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Expert Group Meeting on Mainstreaming Climate Action into National Development Planning in the Arab Region
Amman, 25-27 November 2019

AGENDA

Monday, 25 November 2019

8:15 – 9:00 **Registration**

The meeting will be held at the Kempinski Hotel Amman in the Reem Conference Room. Sponsored participants are kindly asked to bring their passport, visa receipt and airline ticket stubs to the meeting registration desk.

Opening Session

Moderator: Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

9:00 – 9:30 **Opening Statements**

- Mr. Ahmed Al Qabany, Manager, Climate Change Division, Resilience and Social Development Division, Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB), Saudi Arabia
- Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Lebanon

9:30 – 9:45 Review of agenda

Session I Informing Climate Policy Frameworks in the Arab Region

Moderator: Ms. Souad El Fadel, Director, General Secretariat, Supreme Council for Planning, Oman

Rapporteur: Ms. Marlene Tomaszewicz, Regional Advisor for Climate Change Analysis using Geographic Information System Tools, Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

9:45 – 10:00 Climate Change in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement Commitments

- Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

10:00 – 10:15 Climate Change Impacts and Vulnerability of Water-dependent Sectors in the Arab Region

- Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

10:15 – 10:30	Energy Vulnerability and Climate Action in the Arab Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief, Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Discussion
10:45 – 11:00	Transport and the Sustainable Development in the Arab Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Yarob Badr, Regional Advisor on Transport and Logistics, Economic Development and Integration Division, ESCWA</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Entry Points for Inclusive Climate Action in Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Menouer Boughedaoui, Professor / Climate Change and Air Pollution Expert, University of Blida, Algeria</i>
11:15 – 11:45	Discussion
11:45 – 12:00	Coffee Break

Session II	Sector Planning and National Development Planning for Enhanced Climate Action
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Moderator:	Mr. Ahmed Al Qabany, Manager, Climate Change Division, Resilience and Social Development Division, IsDB
Rapporteur:	Mr. Ahmad Wafik, Technical Manager, INTEGRAL Consult, Egypt
12:00 – 12:20	Forward-Backward Linkages: Mapping sectoral and national policy planning cycles for informing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Amr Osama Abdel-Aziz, President, INTEGRAL Consult, Egypt</i>
12:20 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 13:10	Panel Discussion: Institutional mechanisms for coherent climate policy-making (5-8 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Mohammad Tbaileh – Vice Director General for Planning and Studies, Ministry of Transport; Member, National Climate Change Committee, State of Palestine – on pursuing cross-sectoral policy coherence through the national committee</i> • <i>Mr. Mohammad AlSeaidan, Head of Environmental Health Department, Public Health Administration, Ministry of Health, Kuwait– on the establishment of the recent national coordination committee on climate change</i> • <i>Ms. Tessa Terpstra, MENA Regional Envoy for Water and Energy Security, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Jordan – forging the National Climate Agreement of the Netherlands and Dutch foreign policy on climate change</i> • <i>Mr. Hammou Laamrani, Senior Integrated Expert, Environment, Housing and Water Resources Department, Economic Sector, League of Arab States, Egypt – on climate change in the work of the Joint Ministerial Committee on Agriculture and Water in the Arab Region</i> • <i>Mr. Basel Al-Yousefi, Director, Centre for Environmental Health, World Health Organization (WHO/CEHA) and Ms. Rola Al-Emam, Technical Officer, WHO/CEHA – on climate change in the Arab Strategy on Health and the Environment and its Strategic Action Guideline (2017-2030)</i>

- 13:10 – 13:45 Discussion
- 13:45 – 14:45 Lunch Break

Session III (a) Working Groups on Climate Mainstreaming by Sector

WG I Lessons Learned on Climate Mainstreaming in the Water Sector

Room: Reem Conference Room – *Arabic-English interpretation will be available*

Moderator: Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherrane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

Rapporteur: Ms. Joelle Comair, Associate Programme Officer, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

14:45 – 14:55 Tour de table

14:55 – 15:05 Case Study: Tunisia – Incorporating Climate Change in the New Water Code

- *Mr. Frigui Hassen Lotfi, Director General, Water Resources Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fishing, Tunisia*

15:05 – 15:15 Case Study: Egypt – Climate change in the 2050 Strategy and the National Water Resources Plan for Egypt 2017-2037 (NWRP 2017-2037)

