Climate Finance Needs & Flows to the Arab Region (2010 – 2020)



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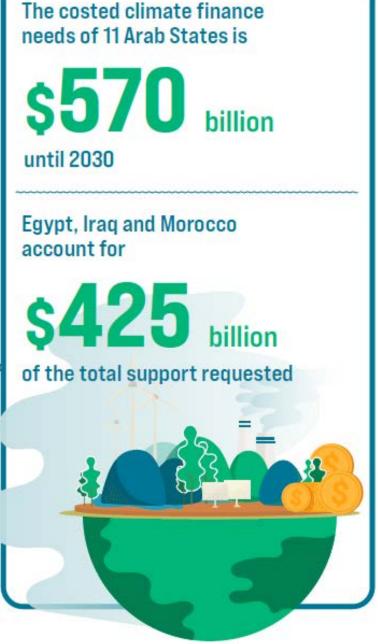
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Articulated Climate Finance Needs

Climate Finance
Needs per NDCs
through Oct 2020

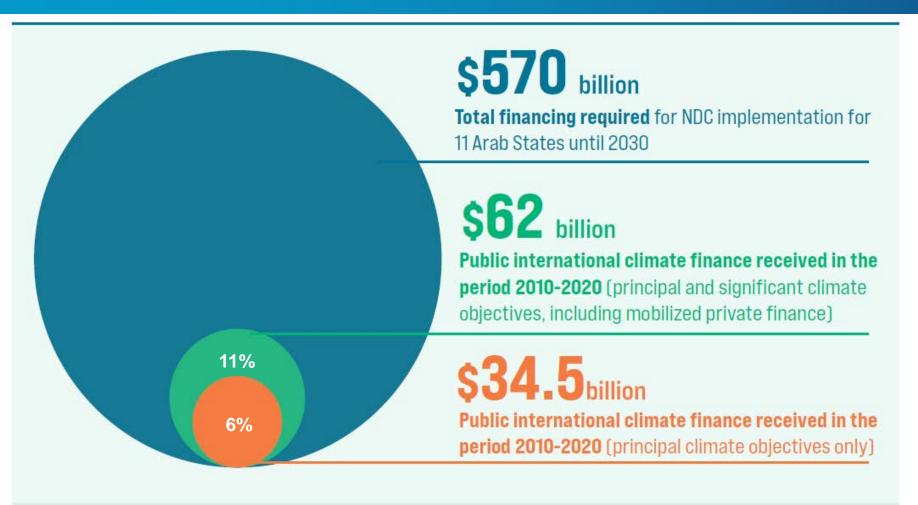
\$436 – 478 billion articulated needs by 13 Arab States to address and cope with climate change by 2030 Through July 2022, 17 Arab States submitted **updated NDCs**: namely Bahrain, Comoros, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, the State of Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Sudan, Tunisia, and the United Arab Emirates.

Of these, 10 Arab States Comoros, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco, the State of Palestine, Somalia, the Sudan and Tunisia provided finance needs estimates in their updated NDCs. Djibouti articulated climate finance needs in its initial NDC submission (2016); used since no update yet submitted.



Some Arab States doing better articulating needs; others are doing worse

Needs not being met for climate



Source: Compiled by ESCWA based on the OECD database entitled "Climate-related development finance at the activity level: Recipient perspective 2000–2020".

Over 10 years, only \$34.5 billion in international public finance received by Arab States for projects that are **principally** for climate

Equivalent to less than 6% of articulated needs for next 10 years

Principal means project would not have been conducted in the absence of its climate purpose

Having a climate rationale important for access & tracking

Triple Troubles for Current & Future Generations: Climate Impacts, Cost of Credit, Debt Burden



