

## Methodology

### Report Objectives

**First:**Implementation of one of Law no. 4/94 important stipulations, which was delayed pending the finalization of MSEA information structure;

**Second:**Drawing a clear and accurate picture of the state of environment showing positive and negative changes thereto.

**Third:**Assessing the effectiveness of environmental policies and programs implemented by Egypt for overcoming environmental changes that occurred in Egypt.

**Fourth:**Implementing some policies and programs for addressing environmental changes phenomenon.

For achieving these objectives, the methodology used in developing this report relied on three major principles:

#### First Principle

##### Transparency:

Adopted by the Arab Republic of Egypt; Thus all pressures on Egypt's environment have been presented using the latest data available to MSEA\EEAA in collaboration with all ministries, authorities and research centers. The State believes that the transparency principle would allow the people to know the nature and volume of impacts on the environment as well as the massive efforts exerted by the state to minimize such impacts.

#### Second Principle

##### Participation:

This report was based on the participation of experts, researches and those concerned with the environment in developing and reviewing the report. A work group comprising members from the different fields and specializations was formed and several

workshops were held for developing the report, identifying its objectives and collecting its data. Regular meetings were also held for reaching an agreement on work methodology and report structure.

The report has also been developed with participation from a large group of experts representing the different public and executive sectors, such as line ministries, research institutions, universities, organizations, NGOs, People's and Shura Council members, environmental communication and information professionals, representatives of private sector and businessmen associations, environment protection associations, women organizations as well as representatives of the Youth sector and all civil organizations in Egypt.

#### Third Principle

Implementing internationally recognized global standards in developing "State of the Environment" reports. Thus, a scientific approach was used in drafting the report, including (influencing powers, pressures, environmental status, environmental impact and efforts exerted for mitigating environmentally adverse impacts). Which is the internationally recognized environmental assessment framework used by UNEP. Through this framework, the current environmental policies' appropriateness and effectiveness in mitigating any adverse impacts have been studied and analyzed, as well as clarifying the future vision of environmental policies in Egypt.

The development of the report based on such methodology incorporating the three above-mentioned principles puts Egypt among the ranks of countries distinguished in environmental work in general and in the development of "State of Environment" reports in particular.