- *Mr. Ragab Abdelazim, First Undersecretary, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt*

15:15 – 15:45 Regional exchange on lessons learned

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

WG II Lessons Learned on Climate Mainstreaming in the Energy Sector

Room: Mars Meeting Room – *no interpretation will be available*

Moderator: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief, Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed Diab, Research Assistant, Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

14:45 – 14:55 Tour de table

14:55 – 15:05 Interface between NDCs and SDG7 and SDG13

- *Mr. Mongi Bida, First Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA*

15:05 – 15:15 Case Study: Tunisia – NDCs and Energy Efficiency

- *Mr. Fethi Hanchi, Technical Central Director, National Agency for Energy Conservation (ANME), Tunisia*

15:15 – 15:45 Regional exchange on lessons learned

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

WG III Lessons Learned on Climate Mainstreaming in the Transport Sector

Room: Sun Meeting Room – *no interpretation will be available*

Moderator: Mr. Yarob Badr, Regional Advisor for Transport and Logistics, Economic Development and Integration Division, ESCWA

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed El-Dorghamy, Energy and Environment Expert, Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE), Egypt

14:45 – 14:55 Tour de table

14:55 – 15:05 Case Study: Morocco – Low Carbon Development in the Transport and Logistical Sector

- *Ms. Halima Lessiq, Head of Costs and Tariffs Studies, Member of the GEF-Transport Project Management Unit, Ministry of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water, Morocco*

15:05 – 15:15 Case Study: Tunisia – The Ecological Impact of the National Network of Programmed Logistics Zones

- *Mr. Wissem Mahjoub, Director General of Logistics and Multimodal Transport, Ministry of Transport, Tunisia*

15:15 – 15:45 Regional exchange on lessons learned

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

Session III (b) Reporting Back by the Working Groups on Climate Mainstreaming by Sector

Moderator: Mr. Haruna Kachalla Gujba, Climate Change Specialist, Climate Change Division, Resilience and Social Development Department, IsDB

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Griswold, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

- 16:00 – 16:30
- Reporting back by WG I: Water Sector
 - Reporting back by WG II: Energy Sector
 - Reporting back by WG III: Transport Sector

16:30 – 17:00 Discussion

17:00 End of Day 1

Tuesday, 26 November 2019

The meeting will be held at the Kempinski Hotel Amman in the Reem Conference Room.

Session IV Policy Frameworks for Facilitating Climate Mainstreaming

Moderator: Mr. Mohamed Khalil, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of Egypt to Morocco, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt

Rapporteur: Mr. Deeb Abdel Ghafour, Senior Water Resource Engineer, State of Palestine

9:00 – 9:20	Integrated National Development Planning in the Arab Region: A Behavioural Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Denise Sumpf, Chief, Economic Governance and Planning Section, Economic Development and Integration Division, ESCWA</i>
9:20 – 9:30	Discussion
9:30 – 9:50	Advancing Climate Action through the Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Climate Proofing: Examples from the Arab Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Hammou Laamrani, Senior Integrated Expert, Environment, Housing and Water Resources Department, Economic Sector, League of Arab States, Egypt</i>
9:50 – 10:00	Discussion
10:00 – 10:20	Providing Guidance through the IsDB <i>Climate Change Policy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Ahmed Al Qabany, Manager, Climate Change Division, Resilience and Social Development Division, IsDB</i>
10:20 – 10:40	Low Emissions Development and Climate-Resilient Pathways: Experience from the MENA Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Navina Sanchez, Climate Change Policy Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH</i>
10:40 – 11:00	Discussion
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee Break

Session V	Means of Implementation for Advancing Inclusive Climate Action
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Moderator:	Ms. Amani Zabara, Director-General for International Economic Studies, Economic Studies and Forecasts Sector, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Yemen
Rapporteur:	Mr. Haruna Kachalla Gujba, Climate Change Specialist, Climate Change Division, Resilience and Social Development Department, IsDB
11:20 – 11:35	Overview of International and Bilateral Climate Finance Flows to the Arab Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Daniel Griswold, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA</i>
11:35 – 11:45	Discussion
11:45 – 12:00	Assessing Financial and Technological Needs for Sustainable Energy Transitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Rafik Missaoui, Chief Executive Officer, ALCOR Consult, Tunisia</i>
12:00 – 12:10	Discussion
12:10 – 12:25	The Swedish Approach to Gender and Climate Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Katrin Aidnell, Regional Programme Manager - environment, climate change, water, renewable energy and food security, Embassy of Sweden, Jordan</i>
12:25 – 12:35	Discussion