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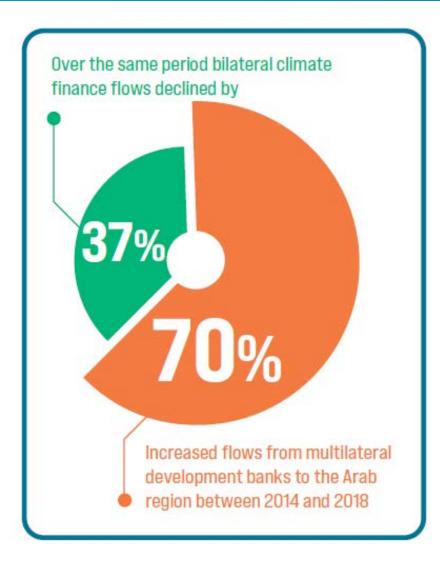
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region reached a historic high of trillion in 2022

The gross public debt in the Arab

Interestingly, some improvement in grants & concessional loans during COVID, but total volume down

MDB Flows to Arab Region Improving; Bilateral Support Declining



Private Sector – biased towards mitigation for cost recovery

- Private sector finance that is not mobilized by public international climate finance is not widely available
- Estimated figures for private investments in renewable energy projects total \$14 billion from 2013-2018

More Grants Needed

- Only 4% of finance is sourced from climate funds in Arab region
- From 2010-2020, GCF committed to less than 2 national projects/year to Arab region
- From 2016-2020, GCF provided only \$90 million/year for countrylevel projects in Arab region
- GCF Readiness Funds & Adaptation Fund Direct Access modality need to be more utilized

Financial Flows Not Responding to Adaptation Priorities



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Some improvement witnessed as was 3.5 times greater for period 2010-2019

Above figures are for climate flows that are principally for climate.

For flows that are tagged as significant, adaptation on parity with mitigation







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30 National Projects submitted by 8 Arab States for consideration by Banks

Total \$3.3bn



Adaptation — Control of the control				
	22 Projects	Country	Cost	
•	Improve Agricultural Climate Resilience	Egypt	\$690m	
•	Establishing an Early Warning System	Egypt	\$300m	
•	National Emergency Plan for Forest Fire Prevention	Lebanon	\$600K	
•	Institutional Arrangements in Forest Management	Lebanon	\$1.6m	
•	Wildfire Hazard Reduction in Nahr El Kabir Area	Lebanon	\$690K	
•	Combating Land Degradation and Drought in Nahr el Kabir Area	Lebanon	\$690K	
•	Sustainable Management & Land Restoration in Koudiat Acerdoune Dam Sustainable Management of Natural Ecosystems in KEF-EDDIR Watershed	Algeria Algeria	\$3m \$10m	
•	Hilla – Diwaniyah Irrigation Project	Iraq	\$1.27bn	
•	Improving the Efficiency of Irrigation Water Using Hydroponic Technology WASH in Schools Project	Jordan Jordan	\$10m \$6.8m	
•	Al Rawdha Flood Protection Dam	Oman	\$46.8m	
•	Al-Jifnain Flood Protection Dam	Oman	\$36.4m	
•	Fita Flood Protection Dam	Oman	\$67.5m	
•	Wadi Hilti Flood Protection Dam	Oman	\$44.2m	
•	Al-Batina Treated Effluent Line	Oman	\$52m	
•	Cultivate One Million Mangrove Seedlings	Oman	\$563K	
•	Water-Energy-Food Security Nexus Excess Water Diversion from North to Central Tunisia Strengthening Coastal Adaptation and Resilience	Tunisia Tunisia Tunisia	\$45.5m \$523.5m \$93.5m	
•	Help Small Farmers and Rural Families Adapt to Climate Change MEDTEST II and Agro-Processing Fund	Jordan Jordan	\$8.8m \$87m	

Mitigation -		
8 Projects	Country	Cost
 Energy Efficient Cooling in Buildings Bus Rapid Transit System-Ring Road 	Egypt Egypt	\$250m \$53m
 Associated Gaz Recovering in Ohanet Associated Gaz Recovering in Tin Fouye Associated Gaz Recovering in In Amenas 	Algeria Algeria Algeria	\$28m \$46.5m \$41m
 Blue Economy for Livelihoods through RE & EE Aqaba-Amman Water Desalination & Conveyar Project (AAWDCP): Renewable Energy Compor 	nce Jordan	\$14.5m \$400m
 Energy Efficiency in the Sustainable Urban Mobility Sector 	Tunisia	\$102.5m
	Total:	\$936m









