

Regional Initiative for Promoting Small-Scale Renewable Energy Applications in rural areas of the Arab Region

First Regional Coordination Meeting

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Overview of the project scope, objectives and outcomes of the Inception Phase



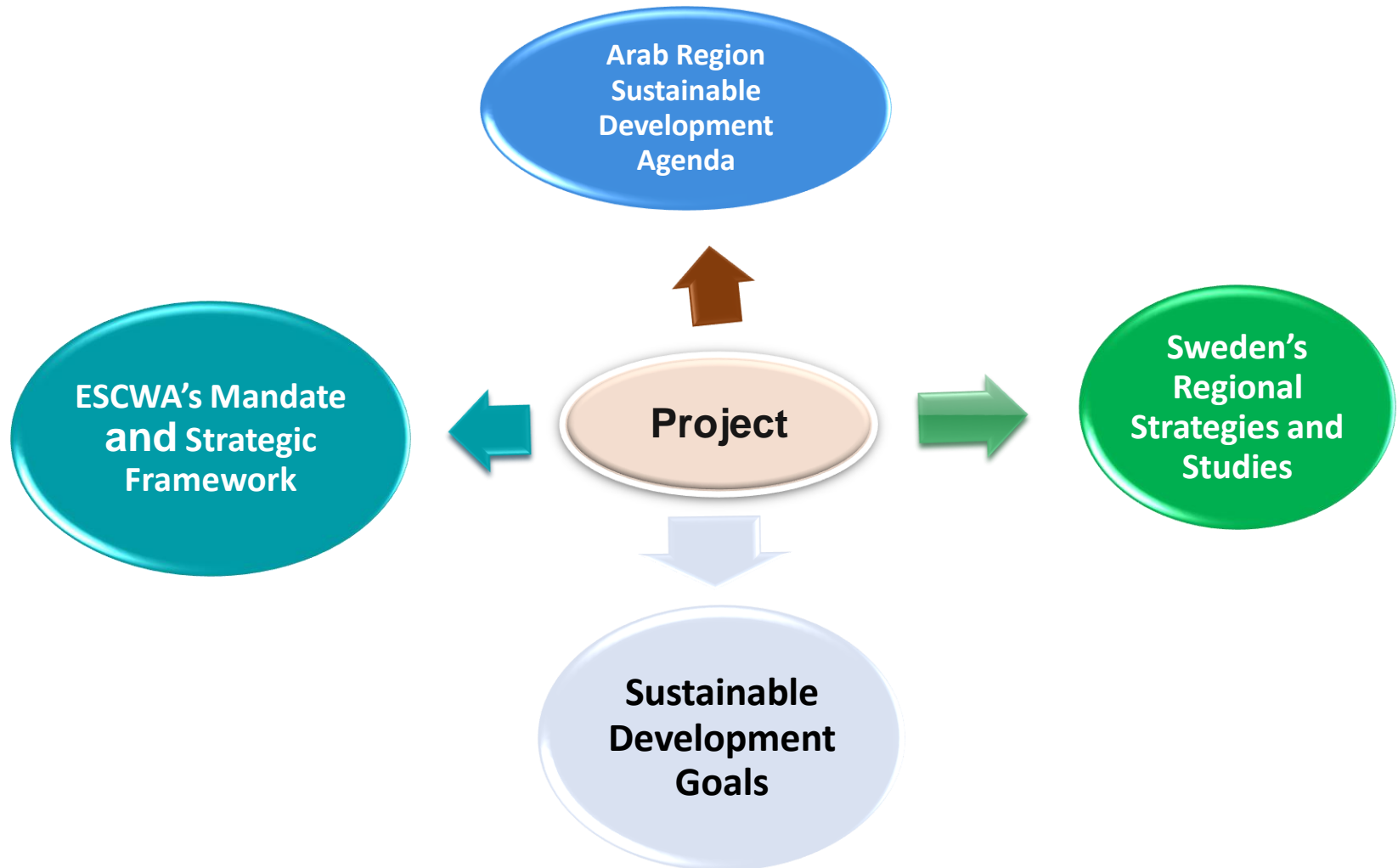
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PROJECT SUMMARY

