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Key Challenges to Energy Access in the Arab region

- *(please state maximum 5 challenges)*
  - *Affordability*
  - ***Subsidy restructuring***
  - ***Reliability in light of climate and increasing population demand***
  - ***Communicating benefits and raising awareness***
  - ***Reaching those most in need (conflict areas and resettlement areas)***
  - ***……***

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Priority Actions needed over the short term (next 4 years) and longer term (2030):

(please state maximum two priority actions for each of the short and longer terms)

Short Term:

- *Regional evaluation of status quo and identification of short, and longer term gaps with associated action plans to address them, by means of stakeholder engagement and buy-in at all levels and partnerships.*
- *Prioritizing areas for action with specific focus on those in need (.e.g conflict areas, clean cooking for women, technology choices such as DG)*

Long term:

- *Sustain ,integrate and upgrade infrastructure to meet needs today but also development goals in the future*
- *Energy security in the long term by integrating capacity building, WEF issues and gender (WEF, gender)Building capacity and*

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Means of Implementation

(please state maximum two means of implementation for each)

1. Promoting investments in clean technologies and preparing Financial market

- Develop attractive, bankable packages – engaging all stakeholders. Access to finance on national and individual levels.
- Looking at mobilizing regional financing and sharing on successful business models.

2. Technology Dissemination and Transfer

- Knowledge and information sharing platforms., south-south sharing of lessons learned
- Research, development and deployment (pilots)

3. Capacity Building

- Capacity building for the private sector and financial sector (share successes) through partnerships
- At the local level and knowledge building. (support groups)

4. Energy Data, Indicators and Analysis

- Assessing the status quo per country, and regionally
- Monitoring and reporting mechanisms are important. Unifying the use of SDG indicators in VNR

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