



Webinar on “Case study on Lebanon’s policy regulatory reforms and financial and legal frameworks needed to promote small-scale renewable energy technologies and applications in rural areas”

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The UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) is organizing a webinar on “Case study on Lebanon’s policy regulatory reforms and financial and legal frameworks needed to promote small-scale renewable energy technologies and applications in rural areas”.

The main objectives of the webinar are:

- Present Lebanon’s case study including its main findings and recommendations.
- Discuss the case study vis-à-vis the national strategies, regulations, and policies linked to the rural context and the current economic crisis which incentivizes local production where rural productive activities can significantly contribute.
- Collect feedback from the attending stakeholders given their experience working in the energy and rural development sectors and discuss additional recommendations on reforms the case study should consider.
- Explore supplementary gender mainstreaming and women empowerment opportunities the recommendations of the case study can benefit from.
- Brainstorm and discuss ways for national policy makers to understand and act on the social, environmental, and financial benefits that will result from promoting and legislating the use of small-scale RE technologies in rural areas, specifically in the productive sectors.



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AGENDA:

Setting the Scene and Moderator (5 mins): Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief of the Energy Section (ES), Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster (CCNRSC), ESCWA.

Case Study Presentation: Ms. Jessica Obeid, National Consultant, ESCWA . (15 mins)

Panel Discussion: (60 mins) covering the water-energy-food nexus, rural development, gender empowerment, and access to finance

- Ms. Marie-Louise Hayek, FAO
- Mr. Nadim Farajalla, AUB
- Mr. Hassan Harajli, UNDP
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Q&A (20 mins)

Closing Remarks and Way Forward (5 mins)