

# YLE-NEWSLETTER



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## **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

On June 5 of each year, the world celebrates World Environment Day, with the aim of increasing awareness and global mobilization to protect the environment. It aims to raise environmental awareness and encourage governments, organizations and communities to take action to protect the environment. This year's theme is restoring ecosystems. Together, we can restore ecosystems and protect our planet for future generations!



## **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

**YLE launches call for volunteers for the first time this year in all committees. Deadline is June 25th!**



# YLE PARTICIPATES IN THE SB60 SUBSIDIARY BODIES SUMMIT IN BONN, GERMANY.



Representing YLE Foundation, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance PACJA, GNDR, Global Center on Adaptation, Ahmed Fathy, the Founder of YLE foundation participated in the SB60 Subsidiary Bodies summit in Bonn, Germany.



Mr. Ahmed attended the opening session, which featured an important speech from the Executive Director of the UN Climate Change.

He also took part in a press conference organized by the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance, where they discussed the challenges faced by African youth, the necessity of facilitating their participation by securing visas along with increasing climate finance directed towards youth in the Global South.

In addition, he met with the Chair of the African Group of Negotiators along with a delegation of representatives from African civil society organizations to discuss enhancing the role of African organizations and increasing their quota in climate summits as one of the main challenges as well as involving young negotiators in the work of the African Group of Negotiators.

He also attended a conference with the Global Center on Adaptation, we announced "Youth Adaptation Day" where Mr. Ahmed emphasized the urgent need to significantly increase climate adaptation funding.



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On the course of nine days, the 2024 Bonn Climate Change Conference aimed to advance key issues and prepare decisions for COP29, focusing on climate finance and national climate action plans with the participation of national delegates and civil society representatives.

On his opening speech, UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Simon Stiell emphasized the need for a new collective quantifiable goal on finance as a key enabler of climate action, stating that these plans must be nationally determined.

The Bonn Climate Change Conference highlighted the disproportionate impacts of climate change on children, stressing upon challenges like lack of access to basic services and disruption to education along with

inadequate food supplies which increase the risk of acute malnutrition, stunting, and disease susceptibility. The third day of the SB60 climate change conference coincided with World Environment Day, with the UN Secretary-General stressing the need for cooperation to solve the climate crisis.

Coinciding with World Oceans Day on 8 June: the first updates to the midterm transparency reports strengthening global climate commitments were discussed in Bonn, where countries are required to submit their mid-term Bilateral Transparency Reports (BTRs) for the first time. These reports assess the actions countries have taken to achieve their Paris Agreement commitments by December 2024 - providing a snapshot of countries' progress in reducing emissions, developing effective climate policies, and putting resources where they are needed.

Simon Steele began the seventh day by emphasizing the importance of transparency in dealing with climate change issues. In addition, the incoming COP presidency asked countries to submit their midterm transparency reports before COP29 in Baku. As a summary report of this forum will be presented at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, providing guidance and recommendations for future policies and investments.

At the conclusion of the Bonn Conference, with 170 party delegates and non-party observers participated in the dialogue, Simon Steele stressed the importance of developing concrete plans and adaptable solutions to achieve justice and sustainability. With the participation of the Youth Who Loves Egypt Foundation in this event, it confirms its commitment to supporting climate change efforts and achieving sustainable development goals.





# YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN EURO-MED SUMMIT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCILS AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS IN MALTA



On the 18th and the 19th of June, Donia Ibrahim participated in the annual Euro-Mediterranean Summit of Economic and Social Councils and institutions similar to civil society organizations in the member states of the Union for the Mediterranean, as a representative of the Youth Love Egypt Foundation and the Anna Lindh Foundation. Donia also participated as a representative of the youth of the southern Mediterranean and as a member of the study group on youth participation in civil dialogue, which began its work last April in Belgium. This summit is an important platform to discuss common challenges and opportunities and exchange best practices.

