

## Methodology

### Report Objectives

**First** : Implementing an important article in Environment Law 4/1994 and its executive regulation.

**Second:** Delineating a clear and accurate picture of one element of the environment - Land (Biodiversity and Tree Planting), while identifying its negative and positive changes, with a brief presentation of changes that took place in the other three elements (Air, Water, and Urban Environment).

**To achieve these objectives, the methodology pursued in developing this report depended on three fundamental principles:**

#### First Principle:

**Transparency:** It is to this effect that the real image of environmental status in the Arab Republic of Egypt has been displayed using updated data available to MSEA – Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), in cooperation with all ministries, organizations and think-tanks. The State believes that this Openness Principle would allow the people to know the nature and magnitude of impacts the environment is exposed to as well as the State's efforts in mitigating them.

#### Second Principle:

**Participation:** The report relied in its development and revision on the participation of experts, researchers and environment stakeholders representing various executive sectors such as line ministries, research centers, universities, environmental information experts, and representatives of the private sector and Non-Governmental organizations and associations.

#### Third Principle:

**Adoption of internationally recognized standards in developing state of the environment reports:** Towards this end, a scientific approach has been applied in this report's writing including in each area: (sources, harmful impacts, efforts in mitigating negative impacts, and future vision).