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ABSTRACT

NGOs' play a vital role in the local community in helping to shape and implement participatory democracy. Their creditability lies in the responsible and constructive role they play in the society. To play an active role within a society they should be independent.

NGOs' possess the experience and capacity in fields which will be of particular importance to the implementation and review of environmentally sound and social sustainable development. The community of NGOs' should be enabled and strengthened in support of efforts to achieve these common goals. To ensure that the full potential contribution of NGOs' is realized, the fullest possible communication and cooperation between international organizations, national and local governments and NGOs' organization should be promoted.

Environmental NGOs' can contribute to NEAP implementation at many points, there by improving the quality of life in low-income communities. Law 4/94 expanded the role of NGOs' in environmental protection as article 103 entitles them and any individual to report any violations of the law. Environmental NGOs' can contribute to National Environmental Action Plan (NEAP) implementation at many points, there by improving the quality of life in low-income communities. Law 4/94 expanded the role of NGOs' in environmental protection as article 103 entitles them and any individual to report any violations of the law. According to this law, the EEAA's Board of Directors includes three members representing NGOs'. This would promote NGOs' chance to participate in stating appropriate remedies for Egyptian environmental concerns.

In response to high political support to NGOs' represented in H.E President Mubarak directives to MSEA "the necessarily of the integration of the role of the NGOs' that gives the opportunity for public monitoring as they are stakeholders and the partner who achieves the due care of the environment in which the NGOs' work geographically"; The MSEA has established a unit for the NGOs'. The NGOs' unit was established by a ministerial decree outlining its role and objectives.

H.E. the Minister of State for Environmental Affairs has declared the year 2002 for environmental NGOs'. A plan was made to participate with active NGOs' in environmental projects within the framework that NEAP has set. The NGOs' unit has participated with 124 NGOs' in environmental projects in sixteen governorates. The total amount of the share was about two million pounds.