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Regional Consultation on Climate Change for the 2019
Arab Forum on Sustainable Development and High-Level Political Forum
Beirut, 21-22 March 2019

Agenda

Thursday, 21 March 2019

8:15 – 9:00 **Registration**

The meeting will be held at the United Nations House in the Main Conference Room (B1 level). Sponsored participants are kindly asked to bring their passport, visa stamp and airline ticket stub to the meeting.

Opening Session

Moderator: Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division (SDPD), ESCWA

9:00 – 9:20 **Opening Statements**

- *Amb. Djameleddine Djaballah, Director, Environment, Housing and Water Resources Division, League of Arab States, Egypt*
- *Mr. Mounir Tabet, Deputy Executive Secretary for Programmes, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Lebanon*

9:20 – 9:45 **Keynote Addresses**

Key findings from the IPCC Special Report on 1.5C report

- *Ms. Fatima Driouech, Vice-Chair, Working Group I, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; Executive Coordinator, Adaptation Metrics and Techniques Cluster; Lecturer-Researcher, International Water Research Institute, University Mohammed VI Polytechnic (UMP6), Morocco*

Climate Security: Moving from Assessment to Policy to Practice

- *Mr. Johan Shaar, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Sweden*

9:45 – 10:00 Discussion

Session I Climate Change in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Moderator: Mr. Mohammedamin Shahbari, Deputy Assistant, Natural Resources Sector, Ministry of Agriculture, State of Palestine

Rapporteur: Ms. Maya Mansour, Research Assistant, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA

10:00 – 10:10	Climate Change in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: SDG13 Interlinkages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA</i>
10:10 – 10:25	Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources and Socio-Economic Vulnerability of Water-dependent Sectors in the Arab Region (agriculture, ecosystems, cities, people) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Phil Graham, International Projects Manager, Water and Climate, Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI), Sweden</i> • <i>Mr. Ihab Jnad, Director, Water Resources Department, Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD), League of Arab States, Syrian Arab Republic</i>
10:25 – 10:35	Energy Vulnerability in the Arab Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief, Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA</i>
10:35 – 10:45	Outcome of the Regional Consultation on Environment and Natural Resources for the 2019 Arab Forum for Sustainable Development and High-level Political Forum (Cairo, 27-28 February 2019) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Joseph Al Asmar, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Environment, Lebanon, with Lebanon serving as the current Chair of the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment (CAMRE)</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break

Session II	National Perspectives on Climate Change in the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Development Plans
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Moderator:	Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherrane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA
Rapporteur:	Ms. Joelle Comair, Associate Programme Officer, Water Resources Section, SDPD, ESCWA
11:30 – 11:40	Mapping of planning, monitoring and reporting mechanisms under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Paris Agreement, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Tarek Sadek, First Economic Affairs Officer/Climate Change Officer, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA</i>
11:40 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00 – 12:45	Panel Discussion I: Aligning Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Hassen Lotfi Frigui, Director General of Water Resources, General Directorate of Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia</i> • <i>Mr. Nabeel Saad, Director General for International Relations, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Sudan*</i> • <i>Ms. Lea Kai, Project Manager, Climate Change Project, Ministry of Environment, Lebanon</i> <p>Discussion</p>

- 12:45 – 13:30 **Panel Discussion II: Mainstreaming climate change in development planning**
- Moderator: Mr. Hammou Laamrani, Senior Integrated Expert, Water, Energy, Food Security and Climate Change Nexus, Environment, Housing and Water Resources Department, Economic Sector, League of Arab States, Egypt
- *Mr. Nedal Karmoucheh, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Electricity, Syrian Arab Republic*
 - *Mr. Mohamed Al-Khattab, Manager, Agricultural Planning Department, Planning Sector, Ministry of Planning, Iraq*
 - *Mr. Mustafa Khatib, Director, Electricity Department, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Jordan*

Discussion

- 13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break

Session III Working Groups: Setting the Stage and Breakout Session

Moderator: Ms. Luna Abuswaireh, Director General, Centre for Arab Unity Studies, Lebanon

