



**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM  
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**Egypt's National Statement**

**at the 2023 Ministerial Segment of the High Level Political  
Forum**

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**H.E. Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations  
Excellencies,**

**The 2023 HLPF and the SDG Summit in September** present a unique and timely opportunity for all of us to send a strong political message and reaffirm our commitment to achieve sustainable development, with the eradication of poverty at the center of our joint efforts, and addressing the challenges on the road to achieve the SDGs and implement the 2030 Agenda.

**Excellencies,**

Despite the multiple and interlinked challenges that face the world, Egypt is committed to achieve sustainable development at all levels in line with Egypt's Vision 2030. The Government of Egypt is taking concrete steps to localize the SDGs throughout its 27 governorates. We believe that this is a key tool to empower local authorities to support achieving the developmental goals.

Let me seize this opportunity to proudly announce that Egypt has successfully issued its first-ever voluntary local reviews for 3 governorates.

We intend to continue working with all partners to enhance localization of SDGs through knowledge sharing, exchanging experiences, and implementing effective action-oriented policies.



**In respect of this year's HLPF selected SDGs**, let me share with you the following:

On **Clean Water and Sanitation**, Egypt is concerned with the obviously clear insufficient implementation of SDG 6. The findings of the SDG6 Synthesis report are quite alarming. Egypt welcomes the convening of the UN Water Conference in March 2023 and its outcomes, including the Water Action Agenda. It is crucial to have an effective follow-up process to the conference.

On the national level, and being one of the most water scarce countries in the world, Egypt still managed to achieve tangible achievements. The 2023 Global SD report shows that Egypt is on the right track to achieve the goal by 2030, thanks to a comprehensive water resources management strategy and an inclusive national water policy. Nevertheless, these efforts are significantly threatened given Egypt's geographic location, as a downstream country whose only water lifeline originates from without its borders. This urgently and crucially requires **effective transboundary water resources cooperation**, in accordance with international law, as a prerequisite to achieve SDG 6.

As for **the industry, innovation and infrastructure**, Egypt has heavily invested in its infrastructure in the last few years to about \$400 billion, as part of its sustainable national investments across the country.

With respect to Egypt's commitment to **provide clean and affordable energy**, Egypt announced its updated NDCs in June 2023, which included a commitment to increase the share of renewable energy in the total energy mix to reach 42% by 2030.

On the pursuit to achieve **Sustainable Cities and Communities**, 23 new smart cities are being developed across the country, including Egypt's New Administrative Capital.



Egypt's commitment to contribute to our collective efforts to achieve sustainable development in its three dimensions was evident during its presidency of COP27, which adopted ambitious and action-oriented outcomes including the Sharm Elsheikh Implementation Plan that includes milestone achievements in mitigation, adaptation, and the provision of means of implementation. COP 27 also witnessed the historic agreement on establishing the loss and damage funds.

Before I conclude, I stress the importance of the provision of means of implementation to developing countries, enhancing cooperation and partnerships, to achieve sustainable development and eradicate poverty.

Thank you.

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