

The International Forum for Combating Plastic Pollution, on the occasion of World Environment Day 2025

Sunday evening, June 15, 2025, from 7:30 PM to 7:30 PM Mecca time, via Zoom

Recommendations

The International Forum on Combating Plastic Pollution, presented by the World Islamic Scout and Youth Union, concluded with a number of recommendations. These recommendations were put forward by Professor Dr. Mustafa Hussein Kamel, the forum's patron, Director of the Regional Center for Training and Technology for Arab States affiliated with the Basel Convention, and former Minister of Environment of the Arab Republic of Egypt. The recommendations included:

- Developing a guide for scouts to clarify the health, environmental, social, economic, and legislative aspects of plastic pollution.
- Launching extensive media campaigns (via television, social media, and schools) to educate the public about the dangers of plastic pollution.
- Integrating sustainability concepts and reducing plastic consumption into school curricula.
- Engaging youth and civil society in waste collection and beach clean-up activities.
- Encouraging green entrepreneurship by supporting innovative recycling projects.
- Strengthening partnerships with influencers and digital platforms to disseminate awareness messages.
- Expanding environmental monitoring programs to track microplastic accumulation.
- Developing national and regional plans for cleaning beaches and coastlines.
- Supporting scientific research on the impact of plastic on marine biodiversity. - Include the issue of plastic pollution in environmental impact assessment reports for coastal and marine projects.
- Enhance medical and toxicology research on the effects of microplastic ingress.
- Review and update legislation related to the use of plastic in food packaging and bottled water.
- Launch awareness programs in health centers about the dangers of using single-use plastic containers.
- Link plastic pollution issues to chronic diseases.

- Develop guidance manuals for families and communities.
- Ban the use of plastic in open-field agriculture.
- Conduct environmental impact assessments of plastic on soil fertility and plant growth.
- Train farmers on the proper disposal of agricultural plastic waste.
- Support sustainable agriculture initiatives.

In conclusion, these recommendations emphasize the need to develop a comprehensive national and regional strategy to combat plastic pollution, encompassing awareness, environmental, health, and agricultural aspects.