Rapporteur: Mr. Khaled Bedoui, Water and Renewable Energy Expert, Tunisia

- 14:30 – 14:40 **Climate change impact, adaptive capacity and response measures for enhanced resilience**
- *Mr. Marwan Owaygen, Senior Program Specialist, Agriculture and Food Security Program, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Middle East and North Africa Regional Office, Jordan*
- 14:40 – 14:50 **Policy interlinkages and coherence for climate action**
- *Mr. Hammou Laamrani, Senior Integrated Expert, Water, Energy, Food Security and Climate Change Nexus, Environment, Housing and Water Resources Department, Economic Sector, League of Arab States, Egypt*
- 14:50 – 15:00 **Means of Implementation: Technological innovations**
- *Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Executive Director, ESCWA Technology Centre, Jordan*
 - *Mr. Osama Rais, General Director, Africa City of Technology, Sudan*
- 15:00 – 15:10 **Means of Implementation: Climate Finance**
- *Ms. Ala'a Abdulla, Executive Director, Jordan Green Building Council, Jordan*
 - *Mr. Daniel Griswold, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Water Resources Section, SDPD, ESCWA*
- 15:10 – 15:20 **Means of Implementation: Capacity Building**
- *Mr. Waleed Zubari, Professor of Water Resources, Water Resources Management Program; Department of Natural and Environmental Resources College of Graduate Studies; Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain; Member, Arab Integrated Water Resources Management Network (AWARENET)*
- 15:20 – 15:30 Instructions for Working Group Discussions based on zero draft Outcome Document
Each working group will review the draft outcome document section related to its respective area of focus and formulate a set of clear and succinct priority actions and a consolidated key message on that focus area to support the revision of the draft outcome document.
- *Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA*

- 15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:30 Working Groups: Breakout Session

WG1 Climate change impacts and implication of response measures for enhancing resilience

Room: Committee Room II (B1)

Moderator: Mr. Marwan Owaygen, Senior Program Specialist, Agriculture and Food Security Program, Middle East and North Africa Regional Office, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Egypt

- Rapporteurs:
- Mr. Mohamed Abdel Monem, Senior Advisor for Climate Change, Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Egypt
 - Ms. Dima Kharbotli, Research Assistant and AWARENET Coordinator, Water Resources Section, SDPD, ESCWA

WG 2 Policy interlinkages and coherence for climate action

Room: Committee Room I (B1)

Moderator: Mr. Hammou Laamrani, Senior Integrated Expert, Water, Energy, Food Security and Climate Change Nexus, Environment, Housing and Water Resources Department, Economic Sector, League of Arab States, Egypt

- Rapporteurs:
- Mr. Nadim Farajalla, Program Director, Climate Change and the Environment, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
 - Ms. Julie Abouarab, Associate Programme Officer, Food and Environmental Polices Section, SDPD, ESCWA

WG 3 Means of Implementation: Technological innovations

Room: MZ Conference Room (MZ)

Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Executive Director, ESCWA Technology Centre, Jordan

- Rapporteurs:
- Mr. Khalid Ghozlan, Managing Director, EnerGConsulting, Bahrain
 - Ms. Joelle Comair, Associate Programme Officer, Water Resources Section, SDPD, ESCWA

WG 4 Means of Implementation: Climate finance

Room: Main Conference Hall (B1)

**Interpretation will be available for this working group*

Moderator: Ms. Ala'a Abdulla, Executive Director, Jordan Green Building Council, Jordan

- Rapporteurs:
- Mr. Tarek Sadek, First Economic Affairs Officer/Climate Change Officer, ESCWA
 - Mr. Daniel Griswold, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA

WG 5 Means of Implementation: Capacity building

Room: VIP Room (B1)

Moderator: Mr. Waleed Zubari, Professor of Water Resources, Water Resources Management Program; Department of Natural and Environmental Resources College of Graduate Studies; Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain

- Rapporteurs:
- Mr. Ziad Khayat, First Economic Affairs Officer, Water Resources Section, SDPD, ESCWA
 - Ms. Aya Ibrahim, Research Assistant, Water Resources Section, SDPD, ESCWA

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Friday, 22 March 2019

Session IV Reporting Back by Working Groups

Moderator: Ms. Katrin Aidnell, Regional Programme Manager, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Embassy of Sweden in Amman, Jordan

Rapporteur: Ms. Dima Kharbotli, Research Assistant and AWARENET Coordinator, ESCWA

