Eye on Earth Summit 2015
Arab Region’ Participation
Arab Region’s Participation in the Eye on Earth Summit 2015

• Strategy for Arab Region’s participation
• Activities
• Delegates and Speakers
• Arab Region’s Activities General Outcomes
Strategy for Arab Region’s participation

**Eye on Earth Objective**

The Eye on Earth initiative aims to facilitate the **sharing** of environmental, societal and economic data and information, provided by the **diversity of knowledge communities**, to support sustainable development.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Eye on Earth Summit themes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>• Data Demand</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Data Supply</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Enabling conditions</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Introductory and Implementation phases
Introductory phase

Eye on Earth
Objective

Diversity of knowledge community

Sharing

Participation of Experts from various sectors

Knowledge exchange

Sharing available tools and technologies
Implementation Phase

**Preparation phase**

- Participation of Experts from various sectors
- Knowledge exchange
- Sharing available tools and technologies
- Data Demand
- Data Supply
- Enabling conditions
- Eye on Earth summit themes

**Activities**

- Sessions
- Launches
- side events
- Applications and products
Activities
Data demand

Session

Arab Region’s Environmental data challenges

Product

Arab Region’s Environmental data Innovations

Application

Enviromapit

Data Standardization
Capacity building needs
Environmental reporting
Regional cooperation
Sharing experiences
State of Art
Covering different geographical distributions
A hub for governments and organizations to provide and share Environmental hotspots
Arab Region Environmental Hotspots
Data Supply

Session

Arab Civil Society: An Eye on Earth

Data Gaps
- Citizen Participation
- Capacity building needs
- Role in decision making

Launch

MAWARED

Data participatory tool
- Citizen and government communication

Side Event

E-Misk

It supplies the community with live environmental data through user friendly interface
Utilizing Arab Wide Action for Reliable Environment Data
Regional innovative approaches for cross-regional cooperation in knowledge sharing

Cross-regional cooperation platform
Sharing Regional data
Knowledge sharing and management

The process acts as platform for exchange of knowledge and cooperation between countries of the region

Enabling Conditions

Session
Regional innovative approaches for cross-regional cooperation in knowledge sharing

Launch
Africa Mountain Atlas

Side Event
Europe State of Environment report – Arabic Version

Arabic Translation
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?
Delegates and Speakers
Delegates:

• Between 200-230 delegates of the total Eye on Earth participation

• Participating sectors:
  Governments
  Academia
  International Organizations
  Intergovernmental Organizations
  Private sector
  NGO
Speakers:

• 22 speakers the Arab Region’s sessions
• 15 Arab Speakers
• 7 International speakers
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
### Media Coverage

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Number of published articles</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Egypt</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jordan</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lebanon</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>United Arab emirates</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Algeria</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>United kingdom</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Morocco</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sudan</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

![Pie chart showing media coverage distribution](chart.png)

- **Egypt**: 38% (7 articles out of 18 total)
- **Morocco**: 16% (6 articles out of 38 total)
- **United Arab emirates**: 16% (7 articles out of 45 total)
- **Algeria**: 6% (1 article out of 17 total)
- **United kingdom**: 10% (4 articles out of 40 total)
- **Jordan**: 6% (3 articles out of 50 total)
- **Lebanon**: 4% (2 articles out of 50 total)
- **Sudan**: 2% (1 article out of 50 total)
Based on the Arab Region’s sessions discussions it was agreed between various presenters that:

“We recommend the establishment of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to follow-up post-Summit on the issues highlighted;”

It was agreed that the SIGs will have regional geographical focus and will embrace members from relevant international, national, regional institutions, private sector and NGOs.
Eye on Earth
Special Interest Groups (SIG)

• Regional data working group
• Imagery satellite working group
• Peace and Security
• Integrated Environmental Assessment (IEA)
• Citizens Science
• Environmental Legislations
Regional data working group:

- **It focuses on** Data and Indicators
- **Main objectives:**
  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
Imagery satellite working group:

- **It focuses on** imagery data availability, free sources and the use of Imagery
- **Main objective:**
  1. Creating a network of the Satellite Imagery of providers
Peace and security working group:

- It focuses 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.

- Main Objectives:
  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
Integrated Environmental Assessment- (IEA) working group:

• It focuses on improving and enforcement of the IEA process for reporting in the Arab region in order to produce critical environmental knowledge for decision-making.

• Main objectives:

  1. Producing critical and systematic policy relevant environmental reports on different scales for environmental decision-making.

  2. Enhancing reporting on environmental trends and their interactions with economic and social development in the region.

  3. Promoting the participatory and interactive approach to linking knowledge and action in environmental reporting.
Citizen Science working Group:

It focuses on filling the data gaps and solving data issues through a participatory approach that involves citizens in environmental decision-making by contributing to collecting environmental data.

Main objectives:

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.
Environmental Legislations working group:

It focuses on Environmental Legislations development and mechanisms enforcement

Main Objectives:

1. Supporting governments in the process of developing, enforcement and evaluating environmental laws and regulations in accordance with chapter 8 of Agenda 21
2. Assisting environmental institutions in developing the law-making process into a participatory process that involves relevant inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations.
3. Establishing a regional training network for sustainable development law to ensure its compliance with international laws.
4. Helping governments in farming laws that ensure citizen access to information and participation in environmental decision making at the national level in accordance with principle 10 of the Rio declaration on environment and development.
Thank You