

## Methodology

### Purpose of the Report

**First:** Giving effect to one of the most significant articles of the Environment Law no 4/1994 after a long-delayed enforcement pending the completion of the information and database of the Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs.

**Second:** Giving a clear and accurate image of the state of the environment while identifying changes brought upon it whether negative or positive.

**Third:** Taking stock of how effective environmental policies and programs applicable in Egypt are living up to environmental changes that occurred in the Egyptian arena.

**Fourth:** Applying policies and programs addressing the environmental change phenomenon.

For these purposes, the methodology pursued in compiling this report hinged on three fundamental principles:

#### First Principle:

Transparency. It is to this effect that all pressures to which the environment in the Arab Republic of Egypt has been subjected were projected by using most up-to-date data made available to the Ministry of State for Environment Affairs – Environmental Affairs Agency in cooperation with all ministries, organizations and think-tanks. The State maintains that transparency principle to allow the citizens to get better acquainted with the nature and magnitude of factors influencing the environment as well as the State efforts to mitigate related implications.

#### Second Principle:

Participation. The report has been produced through the efforts of a number of experts and researchers. A drafting group has been set up covering different fields and specializations and meetings were held with the aim of agreeing methodology and report structure.

Several workshops were organized to specify the subjects of the report and to review data.

Participating also in the preparation and review of the report was a considerable number of experts representing the ministries concerned, research centers, universities as well as environmental information experts and representatives of the private sector, plus civil organizations and associations for businessmen, environment preservation, and women and youth representatives.

#### Third Principle:

Adopting internationally-adopted standards in the preparation of state of the environment reports. To achieve this end a scientific approach has been introduced in report-writing and to cover, in each domain, the sources- harmful impacts- efforts to reduce negative implications and future visions.