

Agenda of the 2nd COSIMENA Meta-Conference on
"SustaMENAbility"
from 21 to 22 October 2019
at the Helnan Palestine Hotel, Alexandria, Egypt

Monday, October 21, 2019

5.00 p.m. Registration

5.30 p.m. Welcome Address

- Ms. Isabell Mering, Director of the DAAD Regional Office Cairo

5.45 p.m. Keynote: Sustainable Development in the MENA Region:
the REMENA Programme as Best Practice Example

- Prof. Dr. Dirk Dahlhaus, University of Kassel

6.15 p.m. Innovative and Sustainable Solutions by Science and Research:
How can the MENA Region benefit from Academic Exchange and
Knowledge Transfer?

Interactive Panel:

- Prof. Dr. Alaa Ramadan Mostafa, Alexandria University
- Prof. Dr. Alaa Abdel Bary, Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport
- Prof. Dr. Dirk Dahlhaus, University of Kassel
- Prof. Dr. Jawad Al-Bakri, University of Jordan
- Dr. Mawahib Ahmed, National Center for Research Sudan

Moderated by:

- Fatma Soliman, DAAD Regional Office Cairo

7:15 p.m. Joint Networking Dinner

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

- 9.00 a.m. Registration and Coffee Reception
- 9.15 a.m. COSIMENA and the Approach of Clusters of Scientific Innovation
– Martin Dekhili, DAAD Regional Office Cairo

Highlighting current projects in the MENA region and joint research with Germany

Presentations of current joint research projects and best-practice examples will be followed by a 15-minute Q&A session offering the space for joint brainstorming on the vital topics to be discussed in each cluster. Further collaboration opportunities as well as opportunities and the needs and possibilities of research within the specific fields and the region will be explored.

9.30 – 11.05 a.m. Economy Projects

- 9.30 – 9.45 a.m. Creating an Enabling Entrepreneurial Eco-system for Sustainable Development in the MENA Region
– Prof. Dr. Iman Zaky, Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport
- 9.50 – 10.10 a.m. Designing the Egyptian-German Centre for International Development
– Mr. Dimitrios Moschos, Freie Universität Berlin
– Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abed, Alexandria University
- 10.15 – 10.30 a.m. Policy Research for Development: Lessons Learned and Opportunities for the Future
– Dr. Clemens Breisinger, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- 10.35 – 10:50 a.m. Agribusiness and Technology Transfer Commercialisation
– Prof. Dr. Khaled Abdu, Cairo University
- 11.05– 11.20 a.m. **Rich Coffee Break**
- 11.20 – 12.50 p.m. Energy Projects
- 11.20 – 11.35 a.m. Added Value of National and Regional Energy Clusters: Egyptian Renewable Energy Cluster Initiative
– Prof. Dr. Adel Khalil, Cairo University
- 11.40 – 11.55 a.m. Development of Appropriate Technologies and Models for Food and Energy Security for Households in Sudan
– Dr. Mawahib Ahmed, National Center for Research Sudan
- 12.00 – 12.15 p.m. Hybrid Renewable Energy Systems in the Egyptian Desert: A Step towards Water-Energy-Food-Nexus
– Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab Kassem, Alexandria University

- 12.15 - 12.30 Developing Groundwater Resources Monitoring in Jordan: Tools, Findings and Implications
– Prof. Dr. Jawad Al-Bakri, University of Jordan
- 12.45 - 1.30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1.30 - 2.30 p.m. **Agriculture Projects**
- 1.30 - 1.45 p.m. Challenges Facing Agriculture and Approaches to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals
– Dr. Dalia Barakat, Cairo University
- 1.45 - 2.00 p.m. Ways to Increase Agricultural Productivity and Ensure its Quality
– Prof. Dr. Abd El-Rahman Ahmed, Agricultural Engineering Research Institute
- 2.00 - 2.15 pm Agro-Food Industries Alliance as a Key Element of Economic Progress: Case Study
– Dr. Khaled El-Saadany, Alexandria University
- 2.15 - 2.30 p.m. Date Palm Fibre Research: Promoting Sustainable Development and Improving Livelihoods
– Dr. Mohamad Midani, German University in Cairo
- 2.45 - 3.00 pm **Panorama of the Meta-Conference**
The aim is wrapping up the scientific discussion of the day, potential cooperation opportunities will be highlighted, and synergies discussed.
- 3.00 p.m. **End of Conference**