

The Third Edition of the Aswan Forum for Sustainable Peace and Development is set to take place under the theme, “Africa in an Era of Cascading Risks and Climate Vulnerability: Pathways for a Peaceful, Resilient and Sustainable Continent” on 21-22 June 2022 in a hybrid format in Cairo.

The Forum’s third edition will address a number of Africa’s priorities, including enhancing cooperation to combat terrorism, overcoming the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, achieving food security, and advancing post-conflict reconstruction and development efforts; reflecting Egypt’s keenness to advance the African cooperation agenda at a critical juncture in international relations.

This year’s edition of the Aswan Forum has special significance as it will be building up to the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to be hosted by Egypt in November 2022. Accordingly, it will place emphasis on examining the impacts of climate change on sustainable peace and development efforts in Africa.

The preparatory process has already started with a series of workshops seeking to develop forward-looking and action-oriented recommendations for consideration during the Forum.

As the Champion of Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development in Africa, Egypt took the initiative to launch the Aswan Forum for Sustainable Peace and Development during its presidency of the African Union in 2019. The Forum, with two previous editions, serves as a high-level platform, bringing together heads of state and government, leaders from regional and international organizations, the private sector as well as civil society to thoroughly discuss the challenges facing the African continent and propose holistic and innovative approaches to strengthen the interlinkages between peace, security, and sustainable development in cooperation with a number of international partners.

The Strategic Partners of the Third Edition of the Forum include the Government of Japan, the Government of Sweden, and the African Development Bank Group. The Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCPA) acts as the Executive Secretariat of the Aswan Forum for Sustainable Peace and Development. (End)