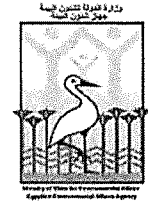




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## UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

<b>Project title:</b> <i>Mainstreaming the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity into the tourism development and operations in threatened ecosystems in Egypt</i>	
<b>Country:</b> <i>Egypt</i>	<b>Implementing Partner:</b> <i>Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA)</i>
<b>Management Arrangements :</b> <i>National Implementation Modality (NIM)</i>	
<b>UNDAF/Country Programme Outcome:</b> UNDAF Outcome 2 - Environmental Sustainability	
<b>UNDP Strategic Plan Output:</b>  <i>Output 2.5 - Legal and regulatory frameworks, policies and institutions enabled to ensure the conservation, sustainable use, and access and benefit sharing of natural resources, biodiversity and ecosystems, in line with international conventions and national legislation</i>	
<b>UNDP Social and Environmental Screening Category:</b> <i>Exempt</i>	<b>UNDP Gender Marker:</b> <i>1</i>
<b>Atlas Project ID (formerly Award ID):</b> <i>00087169</i>	<b>Atlas Output ID (formerly Project ID):</b> <i>00094274</i>
<b>UNDP-GEF PIMS ID number:</b> <i>4590</i>	<b>GEF ID number:</b> <i>5073</i>
<b>Planned start date:</b> <i>01 Jan 2019</i>	<b>Planned end date:</b> <i>31 Dec 2023</i>
<b>PAC meeting date:</b> <i>October 18, 2015</i>	

**Brief project description:**

This 4-year project is designed to mainstream biodiversity into the Egyptian tourism sector and government. It comes at a critical time in Egypt's recent history with the political changes that are currently underway to make government institutions more accountable and to develop the economy, both of which are resulting in considerable changes in the way that both tourism and biodiversity resources may be managed in the future. Therefore, the project will work on two levels:

- *The first level will engage directly with the industry and government to fill gaps in the existing planning and regulatory framework, namely a Strategic Environmental Assessment to identify key areas, habitats and ecological processes and assess their vulnerability and guidelines for the existing EIA regulations specific to biodiversity and linked to an offsetting mechanism and developing a monitoring programme to track the impacts of tourism on biodiversity for conservation management purposes.*
- *The second level will engage the tourism industry by developing Responsible Tourism Grading and promoting Egypt as a global destination for ecotourism and developing community-based systems to allow those closest to the resources to benefit and manage them sustainably.*





*The project will also create one new protected area and increase the size of two more while building management capacity and developing these and four more protected areas for sustainable tourism. All of these areas are currently under threat from tourism development. Because of the uncertainty and dynamic nature of the challenge and because the tourism industry faces an adaptive challenge and to a lesser extent a technical challenge, the project will be guided by a scenario planning exercise as a means to bring about the individual and institutional behavioural changes and to ensure that the project is highly adaptive.*

**FINANCING PLAN**

GEF Trust Fund	USD 2,574,338
UNDP TRAC resources	USD 100,000
Cash co-financing to be administered by UNDP	
<b>(1) Total Budget administered by UNDP</b>	<b>USD 2,674,338</b>

**PARALLEL CO-FINANCING (all other co-financing that is not cash co-financing administered by UNDP)**

Government	USD 200,000
Verona Land	USD 300,000
UNDP (Italian Cooperation)	USD 3,900,000
UNDP (EU)	USD 5,985,736
UNDP (EBBCC)	USD 40,000,000

<b>(2) Total co-financing</b>	USD 50,385,736	
<b>(3) Grand-Total Project Financing (1) +(2)</b>	USD 53,060,074	
<b>SIGNATURES</b>		
<p>H.E. Ambassador Hany Selim, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director of the Department for International Cooperation for Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Signature: </p>	<b>Agreed by Government</b>	<p>Date/Month/Year:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14.11.18</p>
<p>Dr. Mohamed Salah Chief Executive Officer Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency Ministry of Environment</p> <p>Signature: </p> 	<b>Agreed by Implementing Partner</b>	<p>Date/Month/Year:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14/11/2018</p>
<p>Ms. Randa Aboul-Hosn Country Director, United Nations Development Programme, Egypt</p> <p>Signature: </p> 	<b>Agreed by UNDP</b>	<p>Date/Month/Year:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14/11/2018</p>