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# United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia at COP22

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), one of five Regional Commissions of the United Nations, aims to stimulate economic activity in member states, strengthen cooperation between them and promote sustainable development in the Arab region.

The ESCWA region contributes less than 5 per cent to global greenhouse gas emissions but is one of the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. In recent years, the region has experienced rising average temperatures, leading to hotter summers and more frequent heat waves. Reduced rainfall in coming years will further exacerbate regional water shortages. Weather patterns are becoming more unpredictable, and the region is subject to growing climate extremes including droughts and floods, shifts in seasons, and growing variability in river flows and recharge rates of groundwater aquifers.

During COP22, ESCWA has partnered with Member States as well as several regional and international organizations to organize the following side events.

## High Level Events

SDG6: Hydro-Climate Services for All	Climate Change Impacts on the Arab Region and Adaptation and Mitigation Initiatives	SDG17: Building capacity for 2030 Agenda through climate action solutions for regional implementation	Economics of Climate Change: Regional perspectives Programme	Palestinian Main Achievements between Accession on 17 March 2016 and COP22 and Future Ambition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>When:</b> Wednesday, 9 November 18:30-20:00</li> <li><b>Where:</b> Mediterranean Room, Blue Zone</li> <li><b>Lead convener:</b> UN-Water</li> <li><b>Co-organizers:</b> WMO, UNECE, UNESCO and ESCWA</li> <li><b>ESCWA Speaker:</b> Chief Water Resources</li> <li><b>Description:</b> This event aims to bridge the gap between the producers and users of hydro-climate services, between water and climate communities, science and policy-makers and negotiators.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>When:</b> Tuesday, 15 November 11:00-13:00 and 15:00-17:00</li> <li><b>Where:</b> GCC Pavilion, Blue Zone</li> <li><b>Lead convener:</b> ESCWA, LAS/Arab Negotiation Group, UNESCO and Arab States</li> <li><b>ESCWA Speaker:</b> ESCWA Executive Secretary</li> <li><b>Description:</b> This event will include regional initiatives and national efforts from the Arab region and will be divided in two segments: Arab experts in the morning and high-level speakers in the afternoon.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>When:</b> Tuesday, 15 November 13:15-14:45</li> <li><b>Where:</b> Austral Room, Blue Zone</li> <li><b>Lead convener:</b> UN Regional Commissions, UNDP</li> <li><b>ESCWA Speaker:</b> ESCWA Executive Secretary</li> <li><b>Description:</b> This event explores linkages and synergies between INDCs and SDGs: common goals, co-benefits, trade-offs, prioritization and sequencing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>When:</b> Tuesday, 15 November 16:00-17:30</li> <li><b>Where:</b> Africa Pavilion, Blue Zone</li> <li><b>Lead convener:</b> UN Regional Commissions</li> <li><b>ESCWA Speaker:</b> ESCWA Executive Secretary</li> <li><b>Description:</b> This event aims to obtain better understanding of the economic impacts of climate change in each region and of investments needed at regional and national levels for climate change adaptation and mitigation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>When:</b> Friday, 18 November 13:15-14:45</li> <li><b>Where:</b> Bering Room, Blue Zone</li> <li><b>Lead convener:</b> State of Palestine, ZOI Environment Network</li> <li><b>ESCWA Speaker:</b> ESCWA Executive Secretary</li> <li><b>Description:</b> This event will focus on the main Palestinian achievements since March 2016 and the future plans.</li> </ul>

## ESCWA as panelist

Arab Civil Society: Key Player in the Promotion of Clean/ Renewable Energies	The UNEP/MAP Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework: a strategic approach to increase the resilience of the Mediterranean	Women Advancing Climate and Climate Change Sciences (Women-ACS)	Discussions on Energy: Merging Network and Energy Markets for Moving Towards Clean Energy Systems	Energy Side Event on INDCs	Discussions on Energy: Energy Vision of the Kingdom of Morocco 2050
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>When:</b> Thursday, 10 November 19:00-20:30</li> <li>• <b>Where:</b> Green Zone</li> <li>• <b>Lead convener:</b> APNEK (Tunisia), CMEPE (Morocco), Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>When:</b> Friday, 11 November 11:00-12:30</li> <li>• <b>Where:</b> Green Zone</li> <li>• <b>Lead convener:</b> UNEP/-MAP-Barcelona Convention and its Plan Bleu Regional Activity Centre (PB/RAC).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>When:</b> Monday, 14 November 13:00-14:30</li> <li>• <b>Where:</b> Green Zone</li> <li>• <b>Lead convener:</b> The Moroccan Association for Regional Sciences (AMSR), the IPCC Working Group I Technical Support Unit (TSU-WGI), Meteorology Directorate of Senegal, Development and Research Institute (IRD), International Development and Research Center (Canada), National Bureau of REUNET (Morocco), and ESCWA.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>When:</b> Monday, 14 November 15:00-16:30</li> <li>• <b>Where:</b> TBC</li> <li>• <b>Lead convener:</b> Moroccan Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>When:</b> Monday, 14 November 18:00-20:30</li> <li>• <b>Where:</b> TBC</li> <li>• <b>Lead convener:</b> IRENA.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>When:</b> Thursday, 17 November starting from 9:00</li> <li>• <b>Where:</b> TBC</li> <li>• <b>Lead convener:</b> Moroccan Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment.</li> </ul>

### Expert Group Meeting on "Sustainable Development Goal 7 and its Role in Mitigating impacts from Climate Change"

- **When:** 13-14 November 2016 \*Full Days\*
- **Where:** Mogador Gueliz Hôtel in Marrakesh
- **Lead convener:** UN-Energy Secretariat, UNDESA and UNDP

ESCWA documents relevant to COP22 are available at:

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