The event included around 120 participants, including representatives of a wide range of civil society organizations from the Euro-Mediterranean region, representatives of the governments of the European Union and the Middle East and North Africa region, as well as guest speakers, embassy representatives and the media.

The summit held multiple discussions on prominent regional topics, such as youth participation in social and civil dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean region, climate change and water policies as well as immigration. The summit focused on empowering youth, women, and indigenous and local communities to participate in local and international policies. As YLE representative, Donia spoke out on immigration due to climate change and the policies needed to ensure migrants have access to training and apprenticeships.



# THE SIXTH WORKSHOP ON PLANNING CLIMATE CHANGE SCENARIOS IN COOPERATION WITH THE YOUTH LOVE EGYPT FOUNDATION



Youth Love Egypt Foundation organized the “6th Workshop for Planning Climate Change Scenarios,” which lasted over two days, within the framework of the project “Building the Capacity of Civil Society Organizations in the Field of Climate Change 2023-2025,” which is being implemented in partnership with the CRISP Authority and with support from the Ministry of Environment.

This workshop comes within the efforts of environmental protection organizations in Egypt to enhance environmental awareness and confront the challenges of climate change in Egypt. It also reflects the close cooperation between non-profit organizations in Egypt and environmental non-governmental organizations to achieve sustainable development.

The workshop organizers held a discussion session, attended by a group of prominent figures, experts, government officials, and members of the House of Representatives, led by Dr. Hussein Abaza, the international advisor in the field of sustainable development, and MP Mohamed Ismail, member of the Youth Coordination of Parties and Politicians, as well as Engineer Ahmed Kamal, Director of the Office of Environmental Compliance and Development. Sustainable Industries Federation, as well as Ambassador Mohamed El Gamal, Deputy Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Environment and Sustainable Development.

On the first day, the workshop addressed many important topics, most notably the possible scenarios for the impact of climate change on the Arab Republic of Egypt, the importance of preserving the environment and protecting it from the negative effects of climate change, in addition to the role of environmental protection organizations in Egypt in confronting the challenges of climate change.

On its second day, the workshop discussed identifying future factors affecting the future of climate change and its possible manifestations, and how to identify the challenges, main factors and real problems resulting from climate change.



# WITHIN ARCH PROJECT YLE ORGANIZES 3RD WORKSHOP WRITING CLIMATE POLICY



YLE held a workshop on writing climate policy papers and raising the efficiency of civil society organizations over a period of 5 days within the ARCH program organized by the Foundation in cooperation with CRISP and PACJA and funded by IKI.

The workshop was attended by members of the Senate and Parliament, as well as representatives of 15 civil society organizations in Egypt. The workshop aims to engage young people in understanding the basics of writing policy papers with a focus on priority environmental issues, including methods of presentation, analysis and evaluation of methods, raising the efficiency of civil society organizations and exchanging knowledge between participants and members of the Senate.

Participants learned about the basic concepts of public policies, in addition to understanding the administrative, legislative and regulatory framework for policy-making processes. Emphasis was placed on applying and adopting policies in light of the rapid changes.



Representative Ghada Ali, a member of the Coordination of Youth Parties and Politicians, and a supporter of YLE, who spoke about the current draft law on carbon markets submitted to Parliament. She stressed the importance of this project in promoting environmental sustainability and reducing gas emissions, noting the Foundation's support for the law.

Representative Mohamed Ismail, a member of the House of Representatives representing the Coordination of Youth Parties and Politicians, and the organization's representative at the 27th Climate Summit, also discussed the proposed amendment to Environmental Law No. 4 of 1994. In addition, Representative Noha Zaki, member of the Senate representing the Coordination of Youth Parties and Politicians, participated in the workshop and discussed how to assess the legislative impact, define the problem, and define the desired objectives of the impact assessment study.

Representative Akmal Najati, member of the Senate for the Coordination of Youth Parties and Politicians, gave a lecture on writing policy papers, identifying target groups, elements for their discussion and specialized committees, and the importance of drafting a correct policy paper.

