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SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHY

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MANAGING, PROTECTING, CONSERVING AND RESTORING MARINE AND COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS

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*

Dr. Ayman Hamada – Head of Biodiversity Central Administration, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency

- Has a proven career in the field of biodiversity and protected area management. With years of work experience in establishing and managing protected areas, wildlife monitoring and conservation, and the sustainable management of the biodiversity and ecosystems.

Dr. Emanuel Gonçalves – Oceano Azul Foundation, Lisbon, Portugal

- Associate Professor and President of the Board of ISPA – Instituto Universitário (Portugal). He has been involved in Marine Protection Areas (MPA) in several regions. As Deputy Head of the Portuguese Task Group for Maritime/Marine Affairs, he contributed to Portugal's National Ocean Strategy.

Dr. Khaled Allam – Senior Technical Advisor to the CEO of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency for Nature Conservation

- Biodiversity and Protected Areas expert with more than 26 years of experience. He has played a key role in the environmental activities in several countries, such as the declaration of Eritrea's first Marine Protection Area (MPA). He is currently Chair of the Experts Assessment Green List Group in the Middle East for the certification of global IUCN Green List of Protected Areas.

Eng. Mohamed Elewa – Project Manager for Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Tourism

- As National Project Manager, he plays a key role in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) project, which aims to engage both the government and the tourism industry to bridge institutional and organisational gaps to achieve sustainable tourism in Egypt. He contributed to the launch of Egypt's first nationwide campaign on environmental awareness and ecotourism in protected areas.