12:35 – 12:50	Planning and pursuing a successful GCF project proposal for the State of Palestine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Nedal Katbeh-Badr, Minister's Advisor for Climate Change, UNFCCC National Focal Point, Environmental Quality Authority, State of Palestine</i>
12:50 – 13:00	Discussion
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break

Session VI Climate Finance, Budgeting and Expenditure Reviews

Moderator:	Mr. Omar Abu-Eid, Program Manager, Energy Environment and Climate Change, Delegation of the European Union to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Jordan
Rapporteur:	Mr. Ahmed Diab, Research Assistant, Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA
14:00 – 14:30	Budget Coding, Tracking and Expenditure Management: Tagging national budgets for climate expenditures in developing countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Asif Shah, Regional Public Finance Management Expert, United Nations Development Programme, Pakistan</i> • <i>Ms. Sujala Pant, Chief Technical Advisory/Regional Project Manager, SDGs-Climate Facility Project, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States, Jordan</i>
14:30 – 14:45	Discussion
14:45 – 15:05	Climate change ratings as a tool for better accessing climate finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Samir Amous, Chief Executive Officer, APEX Conseil, Tunisia</i>
15:05 – 15:15	Discussion
15:15 – 15:30	Planning, budgeting and implementing a successful GCF project proposal: Bahraini Lessons Learned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Hussain Makki, Advisor, National Oil and Gas Authority, Bahrain</i>
15:30 – 15:40	Discussion
15:40 – 16:00	Coffee Break

Session VII (a) Working Groups on Means of Implementation

WG I Integrating Policy Planning and Design Processes for Climate Mainstreaming

Reem Conference Room – *Arabic-English interpretation will be available*

Moderator:	Mr. Amr Osama Abdel-Aziz, President, Integral Consult, Egypt
Rapporteur:	Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Division, ESCWA

16:00 – 17:00	Discussion
17:00	End of Day 2

WG II Climate Finance and Technology for Climate Mainstreaming

Room: Mars Meeting Room – *no interpretation will be available*

Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed Diab, Research Assistant, Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

16:00 – 17:00 Discussion

17:00 End of Day 2

WG III Capacity Building Needs for Climate Mainstreaming

Room: Sun Meeting Room – *no interpretation will be available*

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

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmad Wafik, Technical Manager, Integral Consult, Egypt

16:00 – 17:00 Discussion

17:00 End of Day 2

Wednesday, 27 November 2019

*The meeting will be held at the Kempinski Hotel Amman in the Orchid Conference Room
New Conference Centre – 4th Floor*

Session VII (b) Reporting Back by the Working Groups on Means of Implementation

Moderator: Mr. Haruna Kachalla Gujba, Climate Change Specialist, Climate Change Division, Resilience and Social Development Department, IsDB

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Griswold, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

- 9:00 – 9:30
- Reporting back by WG I: Integrated Policy Planning and Design Processes
 - Reporting back by WG II: Climate Finance and Technology
 - Reporting back by WG III: Capacity Building Needs

9:30 – 9:45 Discussion

Session VIII Advancing NDC Ambition and Implementation

Moderator: Ms. Fatima El Aamili, Head, Petroleum and Alternative Supplies Department, Directorate of Fuel, Ministry of Energy, Minerals and Sustainable Development, Morocco; Member, ESCWA Committee on Energy - Working Group on Fossil Fuels

Rapporteur: Mr. Anas Murshed Mahmood Al-Gburi, Business Development Manager, Iraq Energy Institute, Iraq

9:45 – 10:05	The Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP) for Supporting NDC Ambition and Implementation at the Global, Regional and National Levels: Case Study Jordan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Awwad Salameh, Senior Advisor, NDC Partnership Support Unit at the Ministry of Environment, Jordan</i> • <i>Ms. Sara Al-Haleeqm Head, Adaptation Section, Climate Change Directorate, Ministry of Environment, Jordan</i>
10:05 – 10:15	Discussion
10:15 – 10:30	Multilateral Development Banks and Climate Finance in the Context of Paris Alignment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Ahmed Al Qabany, Manager, Climate Change Division, Resilience and Social Development Division, IsDB</i>
10:30 – 10:40	Discussion
10:40 – 11:00	Coffee Break