Title:	Regional Initiative for Promoting Small-Scale Renewable Energy Applications in rural areas of the Arab Region
Implementing Division:	ESCWA Sustainable Development Policies Division (SDPD) with inputs from other ESCWA/divisions and Units
Key Partners:	SIDA Partners in implementation include LAS, line ministries, National Instructions, local authorities, Local and regional NGOs, UN organisations, various regional organizations,..
Duration:	4 years: 2018 – 2021 including an Inception Phase
Target Countries:	ESCWA Member States and Sweden's Regional Strategy for Development Cooperation in MENA 2016-2020 target countries. Focus will be on Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia
Main Beneficiaries:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Primary beneficiaries: Rural population with emphasis on marginalized and vulnerable groups ▪ The second category of beneficiaries: Governmental relevant ministries and Agencies (<i>Energy, Economic Development, Industry, Agriculture, Planning, Social Affairs, ..</i>), local government bodies, civil societies, relevant NGOs and women associations, SME, Financial institutions, Academic Research institutions, Universities; ▪ Project results and recommendations will be shared in national and regional workshops with other Arab countries.

Link to ESCWA Mandate, AGENDA 2030 & SIDA Strategies





Project Objectives : Theory of Change



Improve the livelihood, economic benefits, social inclusion and gender equality of Arab rural communities particularly marginalized groups



Using appropriate **small-scale renewable energy** technologies for **productive activities** to stimulate **entrepreneurial development**, **women empowerment** with emphasis on job creation and developing robust value chains in a **nexus approach** to encourage a **sustainable economy**.



Support the needs to move away from a model based on “handouts” to a model based on “knowhow” in order to ensure a promising way forward.

PROJECT Expected Accomplishments



Increased knowledge on the socio economic, political dynamics, environmental consideration of Arab rural communities and understanding of appropriate Small Scale RE technologies

Enhanced capacity of public, private, financial institutions to apply business models for implementation of appropriate Small Scale RE technologies in the productive sectors of rural areas.

Improved opportunities for rural economic development through creating the enabling environment for the private sector and women entrepreneurs to invest in Income Generating Activities by increasing use of Small Scale technologies

Sustainability of the Regional Initiative beyond Project Timeframe

INCLUSIVE , SUSTAINABLE, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC REVIVAL & DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARAB RURAL COMMUNITIES

RE Technologies

- Effective/innovative RE-Small scale decentralized and modular, energy systems.
- Water-Energy-Food nexus
- Access to productive resources, appropriate and reliable services.

Human Capacity

- Model based on knowhow
- Trainings, Knowledge skills/Advisory Services.
- Brining change among rural community from resource poor living standards to reliable, affordable and modern sources of energy.

Women's Empowerment & Social inclusion

- Economic power in rural women's hands
- Female mentor
- Participative and bottom-up approach

Entrepreneurial development

- Economic transformation, Environmental and socio-economic development priorities
- Entrepreneurial jobs in productive sectors
- Spawn energy-based enterprises around RE based service providers

Policy and institutional Framework

- Pro-poor investments and private sector involvement
- Synergies among national/regional stakeholders.
- Innovative incentive mechanisms.

Human Rights, Gender equality, resilience to Climate Change

Untapped RE Resource, high Unemployment, chronic poverty, water scarcity, food insecurity, energy poverty and vulnerability to climate change of the rural communities of the Arab countries

Activities undertaken during the inception phase

- Country Visits/consultation meetings: Morocco, Jordan, Tunisia, Lebanon,...
- Definition of role and responsibilities of the national and regional partners and institutions and signature of LoAs with : ANME, LCEC, AIDMO, with existing MoU between ESCWA and LAS
- Review/update Gender mainstreaming strategy and plan
- Review/update Sustainability aspects, in terms of national level ownership of the outcomes of the pilot projects, reporting effectiveness of gender equality and mainstreaming activities, as well as local buy-in and ownership
- Review/Adjust Conflict sensitivity Analysis
- Collect of information/data on existing projects and studies which could serve the project
- Initiate the recruitment process of the members of the Project Team (PT).

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