# YLE HELD AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN ON WATER CONSERVATION



On May 29th, YLE Foundation held an interactive workshop for children on water conservation held with collaboration with EU in Egypt and Morocco.

Aiming to raise their awareness of the issues of water scarcity and climate change, and the impact of their scarcity on their lives, the workshop targeted children aged 8-16 years.

It also encourages them to devise solutions to this problem. The workshop included many educational and interactive activities that contribute to increasing their awareness of the importance of water conservation and knowledge of ways to optimally use it.

The workshop brought together the children for a fun and educational experience.

We used a variety of engaging activities – from simplified lectures to interactive games and group projects – to equip them with the knowledge and skills to become responsible water users.





# YOUTH LOVE EGYPT MAKES AN IMPACT IN FIRST ERASMUS PROJECT PARTICIPATION



**"Youth Love Egypt" Foundation is proud to announce its first participation in the fully funded Erasmus+ project by the European Union.**

**YLE was pleased to announce the acceptance of a group of talented young people to participate in the Erasmus+ project, which will be held in both Turkey and Tunisia. The fully funded Erasmus project by the European Union, was held in Turkey from May 6, 2024, to May 12, 2024.**

**The project comes as part of a training program focusing on sustainable tourism, entrepreneurship, and the green economy. The program concluded successfully, enhancing youth skills and expanding their networks with experts from Egypt, Slovenia, Turkey, Lebanon, and Tunisia. The delegation representing Egypt for YLE Foundation actively participated in all activities.**

**The journey did not end yet! Our talented young delegates still have an exceptional journey ahead of them in the activities and programs that will be offered to the participants in the upcoming trip to Tunisia in the coming months.**



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One of our goals is to make our youth influential global citizens on an international level. We launched our training in Izmir, Turkey in partnership with Erasmus on sustainable tourism and green entrepreneurship. With a seven-day training program prepared and fully implemented by the Youth Who Loves Egypt Foundation and under the supervision of the Foundation's members.

Our first day began with getting to know the trainees and the program supervisors and introducing the training project, and included interactive activities to break the ice between the participants.

"Sustainability By All Means" was the title of our second day, where the participants were trained on the second day by the Foundation's Development and Sustainability Coordinator, Eng. Suhaila Nasser. We started the third day with a useful session on sustainable travel, and we talked about the impact of travel on the environment and local communities and how we can travel in a more sustainable and respectful way

for local cultures. Participants in the Erasmus program, in cooperation with YLE, took an entertaining tour in the city of Izmir with the aim of sustainable eco-tourism on the fourth day of the training program, while on the fifth day, they participated in workshops that included the social and economic impact of sustainable tourism, in addition to community tourism.

As we reached the end of this training program, the sessions have given us new energy and renewed hope.

We started with a deep dive into the international requirements and certifications that guide sustainable tourism practices around the world. The discussions were full of ideas on how to translate these global frameworks into impactful local initiatives – from eco-resorts focused on renewable energy to community-based cultural heritage conservation projects, the potential for positive change was enormous.

On the seventh day and final day, we started with a workshop on "Project Implementation", then entered into a fruitful discussion about "Risk Management", followed by "Financial Planning", concluding the day with a distinguished session on "Evaluation and Closing," in which we discussed how we can evaluate our projects and determine the steps that will ensure their success.



# THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SELECTS YLE AS A MEMBER OF ITS CIVIL SOCIETY COMMITTEE



The African Development Bank (AFDB) has announced the selection of the YLE Foundation as a member of its Civil Society Committee, representing youth in Africa and North Africa, for the period between 2024 and 2026. This significant step reflects international confidence and commitment to achieving sustainable development.

The selection of the YLE Foundation is based on its effective role in addressing climate change and environmental issues in North Africa, particularly as it holds consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and serves as an observer member of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Framework Convention on Climate Change. Additionally, the foundation has been actively engaged in climate summit meetings.