Session IX	Mobilizing Resources for Integrated Climate Action
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Moderator:	Mr. Wasfi Abdulameer Abbas, General Director, Center for Studies and Engineering Design, Ministry of Water Resources, Iraq
Rapporteur:	Mr. Ahmed El-Dorghamy, Energy and Environment Expert, CEDARE, Egypt
11:00 – 11:15	The Economics of Climate Finance and Development Finance Flows: Pursuing Predictability of Financial Flows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Abdoulie Jallow, Lead Economist, Africa and Latin America, IsDB</i>
11:15 – 11:25	Discussion
11:25 – 11:40	Egyptian Experience in Mobilizing Resources for Climate Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Lydia Elewa, Manager, Climate Change Researches Department, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency, Ministry of Environment, Egypt</i>
11:40 – 11:50	Discussion
11:50 – 12:05	Reverse Linkages: Promoting South-South Learning and Cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Moncef Soudani, Senior Reverse Linkage Specialist, Regional Coordinator (MENA and Europe), Reverse Linkage Team, IsDB</i>
12:05 – 12:15	Discussion
12:15 – 12:35	Development Financing for a Just Energy Transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Gianpiero Nacci, Deputy Head, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Department, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), United Kingdom (via video link)</i>
12:35 – 12:45	Discussion
12:45 – 13:00	Pursuing transport-relevant climate priorities in national and sectoral development planning that support synergies across Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and Nationally-Determined Contributions (NDCs)

- *Mr. Karl Peet, Sustainable Transport Research Director, Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT), USA (recorded intervention)*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

Session X The Way Forward

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

Rapporteur: Mr. Haruna Kachalla Gujba, Climate Change Specialist, Climate Change Division, Resilience and Social Development Department, IsDB

14:00 – 14:20 The Needs-based Climate Finance Project in the Arab Region

- *Mr. Yolando (Lando) Velasco, Manager, Climate Finance Sub-Programme, Finance, Technology and Capacity Building Programme, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat, Germany (via video link)*
- *Mr. Djameleddine Djaballah, Director, Environment, Housing and Water Resources Department, Economic Sector, League of Arab States, Egypt*

14:20 – 14:40 Discussion

Facilitator: Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherrane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

14:40 – 15:20 **Panel Discussion: Main Conclusions and Key Messages**
(5-8 minutes each)

Summary of Main Findings and Conclusions

- *Mr. Amr Osama Abdel-Aziz, President, Integral Consult, Egypt*

Take Away Messages for the Water Sector

- *Ms. Salam Abuhantash, Section Head, Surface Water Harvesting, Water Resources Department, Palestinian Water Authority, State of Palestine, Vice-Chair, ESCWA Committee on Water Resources (13th Session)*

Take Away Messages for the Energy Sector

- *Mr. Zeyad Jamil Abdel Rahman Alsaaydeh, Director of Rural Electrification Department, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Jordan; Chair, ESCWA Energy Committee (12th Session)*

Take Away Messages for the Transport Sector

- *Mr. Hamad Al Sharif, Director General, General Direction of Policies and Research, Ministry of Transport, Sudan; Member, ESCWA Committee on Transport and Logistics (19th Session)*

Take Away Messages for the Environment Sector

- *Mr. R'hil Sidaty, Technical Adviser in charge of Green Environment, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Mauritania*

15:20 – 15:40 Coffee Break

15:40 – 16:20 Open Discussion on Climate Mainstreaming and Next Steps

16:20 – 16:35 Briefing on Transport Sector Preparations for COP25

- *Mr. Christopher Dekki, Senior Associate, Policy Advocacy and Outreach, Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT), USA (via video link)*

16:35 – 16:45 Discussion

Closing Session

16:45 – 17:00 Closing Statements and Remarks on IsDB and ESCWA Engagements at COP25

- Mr. Ahmed Al Qabany, Manager, Climate Change Division, Resilience and Social Development Division, IsDB
- Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

17:00 End of meeting