- 9:00 – 9:50
- WG1: Climate change impacts and implication of response measures for enhancing resilience
 - WG2: Policy interlinkages and coherence for climate action
 - WG3: Technological innovations
 - WG4: Climate finance
 - WG5: Capacity building
- 10 minutes per working group*

9:50 – 10:30 Discussion

Special Event World Water Day Commemoration: Leave No One Behind

Moderator: Ms. Roula Majdalani, ESCWA

10:30 – 10:40 Statement by H.E. Ms. Nada Boustani, Minister of Energy and Water of Lebanon*

10:40 – 10:50 Statement by Ms. Rola Dashti, United Nations Under-Secretary-General; Executive Secretary, ESCWA

10:50 – 11:05 Regional Launch of the *2019 World Water Development Report: Leave No One Behind*

- Mr. Rick Connor, Editor-in-Chief, World Water Development Report, World Water Assessment Programme, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Italy

11:05 – 11:15 Panel Discussion: Leave No One Behind

- Leave No One Behind: A view from the Arab Region
 - Amb. Djameleddine Djaballah, Director, Environment, Housing and Water Resources Division, League of Arab States, Egypt
- Leave No One Behind: A view from Yemen
 - Mr. Tawfeeq Al-Sharjabi, Deputy Minister of Water and Environment for the Water Sector, Ministry of Water and Environment, Yemen
- Leave No One Behind: A view from Sudan
 - Mr. Abou Obeida Hassan, Head of Hydrology and Water Resources Research, Hydraulics Research Center, Ministry of Water Resources, Irrigation and Electricity, Sudan; Chair, 12th Session of the ESCWA Committee on Water Resources
- Leave No One Behind: A Youth Perspective
 - Ms. Maya Atie, President, Lebanese Youth Parliament for Water, Lebanon

11:15 – 11:30 Discussion

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 **Interactive Exhibition**
VIP Room (B1)

- Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies
- RICCAR Regional Knowledge Hub (LAS, ESCWA, ACSAD, FAO, SMHI)
- Food and Water Security Case Studies on Agriculture and Climate (ESCWA, ACSAD, FAO)
- SDG 7 Global Tracking Framework (ESCWA, IsDB)
- Energy Efficiency in the Building Sector (ESCWA)
- WWDR 2019: Leave No One Behind (UN-Water, UNESCO/WWAP)
- World Water Day 2019 and Water Action Decade (2018-2028)
- SDG 6 global and regional reporting (UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative)
- AWARENET: Arab Integrated Water Resources Management Network (ESCWA)

Prayer Break (11:45 – 12:30)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

Session V Solutions, Success Stories and Partnerships for Climate Action

Moderator: Ms. Radia Sedaoui

Rapporteur: Mr. Bashar Zeitoun, ESCWA Energy Consultant, Jordan

13:30 – 14:15 **Panel Discussion on Solutions**

- *Mr. Adnan Shihab-Eldin, Director General, Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), Kuwait*
- *Mr. Ahmed Al-Qabany, Manager, Climate Change Division, Resilience and Social Development Department, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Saudi Arabia*
- *Mr. Ayman Ismail, General Director, Palestinian Energy and Environment Research Centre (PEC), Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority, State of Palestine*
- *Mr. Emad Adly, General Coordinator, Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED), Egypt*
- *Mr. Ernst Schütte, Regional Advisor Water and Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands*

14:15 – 14:30 Discussion

Session VI Review of the Revised Draft Outcome Document

Moderator: Mr. Hammou Laamrani, League of Arab States

Rapporteur: Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA

14:30 – 16:00 Review of Revised Outcome Document

- Discussion of Regional Priorities and Means of Implementation
- Discussion of General Messages

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee Break

Session VII Closing Session

Moderator:	Ms. Reem Nejdawi, ESCWA
Rapporteur:	Ms. Joelle Comair, Associate Programme Officer, Water Resources Section, SDPD, ESCWA
16:15 – 16:30	Discussion of Next Steps (<i>AFSD, AFSD Special Sessions, HLPF, Climate Summit</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Karima El Korri, Chief, Unit on the 2030 Agenda, ESCWA
16:30 – 16:45	Closing statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amb. Djameleddine Djaballah, League of Arab States• Ms. Roula Majdalani, ESCWA
16:45	End of meeting