Working Group Guidance

Getting to Now

➢ Three Regional Preparatory Meetings on Energy, Water and Environment in 2018 for the 2018 AFSD & AFSD Outcome

➢ Arab Center for Climate Change Policies established at ESCWA (June 2018)

➢ ESCWA-LAS Regional Consultation on Environment and Natural Resources for the 2019 AFSD and HLPF (Cairo, Jan 2019)

➢ On-line consultation with RICCAR partners (Feb 2019)

➢ Expert Group and Focal Point Meeting on Green Technology Investments and Access to Sustainable Financing in the Arab Region (Beirut, March 2019)

➢ Circulation of Zero Draft Outcome Document in March 2019

➢ Over 20 responses from countries and institutions

- Tunisia, Lebanon, Yemen, Morocco, Sudan, Jordan, Oman

- ACSAD, FAO, WMO, Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung (Egypt), UN-Habitat, GIZ, UNESCO, AUB, UNISDR, ClimaCapital Partners

Thank you for those contributions!

Purpose

The purpose of the working groups is to :

- **Foster** discussion on the **Regional Priority Areas for Climate Action** identified in the draft outcome document

- **Review** the consolidated draft outcome document

- **Add** priority actions and positions that should be considered with the Arab regional context

- **Consolidate** and streamline messages into distinct, clear and concise priority action bullets related to the regional priority area.

- **Prepare** a revised input on the Regional Priority for generating a revised draft outcome document.

Structure

Each Working Group is chaired by a Moderator who is supported by 2 Rapporteurs:

- **Moderator** - responsible for chairing the discussions, making final decisions regarding the revision and addition of inputs, the time management of the session, and deciding who will present the results of the working group's deliberations the following morning in Session IV.

- **First Rapporteur** - provides substantive support to the Moderator, poses probing questions to help stimulate discussions and collect balanced inputs. The First Rapporteur would also assist with the phrasing of inputs to assist the Second Rapporteur incorporate changes to the draft outcome document.

- **Second Rapporteur** - responsible for incorporating changes to the outcome document based on the discussions by inputting them live onto the computer while the draft outcome document is projected on to the screen so that all participants in the working group can follow.

Scope of Work

- **Each working group should only focus on its designated Regional Priority area**. The plenary sessions on Day 2 will provide an opportunity to comment on all the Regional Priority areas and general key messages.

- Inputs should only be provided as bullets. No bullet should exceed 3 sentences; the more concise the input, the better.

- Each bullet represents a regional priority action or position; text should not elaborate on specific initiatives, methodologies or the work of specific institutions.

- **Bulleted text should be phrased as Priority Actions for advancing climate action in the region.**

- **Use of action verbs in the phrasing in the phrasing of bullets is encouraged.**

- **The revised bulleted text for <u>each Regional Priority Action area must not exceed 1 page</u>** (excluding track-changes). This will require the working group to judge what text remains, what should be removed, and what can be shortened.

Editing/formatting will be provided by ESCWA during the consolidation of the revised outcome document that will be discussed on Day 2 and of the final document before issued.

Modalities of Work

- The draft outcome document will be projected from a laptop onto a screen in each Working Group meeting room.

- Changes to the outcome document will be made straight onto the document by the Second Rapporteur during the working group discussions.

- Track-changes are requested and will facilitate the review of the document on the screen.

- Kindly highlight in yellow any text for which no consensus has been reached.

- Kindly limit use of comments in the margin. Any comment provided to clarify a point will be removed prior to issuance and distribution of the revised outcome document on Day 2.

- All inputs should be incorporated in the English language.

Working Groups

WG1: **Climate change impacts and implication of response measures for enhancing resilience**
Committee Room II

WG2: **Policy Interlinkages and Coherence for Climate Action**
Committee Room I

WG3: **Means of Implementation: Technological Innovations**
MZ Conference Room

WG4: **Means of Implementation: Climate Finance**
Main Hall (interpretation available)

WG5: **Means of Implementation: Capacity Building**
VIP Room