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UK and Egypt launch new Green Growth Partnership

Key points

1. UK and Egypt sign a new Memorandum of Understanding establishing a Green Growth Partnership framework.
2. The partnership focused on: clean energy; industrial decarbonisation; carbon markets; water security; climate resilience; food security; sustainable agri-food systems; and mobilising climate, green and private finance.
3. Enhanced cooperation will drive investment, growth and jobs in Egypt and the UK, and enable faster progress on climate goals.

The UK Minister of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Emma Hardy MP, has concluded a two-day visit to Cairo, reinforcing UK-Egypt cooperation on climate action, clean energy and sustainable economic growth.

During the visit, Minister Hardy and Egypt's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, & Egyptian Expatriates, Dr Samar Al-Ahdal, signed a new Memorandum of Understanding establishing a UK-Egypt Green Growth Partnership framework.

The agreement will provide a platform for closer cooperation across six priority areas: Accelerator the clean energy transition; drive industrial decarbonisation and stimulate carbon markets; enhance water security and climate resilience; strengthen food security and sustainable agri-food systems; and mobilise climate, green and private finance.

Through the partnership, the UK and Egypt will work together to exchange expertise, strengthen commercial links, encourage innovation and identify investment opportunities that support sustainable economic growth in both countries.

The Minister also met with President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, alongside ministers and heads of delegations participating in Cairo Water Week 2026. The meeting reflected the high-level engagement surrounding the event and underscored Egypt's continued commitment to strengthening regional and international cooperation on water-related issues, while highlighting its active role in advancing dialogue and partnerships at the African, Arab, and global levels.

Minister Hardy attended Cairo Water Week and met Egypt's Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Professor Dr Hani Sewilam, to discuss opportunities to deepen cooperation on water security, sustainable water management and climate resilience.

UK Minister of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Emma Hardy MP said:

“It has been a pleasure to visit Egypt and formally launch the UK-Egypt Green Growth Partnership, an initiative that both our countries have worked hard to develop and one that demonstrates our shared commitment to sustainable growth and climate action.

Egypt is a key partner for the UK, and I am proud that we are strengthening our cooperation across areas that are so important to our future prosperity, from clean energy and water security to climate finance and industrial decarbonisation. This partnership is only the beginning.

I look forward to seeing the new collaborations, investments and innovations it will help unlock as we continue working together to deliver a greener, more resilient and more prosperous future for both our countries.”

The UK and Egypt have a strong track record of cooperation on climate issues, building on their successive presidencies of COP26 in Glasgow and COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh. Both countries share ambitions to drive green growth, accelerate the clean energy transition and strengthen resilience to the impacts of climate change.

The UK currently supports Egypt's green transition through a portfolio of more than \$240 million in grants, investments and technical assistance. UK-backed investment has helped deliver renewable energy projects, green hydrogen development, climate finance initiatives and programmes to strengthen water security and resilience.

Egypt is home to British International Investment's (BII) largest investment portfolio in Africa and its largest climate portfolio globally. As Egypt works towards generating 42% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2030, BII has played a key role in financing major renewable energy, battery storage, sustainable infrastructure and industrial development projects. More than 50% of BII's investments in Egypt during the previous strategy period were directed towards climate finance, including over US\$300 million committed in 2025 to flagship projects such as the 1.1GW Gulf of Suez Wind Farm and the 1.1GW integrated solar and battery storage project being developed with Scatec.

The visit builds on growing momentum in the UK-Egypt climate and green energy relationship. Earlier this year, the UK's Special Representative on Climate, Rachel Kyte, visited Cairo for discussions with Egyptian ministers, entrepreneurs, civil society representatives and academics on expanding cooperation in climate resilience, clean energy and sustainable development.

The new Green Growth Partnership demonstrates the UK and Egyptian ambitions for a wider Strategic Partnership, and will help unlock new opportunities for investment, innovation and sustainable economic growth, supporting the transition to a greener and more resilient future in both countries.

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