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Eighth Regional Training Workshop on Capacity Development for Climate Change
Negotiations for the Arab Countries

Beirut, 10-13 April 2017

AGENDA

Day 1 – Monday, 10 April 2017

8:30-9:00 Registration at the United Nations House, Riad El-Solh Square, Gibran Garden Entrance

9:00-9:30 Opening Statements and Introductions

- Mr. Ghaith Fariz, Director, Regional Bureau for Science in the Arab States, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Egypt
- Mr. Abdul-Majeid Haddad, Regional Climate Change Coordinator, UN Environment West Asia Office, Bahrain
- Mr. Ayman Shasly, Chair of the Arab Group on Climate Change, Advisor for International Policies, Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)
- Mr. Ashraf Shalaby, Regional Coordinator for Climate Change and Meteorology, Environment, Housing and Sustainable Development Department, Economic Sector, League of Arab States, Egypt
- Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Lebanon

Introduction of Participants and Overview of the Workshop Agenda

- *Mr. Tarek Sadek, Water Resources and Climate Change Officer, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA*

Session I Marrakesh COP-22 Outcomes and Key Negotiation Issues

Moderator: *Ms. Roula Majdalani, ESCWA*

9:30-10:00 Analysis of Outcomes of COP-22 from the Perspective of Arab Countries (APA, SBI, etc.)

- *Ms. Sarah Bashaan, Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources, KSA*

10:00-10:30 Development and transfer of technologies of the Technology framework under Article 10, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement

- *Ms. Hanadi Awadallah, Director, Department of Forestation and Re-forestation, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Sudan*

- 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30-12:00 Adaptation in the Negotiation Process: Contribution Elements with High Resilience Potential and Establishing Common Adaptation Actions and Means of Sharing Information
- *Ms. María del Pilar Bueno, professor, National Council for Scientific and Technical Research of Argentina (CONICET), Argentina*
- 12:00-12:30 An Update on the Status of Climate Finance and Key Negotiation Issues
- *Mr. Mohammed Nasr, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt*
- 12:30-12:40 A Brief Update from the Green Climate Fund and Response to COP Guidance
- *Mr. Juan Hoffmaister, International Climate Policy Specialist, Green Climate Fund (GCF)*
- 12:40-13:15 Discussion and Interventions by Countries
- 13:15-14:15 Lunch Break

Session II Means of Implementation of Paris Agreement

- Moderator: *Mr. Vahakn Kabakian, Climate Change Advisor and Portfolio Manager, Ministry of Environment, Lebanon*
- 14:15-14:45 Compliance Regime: Flexibility to Reflect Capacities and Resources, Ensuring non-punitive, non-judicial and non-intrusive System and Expert Based System versus Intergovernmental System
- *Mr. Seth Osafo, Former Legal Advisor for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), African Negotiation Group, Ghana*
- 14:45-15:15 Addressing the Impact of Response Measures and Economic Diversification in Paris Agreement and Marrakesh Decisions
- *Ms. Sarah Bashaan, KSA*
- 15:15-15:45 Discussion and Interventions by Countries
- 15:45-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-16:30 Latest Developments for Climate Change Impacts on Trade
- *Mr. Mohamed Osama, Director of Trade and Environment Department, Central WTO Department, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Egypt*
- 16:30-17:00 Discussion and intervention by Country Representatives
- 17:00 End of Day 1

Day 2 – Tuesday, 11 April 2017

Session III Accessing the Green Climate Fund

Moderator: *Mr. Ayman Shasly, KSA*

9:00-9:30 Accessing the GCF Resources: Recent Developments and Overview of Opportunities Available for Countries to Access Resources, including for Adaptation and Technology
 - *Mr. Juan Hoffmaister, International Climate Policy Specialist, GCF*

9:30- 10:00 Q&A Session between Participants and GCF Representatives

10:00-11:00 Readiness Support for Preparing Good Country Programs and Investment Projects
 - *Ms. Florence Richard, Regional Advisor for Africa, GCF*

After the presentation by the GCF representative, this interactive session will see some country representatives present the status of their readiness activities as well as their indicative project pipelines and will invite participants to give feedback and suggestions on the way forward.

