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Inter-agency taskforce to develop climate/SDGs debt swap programme of Tunisia
24-25 July 2024 (in-person meeting)
UN House, Beirut, Lebanon
Committee Room I (B1 Floor)

AGENDA

| Day 1 – 24 July 2024 | |
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| 09:15-09:45 | <p>Opening remarks and key notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene, Cluster Leader of the Shared Economic Prosperity Cluster, ESCWA</i> • <i>Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Director of the Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies & Cluster Leader of the Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA</i> • <i>Ms. Kaouther Babia, General Director of Debt Management and Financial Cooperation, Ministry of Finance</i> |
| 09:45-11:30 | <p>Session 1: The climate/SDGs debt swap - donor nexus initiative and context of Tunisia (15 mins each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Overview of the Climate/SDGs Debt Swap – Donor Nexus Initiative, by Mr. Niranjan Sarangi, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Project Coordinator on Climate/SDGs Debt Swap, ESCWA</i> • <i>Debt service of Tunisia and role of climate/SDGs debt swaps, by Ms. Kaouther Babia, General Director of Debt Management and Financial Cooperation, and Mr. Okba Guelmami, Director Exceptional level at the General Directorate of Debt Management and Financial Cooperation, Ministry of Finance</i> • <i>Achieving national priorities for climate action and SDGs – Nexus between vision, plan and climate/SDGs debt swaps, by Mr. Jamel Louati, Director of Environmental Protection and Climate Change at General Directorate of Infrastructure, Ministry of Planning and Economy</i> <p>Discussion</p> |
| 11:30-11:45 | COFEE BREAK |
| 11:45-13:45 | <p>Session 2: Sectoral strategies, priorities and climate vulnerability in Tunisia (15 mins each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Assessing climate and socio-economic vulnerability: method and indicators, by Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Director of the Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies & Cluster Leader of the Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA</i> • <i>Sectoral strategies and priorities – water, agriculture, energy, climate/environment by ministry representatives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Mehdi Khlass, General Director of Investment Financing and Professional Organizations, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries: agriculture sector</i> - <i>Mr. Abdelhamid Khalfallah, Director of Energy Transition, General Directorate of Electricity and Energy Transition, Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy: energy transition sector</i> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Emna Hend Sbaouelji, Deputy Director of International Cooperation at the General Directorate of International Cooperation, Ministry of Environment: Environment and climate change sector <p>Discussion</p> |
| 13:45-14:00 | COFEE BREAK |
| 14:00-15:00 | <p>Session 3: Exchange of experiences and best practices by Advisory Committee on Debt Swap</p> <p>Hybrid session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Relevance of the ESCWA Initiative/Importance of adopting a programmatic approach and key performance indicators</i> by Mr. Jamal Saghir, Professor of Practice, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University • <i>County experiences in developing and implementing debt swaps</i> by Ms. Kathrin Berensmann, Senior researcher and project leader, German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS) <p>Discussion</p> |
| Day 2 – 25 July 2024 | |
| 09:15-10:15 | <p>Session 4: Project selection criteria and its application to projects list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Application of selection criteria on projects received and their relevance for the climate/SDGs debt swap programme</i>, by Ms. Souraya Zein, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA and Ms. Layal Darwiche, Research Assistant, ESCWA <p>Discussion on priority projects and selection criteria, intervention by each sector ministry</p> |
| 10:15-11:15 | <p>Session 5: Programme proposal outline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Outline and components of the Climate/SDGs Debt Swap Programme Proposal of Tunisia</i>, by Mr. Niranjan Sarangi, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Project Coordinator on Climate/SDGs Debt Swap, ESCWA <p>Discussion</p> |
| 11:15-11:30 | COFEE BREAK |
| 11:30-12:45 | <p>Session 6: Next steps: Engagement with stakeholders including creditors, donors and civil society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Strategic cooperation with international partners in the environment field</i>, by Ms. Refka Khleifia, Counselor, Deputy Director in charge of Environmental and Migration Portfolio, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad • <i>Tunisia experiences with creditors and elements of communication strategy with creditors and donors</i>, by Mr. Habib Houij, ESCWA consultant • <i>Identifying CSOs in Tunisia for their support of the programme</i> by Ms. Malak El Baba, Research Assistant, ESCWA <p>Discussion</p> |
| 12:45-13:00 | <p>Concluding remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene, Cluster Leader of the Shared Economic Prosperity Cluster, ESCWA</i> • <i>Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Director of the Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies & Cluster Leader of the Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA</i> • <i>Ms. Kaouther Babia, General Director of Debt Management and Financial Cooperation, Ministry of Finance</i> |