

**Press release**

**MDG-F Mobilization of Dahshour World Heritage Site for Community Development**

**An awareness raising campaign under the slogan:**

**"Our heritage is our Past, Present and Future...  
Let us protect it with love and respect"**

**Dashur, April 16, 2011**

Believing in the importance of community involvement in preserving cultural heritage and archaeology, and in the context of achieving a joint program for MDG-F Mobilization of Dahshour World Heritage Site for Community Development a program implemented by the Spanish government funds, the International Labour Organization and UNESCO organize on Saturday, April 16, 2011, a day to raise awareness of the local community of Dahshur area - one of the richest places in terms of cultural and archaeological sites in Egypt- on the importance of involving local community members in preserving the cultural heritage of nations and communities, following the recent developments in the country.

The proceedings of this event will start with a cleaning campaign of the five villages covered by the project namely "Dahshour", "Zawyet Dahshur", "Manshiyet Dahshur", "Manshiyet Kaseb and Mazghouna" aiming at the promotion of community participation and raising awareness on the importance of the cleanliness of villages and communities, especially those which constitute of cultural and archaeological heritage and storages. This in turn leads to promoting the standard of such areas and preserving its heritage. The event also included a symbolic stand by the community members to call for the protection of cultural heritage.

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