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:15 Presentation of Approved Projects and/or Country Programmes
 - *Country representatives*

12:15 - 12:30 Reflections by GCF Experts on Country Interventions

12:30 - 13:00 Discussion and Follow-up Action on GCF Road Maps: What's Next

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

Session IV Socio-economic Implications of Paris Agreement and IPCC Issues

Moderator: *Mr. Mady M'heidy, Secretary General, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Mauritania*

14:00-14:30 Adaptation Actions and Initiatives in the Water Resources Sector in the Arab Region
 - *Mr. Bisher Imam, Senior Programme Specialist (Water Science), UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science in the Arab States*

14:30-15:00 Update on IPCC Sessions and Outline of the Special Report on 1.5 degrees New Scenarios
 - *Ms. Sarah Bashaan and Mr. Ayamn Shasly, KSA*

15:00-15:30 Co-benefits of Mitigation and Adaptation Options: Linking Climate Action to Air Quality (Special reference to short lived climate pollutants and Abu Dhabi AGEDI GHG Health Co-benefit study)
 - *Mr. Abdul-Majeid Haddad, UN Environment*

15:30-15:45 Discussion

15:45-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-16:30	Outcomes of the Workshop on Deployment of Carbon Capture, Use and Storage in the Arab Region: Challenges and Opportunities (Manama, 19 February 2017): Possible linkage to NDCs projects on mitigation <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief, Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA</i>
16:30-17:00	Discussion and Intervention by Countries
17:00-19:00	Two Parallel Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steering Committee Meeting on the Arab Action Plan on Climate Change (League of Arab States, ESCWA, UNEP, UNESCO, Arab Group)• Side Meetings between GCF and Focal Points from Arab States

Day 3 – Wednesday, 12 April 2017

Session V Climate Impact Assessment and Informing Adaptation Strategies

Moderator: *Mr. Djihed Eddine Belkas, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Algeria*

9:00 - 9:15	Climate Change Assessment of the Arab Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA</i>
9:15 - 9:30	Informing Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Key Sectors in the Arab Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Tarek Sadek, ESCWA</i>
9:30 – 10:00	An Update on Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) and Engagement with the Arab Countries <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Abdul-Majeid Haddad, UN Environment and CTCN</i>
10:00-10:30	Interventions by Countries on National Adaptation Actions
10:30-11:00	Discussion
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break

Session VI Current Status of Negotiation Issues

Moderator: *Mr. Wael Ahmed Kamal Aboul Magd, Deputy Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt*

11.30-12:00	Overview on Global Stocktake: Creating an –all-inclusive System that Include Mitigation, Adaptation, Impact of Response Measures and MOI’s and role of scientific input and sources of data. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Vicente Yu, Programme Coordinator, Global Governance for Development Programme, South Centre, Switzerland</i>
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12:00- 12:30	Overview on Transparency Framework: operationalization, linking actions to provision of supports and ensuring a nationally determined approach. - <i>Mr. Seth Osafo, Former Legal Advisor for UNFCCC, African Negotiation Group, Ghana</i>
12:30-13:00	Discussion and Interventions by Country Representatives
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break

Session VII Overview of National Actions and Developing Position Statements

Moderator: *Ms. Hana Hamadalla Mohamed, UNFCCC National Focal Point, General Director of Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Physical Development, Sudan*

14:00-14:30	Mitigation Actions in NDC's (Maintaining the Voluntary Nature, Timeframe and Relation to National Economic Circumstances, Conditional and non-conditional NDC's and Linking MOIs to Actions. - <i>Mr. Vicente Yu, South Centre</i>
14:30-15:00	The Role of Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) in Supporting Developing Countries NDCs - <i>Mr. Abdulateef Bello, Islamic Development Bank (IDB)</i>
15:00-15:30	Discussion
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-16:30	Writing Skills of Position Papers and Statements in the Negotiation Process - <i>Mr. Vicente Yu, South Centre</i>
16:30-17:00	Discussion
17:00	End of Day 3

Day 4 – Thursday, 13 April 2017

Session VIII Preparation for Bonn meetings May 2017

Moderator: *Mr. Kais Kabtan, Head, United Nations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tunisia and Mr. Ayman Shasly, KSA for Group Discussion*

9:00- 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of the Arab Position for the Bonn Meeting in May 2017 • Status of Submission by the Arab Countries for Entry Into Force of the Paris Agreement
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:45	Roadmap and Future Actions Towards COP-23 in Bonn - <i>Group Discussion</i>

11:45-12:00 Closing Statements

- *UNESCO/Cairo Office*
- *UNEP/ROWA*
- *Head of Arab Group, KSA*
- *League of Arab States*
- *ESCWA*

End of Workshop

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

17th Meeting of the Arab Climate Change Negotiation Group, League of Arab States
(closed meeting for Arab negotiators only)

Moderator: *Mr. Ashraf Shalaby, League of Arab States*

13:00-14:30 Arab Preparations for Bonn Meeting (Drafting the Arab Position Paper)

14:30-15:00 Break

15:00-16:00 Arab Preparations for Bonn Meeting (continued)

16:00 End of Meeting