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22 Adaptation Projects



Funding Requirements by Adaptation Theme

Water Supply/Sanitation

- WASH in Schools Project
- Jordan, Oman - Al-Batina Treated Effluent Line

Water Resources/Flood Control

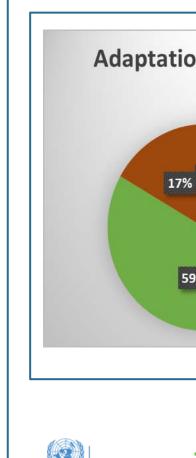
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- Excess Water Diversion: North to Central Tunisia

Water Resources/Irrigation

- Improve Agricultural Climate Resilience
- Hilla Diwaniyah Irrigation Project
- Improving Irrigation Efficiency Using Hydroponics

Agricultural Resilience/Land/Forests/Coastline

- Establishing an Early Warning System
- National Emergency Plan for Forest Fire Prevention
- Institutional Arrangements in Forest Management
- Wildfire Hazard Reduction in Nahr El Kabir
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\$58.8m

\$718.5m

\$552m

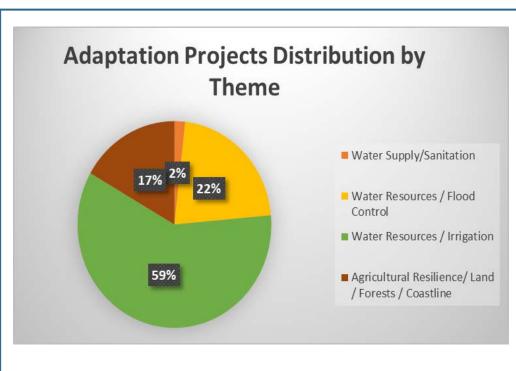
Oman, Tunisia

Algeria, Egypt,

Oman, Tunisia

Jordan, Lebanon,

Egypt, Iraq, Jordan \$1.9b









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8 Mitigation Projects



Funding Requirements by Mitigation Theme

Renewable Energy

Jordan

\$400m

\$53m

- Aqaba-Amman Water Desalination &
 Conveyance Project (AAWDCP): RE Component

Energy Efficiency

- Energy Efficient Cooling in Buildings

Algeria, Egypt \$468.5m

Egypt, Tunisia

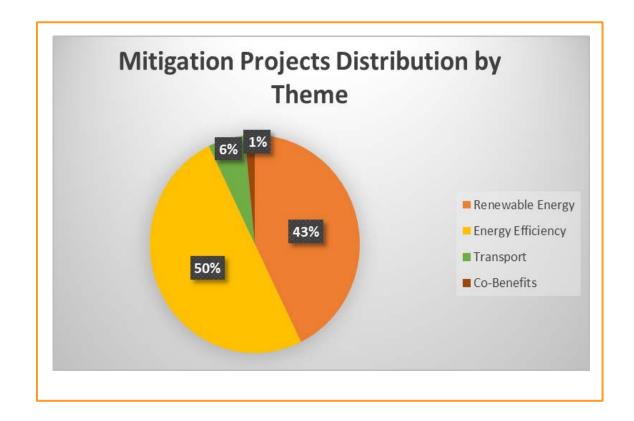
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Transport

- Bus Rapid Transit System-Ring Road
- Energy Efficiency in the Sustainable Urban Mobility Sector

Co-Benefits Jordan \$14.5m

- Blue Economy for Livelihoods through RE & EE









Tunisia: Strengthening Coastal Adaptation and Resilience



Description

The Tunisian Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development's "Coastal Protection and Planning Agency" proposes this three-component project to increase coastal adaptation and resilience to climate change variability.

The project's main objectives are strengthening the information and decision support system "SIAD" of the "Coastal Protection and Planning Agency" and strengthening the physical capacity of resilience and adaptation of the coastline.

