight that Africa still possesses a significant amount of biodiversity, despite considerable environmental changes.

The UNEP Regional Office for Africa (ROA) will undertake activities to enhance public awareness on the importance of conserving the diversity of animals, plants, ecosystems and genes to livelihood. These activities will also raise the political profile of biodiversity by emphasizing its contribution to human well-being. Activities will be organized in selected locations in Africa involving policy-makers, major groups of the civil society including academia, journalists, NGOs, youth and private sector in policy and technical dialogue, public information, advocacy and outreach campaigns on IYB.

The third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-3) will be launched on 10 May 2010 in Nairobi during the during the SBSTTA/WGRI meetings of CBD. Launch GBP-3 in at least one other country on 10 May 2010 and a wide distribution in Universities. Possibilities of unpackaging the information to fit various audiences including the youth and community based actors will be explored.

### Participants

- Professors
- Students
- Youth and women groups
- Councils of Biodiversity in Ministry of Environment
- Head biodiversity Councils in Egypt

### Institutions

- ❖ Ministry of Environment
- ❖ Department of protected area in Egypt
- ❖ University of Ain Shams
- ❖ National council of Women
- ❖ National council of youth
- ❖ Professors from Faculty of Science Sustainable Development
- ❖ Environmental NGO'S

### Venue

Cairo House Ministry of Environment - Cairo city

### Sponsorship

Ministry of Environment – UNEP – CBD Montreal

### Time line

10 May 2010

### Outcomes:

- Raise awareness among major stakeholders of the important role of biodiversity in livelihoods and the challenges and opportunities of conserving biodiversity
- Awareness of the main of Biodiversity year 2010
- Understand the importance of the link between protecting biodiversity resources and human well being.
- Preserve the coral reefs in Red Sea in Egypt and their related ecosystem.
- Understand the value of biodiversity and learn how human actions affect biodiversity.
- Increase in actions by youth such as declarations, and contributions to the Green belt and tree planting achievement.

Agenda of Global Outlook3  
Cairo House – Ministry of Environment  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2010

9:30 Registration

10:00 - 11:00 Opening

- Eng. Maged Goerge Ministry of Environment
- CBD Montreal
- UNEP
- Dr. Wafaa Amer Head of Natural Reserve area - Ministry of Environment
- UNISEF Goodwill ambassador

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Brake

11:30 – 12:00 Overview on GOB3

- Prof . Dr. Mostafa Fouda - NRA Council of Ministry of Environment

12:00 – 12:20 Agribiodiversity

- Ministry of Environment office

12:30 – 12:50 Statue of Biodiversity in Egypt –

- Prof Dr. Elkassas

1:00 – 2:00 Open discussion

- Prof. Dr Mostafa Fouda
- Prof. Dr. wafaa Amer
- Prof. Dr. Elkassas