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## Memo for the Advisory Board Climate Change in Cities in Egypt (AB-CCC)

### Introduction:

The Advisory Board Climate Change in Cities in Egypt (AB-CCC) functions as platform for peer-to-peer learning and knowledge sharing amongst representatives from EEAA, national and local government, academia, development agencies, civil society and private sector on climate change adaptation and mitigation in urban environments.

It is initiated and convened by the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) with support of the GIZ Participatory Development Programme in Urban Areas (PDP).

### Rational for the Advisory Board:

Urban adaptation should be one of the environmental policy priorities for the country and its local authorities on the city level due to the vulnerability of the Egyptian cities and urban areas to climate change impacts on the one hand as well as the inherent potential of cities to mitigate climate change emissions on the other hand. Holistic strategies as well as a better understanding of international and national support structures for local adaptation are therefore needed. An evidence-based knowledge-sharing platform to inform national & local policy, planning and management responds to the expressed interest in facilitating joint knowledge generation, support and collaboration through a national forum.

One of the PDP components' objectives is to create and strengthen mechanisms of regular exchange between representatives of public administration and civil society. Hence GIZ supports the AB-CCC in creating such platform.

### Aims of the AB-CCC:

- Platform for knowledge sharing
- Space for regular interaction and networking (in legislative/ policy/ fiscal terms)
- Identifying topical matters requiring cooperation (private sector, civil society, government)
- Contact point for structured engagement (Egyptian stakeholders, international development partners and networks)

### Membership and Roles within AB-CCC:

The board consist of permanently represented members and those attending the session within a rotary system. Regarding the latter, each group has to be at least represented by one of its members. The representatives are supposed to attend meetings and share knowledge and experience. There is also the possibility for governorates to host quarterly sessions or study visits.

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Permanently represented are members of:

- Ministry of Environment (MoE)/ Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA): chair of AB-CCC main convening authority, secretariat and institutional host of the AB-CCC
- Representatives of selected national government institutions with a mandate in cca/ccm and/or urban development: Ministry of Urban Renewal and Informal Settlements (MURIS), Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MoHUD), Egyptian Meteorological Authority (EMA), Central Laboratory for Agricultural Climate (CLAC), Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC)
- GIZ-PDP as implementation partner of MoE/ EEAA, technical advice and some limited financial support, design of activities and meetings

The groups represented within the rotary system are:

- Governorates and other local authorities' representatives
- national government institutions according to their mandate
- International partners
- Academia
- Civil society organisations
- Private Sector

Frequency of meetings, venue, requirements and resources:

The AB-CCC meets quarterly, with the first meeting held in August 2014, for the duration of one day in Cairo but might rotate between governorates on a voluntary basis. The activities of the AB-CCC will be resourced through a variety of sources, with a limited financial support of the GIZ-PDP. Certain responsibilities are required from the respective governorate when taking place outside of Cairo. For that case, governorates additionally contribute to venue costs, local transportation and for site visits when hosting AB-CCC meetings. AB-CCC participants travel and accommodation cost, if required, will be covered on equal basis between MoE/EEAA and GIZ-PDP without any additional allowances. Further information about the upcoming meetings can be obtained from the attached AB-CCC roadmap.

Documentation and Knowledge Products:

Each meeting of the AB-CCC will be minuted. Documented knowledge-sharing and learning-activities shall be made available freely on the EEAA and/or GIZ-PDP website. In addition, the feasibility and usability of a secure virtual space will also be investigated by GIZ-PDP to share the AB-CCC documents.

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