Expected outcomes

- ✓ Identify climatic vulnerabilities and risks
- ✓ Numerical modelling, climatic forecasts and decision support
- ✓ Climate-resilient sand dunes and beaches
- ✓ Inventory and mapping of coastal ecosystem services and climate change adaptation

Implementation period



Planned start date: 2023
Planned end date: 2028

Project Status



Beneficiaries

70% of the national population, 95% of tourist investments, 87% of industrial activities, fishermen, gender, young people (green jobs), maritime traffic (blue economy)

Impact



 Increasing the resilience and adaptation of the Tunisian coastline

Financing



Total project cost

Current funds required

Project proponents





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Geographic location

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Change in temperature compared to the reference period based on

Euro-CORDEX Domain Ensemble for RCP8.5

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Egypt: Energy Efficient Cooling in Buildings











Description

The project will facilitate the introduction of efficient and innovative cooling technologies which enable primary energy savings in Egypt by establishing a financing scheme to promote energy-efficient cooling in both new construction and building refurbishments.

The project responds to the Government's mandatory regulations including energy efficiency codes in buildings, minimum energy performance standards and labels for electrical appliances including air conditioners (AC).

Expected outcomes

- ✓ Establish a financing scheme to promote energy efficient cooling
- ✓ Provide seed investment and technical assistance for 20,045 AC units (Phase I)
- ✓ Support domestic manufacturing of energy efficient cooling units in Egypt
- ✓ Support local manufacturers and increase opportunities to export regionally

Timeline



Planned start date: 2022 Planned end date: 2035

Project Status



Feasibility Study Needed

Beneficiaries

3.7 million MSMEs (Micro, small and medium enterprises)

Impact



GHG reduction target

14,546 tCO₂/year

Carbon footprint index

873 tCO₂/\$million invested

Project proponents







Geographic location



\$250M \$250M **Total project** cost

Financing

Current funds required

For further information:





Regional Initiative to Promote Small-Scale Renewable Energy Applications in Rural Areas of the Arab Region (REGEND)



Description

REGEND enables access to renewable energy through field projects, capacity building, and policy recommendations with an emphasis on empowering women entrepreneurs with affordable and reliable access to clean energy and tools for the application of sustainable water, food, and environment-friendly practices.

ESCWA intends to upscale REGEND's inclusive and integrated business model to other Arab communities to support small-scale renewable energy applications.

Expected outcomes

- ✓ Strengthening the resilience of people to the effects of climate change
- ✓ Low-emission power generation
- ✓ Facilitating access to microfinance for rural women entrepreneurs
- ✓ Increasing the productivity and efficiency of rural beneficiaries through renewable energy and productive equipment

Timeline



Planned start date: 01/01/2023 Planned end date: 31/12/2026

Project Status



Beneficiaries

Rural populations engaged in the productive use of energy with emphasis on women, youth, and people with disabilities. 300,000 beneficiaries while ensuring gender parity (50%)

Impact



GHG reduction target

Minimum of 45,000 tCO₂eq over 25 years

Visual assets



\$10M \$10M Total project Current funds

required

Project proponents







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Climate finance flows in the Arab region by country and purpose, 2010-2020

6 Arab LDCs (Comoros, Djibouti, Mauritania, Somalia, the Sudan & Yemen) have received just 6.6% (\$2.27 billion) of climate finance support provided to the Arab region over past decade











- 14. While a country-level bottom-up approach to assessing and addressing needs reflects the diversity of the region, multi-country and regional approaches can help to improve access to finance, particularly for smaller States, as well as help to attract new sources of finance. The identified priority sectors for accessing and mobilizing climate finance identified include:
 - Agriculture for food security;
 - b. Water resources and desalination;
 - Coastal zone management;
 - d. Sustainable use of cooling systems;
 - e. Scaling up renewable energy;
 - f. Energy efficiency programmes;
 - g. Sustainable and green buildings;
 - h. Enhancing health services;
 - i. The tourism sector.

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