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Fourteenth Regional Training Workshop on Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries MENA Climate Week, Dubai, 29 – 30 March 2022

Agenda

Day 1 – Tuesday, 29 March 2022	
14:00-14:15	Registration of participants
14:15-14:45	Opening statements and introductions
	 Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability Cluster Leader, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
	 Mr. Sami Dimassi, Director and Regional Representative, West Asia Office, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
	 Mr. Bisher Imam, Regional Hydrologist, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science in the Arab State
	 Mr. Albara Tawfic, Advisor, Sustainability and Climate Change, Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)
	 Mr. Mahmoud Fathallah, Director of Environmental and Meteorological Affairs, League of Arab States, Egypt
	Introduction of participants and overview of the workshop agenda
	- Mr. Tarek Sadek, Water Resources and Climate Change Officer, ESCWA
Session I	Overview of Current Negotiation Status and Outcomes of COP 26
	Moderator: Mr. Mahmoud Fathallah, League of Arab States, Egypt
14:45-15:15	Overview of main negotiation issues at COP 26 and outcomes of Glasgow Climate Pact
	- Ms. Marwa Khan, International Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
15:15-15:45	Discussion
Session II	Updates on Article 6, Carbon Markets and Mitigation Ambition
	Moderator: Mr. Albara Tawfic, KSA

15:45-16:45	Article 6.2 Guidance on cooperative approaches Article 6.4 Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism Article 6.8 Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches
	- Mr. Perumal Arumugam, Team Leader, Regulatory Development Unit (MRV), Sustainable Development Mechanisms Programme (SDM) - UNFCCC
16:45-17:15	Discussion
17:15-17:30	Break
Session III	Updates on Response Measures and Adaptation in NDC's
	Moderator: Mr. Taha Amimi, Administrator, Climate Change Division, Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Morocco
17:30-18:00	Workplan of and updates on the Forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures and the Katowice Committee of Experts (KCI)
	- Mr. Albara Tawfic, Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources, KSA
18:00-18:15	Discussion
18:15-18:30	Adaptation in the water sector and in the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC's)
	- Mr. Bisher Imam, Acting Director, UNESCO
18:30-18:45	Discussion
18:45-19:00	Wrap up and end of day 1
	Day 2 – Wednesday, 30 March 2022
Session IV	Updates on the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF)
	Moderator: Mr. Tarek Al-Khoury, Resource Efficiency Regional Coordinator, UNEP-West Asia Office
09:00 - 09:30	Guidance for operationalizing the modalities, procedures, and guidelines (MPGs) for the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and operationalization of flexibility
	- Ms. Marwa Khan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
	Capacity building programme on ETF for the Arab countries
	- Mr. Jigme/ Ms. Tugba Icmeli, Programme Manager, Transparency Division, UNFCCC
09:30 - 09:45	Discussion

Session V	Updates on Climate Finance
	Moderator: Mr. Mohamed Ahmedoua, Secretary-General, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Mauritania
09:45-10:00	Long-term finance goal: existing 100 billion USD goal and new collective quantified post-2025 goal
	- Mr. Mohammed Nasr, Head of Sustainable Development Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt
10:00-10:15	Latest developments on GCF, GEF and Standing Committee on Finance (SCF)
	- Mr. Albara Tawfic, KSA
10:15-10:30	Activities of the Arab Center for Climate Change Policies: A Technical Note on Implementation of Paris Agreement in the Arab region
	-Mr. Tarek Sadek, Water Resources and Climate Change Officer, ESCWA -Ms. Aya Ibrahim, Research Assistant on Climate Change Policies, ESCWA
10:30-11:00	Discussion
Session VI	Updates on Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture and Technology and Way Forward to COP 27
	Moderator: Mr. Yousef A.H. Abuasad, Director-General, Palestinian Meteorological Office, Ministry of Transport, Palestine
11:00-11:15	Updates on Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture and Technology
	- Ms. Hanadi Awadalla Official Forests Officer, Department of Afforestation and Re-forestation, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Khartoum, Sudan
11:15-11:30	The role of the circular economy in climate mitigation
	- Mr. Tarek Al-Khoury, UNEP-West Asia Office
11:30-12:00	Discussion
12:00-12:30	Way forward to the COP 27 and closing remarks
12:30- 13:30	Closed meeting by the members of the Arab Negotiation Group