

World Meteorological Day celebration in Egypt

23 March 2019

On March 23, 2019 the Egyptian Meteorological Authority (EMA) celebrated the World Meteorological Day at the headquarters in Cairo, with participation of a number of Governmental officials, partners and individuals interested in meteorology.

The ceremony started with a speech by Dr. Ahmed Abdel-Aal, Chairman of the Board of directors of Egyptian Meteorological Authority, Permanent Representative of Egypt with the World Meteorological Organization. Dr Abdel-Aal mentioned that the celebration of World Meteorological Day commemorates coming into force on 23 March 1950 of the Convention establishing the World Meteorological Organization.

He also highlighted the importance of the theme of this year defined by the World Meteorological Organization "The Sun, The Earth and The Weather" and the role of research associated with it! He stated that the energy that the Sun sends towards the Earth is taken up by all life forms to perform their biological functions. It also regulates global climate, which, in turn, influences local weather conditions. Furthermore, the sun is not only an inexhaustible source of energy and source of life for humans, animals and plants, but also became one of the most important sources of renewable energy. Its rational and smart utilization can help significantly reducing the impacts of climate change leaving behind other sources of energy polluting the environment and causing these climate changes. It is responsibility of humanity to preserve and protect the Earth for the safety and wellbeing of future generations.

Dr. Abdel-Aal recalled the recommendations of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in 2015, where the President of Egypt Mr Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi on behalf of Egypt and the whole African continent urged all participating countries across the world to switch to the use of renewable energy, especially the exploitation of the sun as a clean substitute for energy to preserve the environment.

The weather forecast has become the most important information that almost everyone seeks at the beginning of the day to be able planning daily activities. Due to recent scientific advances there has been a significant improvement in weather forecasting. The Egyptian Meteorological Authority has also advanced in this aspect both in the development of the human capabilities and introduction of modern methodologies.

The celebration was accompanied by the brief video presentation on the history and recent achievements of the Egyptian Meteorological Authority.

HE lieutenant general / Younis Al Masry, Minister of Civil Aviation, congratulated the personnel and thanked for their devotion and hard work. On behalf of the pilot, Ahmed Maher Genina, President of the Egyptian Company for Airports and Air Navigation, a number of distinguished employees of the Authority were granted with honorable awards for their high performance and dedication to their duties.