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MANAGING, PROTECTING, CONSERVING AND RESTORING MARINE AND COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS

11 h 00 Opening Session

H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad - Minister of Environment

H.E. Otieno Joff Makowenga - Ambassador of Kenya

H.E. Elena Panova - United Nations Resident Coordinator

H.E. Manuela Franco - Ambassador of Portugal , *Moderator, Introduction*

11 h 20 Panel Discussion

- **Dr. Ayman Hamada – Head of Biodiversity Central Administration, EEAA**
 - What are the main challenges facing Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)?
 - What are the available opportunities for MPAs ?
- **Dr. Emanuel Gonçalves, Oceano Azul Foundation, Lisbon – Portugal**
 - What are the best methodologies and indicators available to assess the effectiveness of protected areas?
 - The MPA Guide: the importance of science-based tools in MPAs management and designation
- **Dr. Khaled Allam -Advisor to the CEO of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency for Nature Conservation**
 - Sharing of information on the effectiveness of protected areas.
 - The importance and role of the local communities and the private sector in managing protected areas
- **Eng. Mohamed Elewa – Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Tourism in Egypt- Project Manager'**
 - Is ecotourism a potential tool to insure the sustainable use of coastal and marine natural resources? Why and how the GoE would is planning to utilize it?
 - Is there any linkages between marine and costal ecosystem and the PA's local communities and associated cultural heritage in Egypt? And how GoE is making use and managing these linkages in a sustainable manner?
- **Case Study- Dr. Emanuel Gonçalves, Oceano Azul Foundation, Lisbon – Portugal**
 - Protecting the best kept secrets in the Atlantic: the Blue Azores and Selvagens Islands case studies.

Q&A Conclusion