According to a statement issued by the African Development Bank, Zeinab Tory, Director of Civil Society Engagement and Community Participation at the AFDB, affirmed their intention to spark a wave of civil society movements across regions and thematic areas. Tory explained that the committee will focus on key areas of collaboration, enhancing civil society participation in bank initiatives, facilitating effective engagement in policy discussions, and promoting knowledge exchange to attract citizens and communities.

Ahmed Fathy, President of the YLE Foundation, expressed his utmost delight at this selection, emphasizing that it not only honors the foundation but also presents a unique opportunity to enhance youth participation in continental decision-making and contribute effectively to environmental, agricultural, and sustainable technology fields.

Fathy stated that through this membership, the foundation seeks to enhance youth participation in regional and international dialogues and empower them to contribute actively to the formulation of development policies.

He highlighted the foundation's hope to expand cooperation with other African countries and exchange experiences to achieve sustainable development goals. Fathy added that the foundation will strive to have a strong and impactful representation on the committee.

A graphic announcement for the 'BANK-CIVIL SOCIETY COMMITTEE 2024-2026'. It features the AFDB logo (two globes) and the CSO logo (Civil Society Société Civile) in the top corners. The title 'BANK-CIVIL SOCIETY COMMITTEE 2024-2026' is prominently displayed in orange. Below the title is a circular portrait of Ahmed Fathy, a man with a beard wearing a blue jacket. To the right of the portrait, the text reads 'Youth Love Egypt Foundation', 'Ahmed FATHY', and 'Representative North Africa Region and Youth thematic'. At the bottom, there is a date and time slot: 'April 23th 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. GMT' and a social media call to action: 'Follow us: @afdb\_group'.

# CELEBRATING UNITY AND DIVERSITY EUROPE DAY IN EGYPT WITH YLE FOUNDATION



On the 9th of May, on the celebration of Europe Day, which embodies the meanings of peace and unity within the European continent. It reflects not only cooperation and prosperity within the continent but also serves as a symbol of constructive collaboration with the entire world.

Donia Ibrahim program coordinator of YLE Foundation participated in the festivities held in Cairo.

With invitation from Ambassador Christian Berger, Head of the European Union Delegation to Egypt, who led the celebrations. His attendance reflects the strong bond and mutual respect between Europe and Egypt.

And Mrs. Marilena Georgiadou, with her contributions to enhancing cultural and educational exchanges and her efforts in connecting communities and initiating essential dialogues for our mutual growth.





# YLE ORGANIZED CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS WORKSHOP AT WADI DEGLA PROTECTORATE.



## In the Embrace of Wadi Degla: Nature's Majesty Meets Earth's Beauty in YLE's Children's Environmental Workshop

Demonstrating its commitment to educating young minds, YLE Foundation held a climate and environmental awareness workshop for children at the Wadi Degla Protectorate on Friday, January 12th, 2024. The workshop targeted 30 children from various schools and age groups, aiming to raise their awareness of environmental issues and empower them to protect our planet. Interactive Activities and a Welcoming Environment



The workshop commenced with engaging and fun group activities prepared and led by YLE Foundation members Sohaila Nasser and Hania Mohamed. These activities helped the children break the ice, fostering a friendly and joyful atmosphere.



Following the icebreakers, the children were divided into groups to delve into crucial environmental topics:

**Water:** YLE Foundation member Norhan Basheer discussed the water cycle, causes of water pollution and scarcity, with the first group. She also taught them how to conserve water, manage consumption, and even create a homemade water filter from plastic bottles.



**Climate Change:** Sohaila Nasser, another YLE member, explained climate change to the second group, including its causes, effects on the environment and life in general. The discussion also covered the concept of carbon footprint and ways to reduce it.

**Recycling:** Heba Allah Hesham, a YLE member, introduced the third group to waste management and recycling principles. She explained how waste can be transformed into valuable resources, saving money, energy, and raw materials.

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