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## Arab Forum for Mobilizing Climate Finance for Water

MENA Climate Week 2023 Affiliated Event [MENA-AE-PE-007]

10 October 2023 | 14:00 to 18:00

Boulevard City Riyadh | Zone 5.5 Al Ula Meeting Room

### Agenda

| Session 1     | Linking Water and Climate Commitments in the Arab Region                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Facilitator:  | Mr. Ziad Khayat, Coordinator, Integrated Water Resources Management for Water Security, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA, Lebanon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 14:00 – 14:15 | <b>Keynote Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Jacob Waslander, Envoy to the Middle East and North Africa for Water, Energy and Food, Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands, Jordan [on the Water Action Decade, Water Action Agenda &amp; WEF Climate Nexus]</li> <li>Amb. Shahira Wahbi, Director of Housing, Water Resources and Disaster Risk Reduction Department, League of Arab States, Egypt [presentation on Arab Initiative for Mobilizing Climate Finance for Water]</li> </ul>                                                                      |
| 14:15 – 14:30 | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | <b>High-level Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Mr. Abdullah Al-Abdul-Karim, Governor, Saline Water Conversion Corporation, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</li> <li>H.E. Mr. Hani Sewilam, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt - online</li> <li>H.E. Mr. Nasser Yassine, Minister of Environment, Lebanon</li> <li>H.E. Mr. Jihad Al Mahamid, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan</li> <li>H.E. Mr. Ridha Gabouj, Secretary of State for Water, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia – online</li> </ul> |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 15:15 – 15:45 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Session 2     | Vulnerability and Resilience: Targeting Climate Finance Needs for Water through Development Finance and National Strategies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Facilitator:  | Mr. Syed Husain Quadri, Director, Resilience and Climate Action Department, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Saudi Arabia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 15:45 – 15:55 | <b>Presentation; Impact of Climate Change on Water Resources and Socio-Economic Vulnerability in the Arab Region</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |



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|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Ihab Jnad, Director, Water Resources Department, Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD), Syrian Arab Republic</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15:55 – 16:15    | <p><b>Panel Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Maria Selin, Head, Regional Development Cooperation (MENA); Counsellor, Embassy of Sweden, Jordan – online</li> <li>H.E. Mr. Ibrahim El Dukheri, Director General, Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD)</li> <li>Mr. Yousif Mouayad Yousif, Director, Climate Change Department, Ministry of Environment, Iraq</li> <li>Mr. Amr Hamzawy, Senior Fellow and Director, Middle East Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, USA – online</li> <li>Emad Adly, General Coordinator, Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 16:15 – 16:30    | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Session 3</b> | <b>Roundtable on Mobilizing Climate Finance for Water</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Facilitator:     | Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Director, Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies; Cluster Lead, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA, Lebanon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 16:30 – 16:40    | <p><b>Presentation: Climate Finance Flows to the Water Sector and Agricultural Water Resources in the Arab region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Anna Katharina Lehmann-Uchner, Climate Economist and Contributing ESCWA Expert, Germany</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 16:40 – 17:30    | <p><b>Panel Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Daouda Ben Oumar Ndiaye, Manager, Climate Change and Environment, Resilience, Climate Action Department, IsDB [Water-Climate Finance Framework, green water finance]</li> <li>Mr. Amgad Elmahdi, Water Sector Lead, Division Mitigation Adaptation, Green Climate Fund, South Korea [Innovative instruments for mobilizing climate finance for water, water assets for mobilizing private sector finance]</li> <li>Ms. Souad Farsi, European Investment Bank Representative to Jordan [mobilizing water finance for climate resilience through joint efforts]</li> <li>Mr. Mahmoud Fathallah, Director, Department of Environmental, Meteorological Affairs; Technical Secretariat of the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment, League of Arab States, Egypt [Arab Needs-based Climate Finance Strategy under CAMRE]</li> <li>Ms. Theresa Wong, Natural Resources Officer (Climate Change), Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Egypt [climate finance needs for addressing climate impacts on water resources for agriculture]</li> </ul> |



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|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Shaimaa Al Sheiby, Senior Director for Strategic Planning, OPEC Development Fund, Austria - tbc</li> <li>• Mr. Adeel Abbas Syed, Senior Climate Change Specialist in the office of the MENA Regional Director for Sustainable Development, World Bank, USA – tbc</li> <li>• Amb. Shahira Wahbi, Director of Housing, Water Resources and Disaster Risk Reduction Department, League of Arab States</li> </ul> |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | <p><b>Discussion on the way forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open discussion</li> <li>• Final remarks on the way forward by the partners of the Arab Initiative for Mobilizing Climate Finance for Water</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |