

# 'Arab Climate Finance Mobilization and Access Strategy'

**Technical Workshop on Climate Finance in the Arab Region:  
*An Inception Workshop for the Needs-Based Climate Finance Project***

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- I. Benefits of region-wide strategy.
- II. Different models of climate Finance strategies.
- III. Proposed elements of the Arab Climate Finance Mobilization and Access Strategy.
- IV. Discussion prompts.



## **Benefits of a regional climate finance strategy**



- ❖ Sustain CF dialogue and clarity of region's needs to facilitate access to finance across the region
- ❖ Speeding up CF readiness by fostering intra-regional knowledge sharing & capacity building
- ❖ Encourage experimentation with innovative financing solutions by showcasing successful projects
- ❖ Promote the replicability of successful national projects allowing them to become regional game changers
- ❖ Maximise impacts on the local level through Regionally Significant Projects



## **Different models of climate Finance strategies**



## Country Strategy Models

- The case of Malawi
- The case of Ethiopia

## Regional Strategy Models (headed by Regional Intergovernmental Organisations)

- European Union (28 countries)
- Pacific/ Melanesia (4 countries)



## Model Strategies

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- **Malawi:** National Climate Change Investment Plan (2013-2018)
- **Ethiopia:** Climate-Resilient Green Economy Strategy (2011)
- **European Union:** A Clean Planet for all A European long-term strategic vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy (2018-2050)
- **Melanesian Spearhead Group:** MSG Climate Finance Strategy (2019-2021)



## Table of comparisons

	Malawi	Ethiopia
Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Clear conceptual definition</li><li>- Overall climate investment picture of the country</li><li>- Investment budget allocated to climate change</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Specific actions the government needs for climate investments</li><li>- Strong guideline for green investment plans</li></ul>
Gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Specific projects and desired funds are not described</li><li>- The climate finance budget is not divided into sectors or specific mitigation/adaptation actions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lack of specific climate finance needs per sector</li><li>- Lack of conceptual background of climate finance</li><li>- Mitigation and adaptation needs are not identified</li><li>- Further institutional and legal guidance for investors is needed</li></ul>





	<b>MSG</b>	<b>EU</b>
<b>Strengths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyses the finance landscape in the sub-region and explores traditional and innovative financing options, both public and private-</li> <li>- Focuses on strategic areas with high impact</li> <li>- Proposes specific actions targeting each strategic area</li> <li>- Identifies obstacles and proposes solutions to tackle them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Includes action agenda by regions, industry and civil society</li> <li>- Assess impact on current policies beyond 2030</li> <li>- Presents sectoral transformation pathways</li> <li>- Addresses cross-cutting factors</li> <li>- Description of the roles of actors in the transformation pathways</li> </ul>
<b>Gaps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exact cost estimates for addressing the needs and actions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Excludes member country national experiences and strategies</li> </ul>



## **Proposed Model of the Arab Climate Finance Mobilization and Access Strategy**

- ❑ A framework strategy enabling the countries to mobilize climate finance in a country-driven manner.
- ❑ To be implemented through an investment pipeline of projects prioritized to meet the needs, by members of LAS.

It will be presented in the form of 2 documents:

1. A Strategy (3-5 Pages): a concise and actionable strategy agreed upon for political adoption
2. A comprehensive technical assessment validated by the countries in the form of an Annex to support the strategy (40-50 pages)

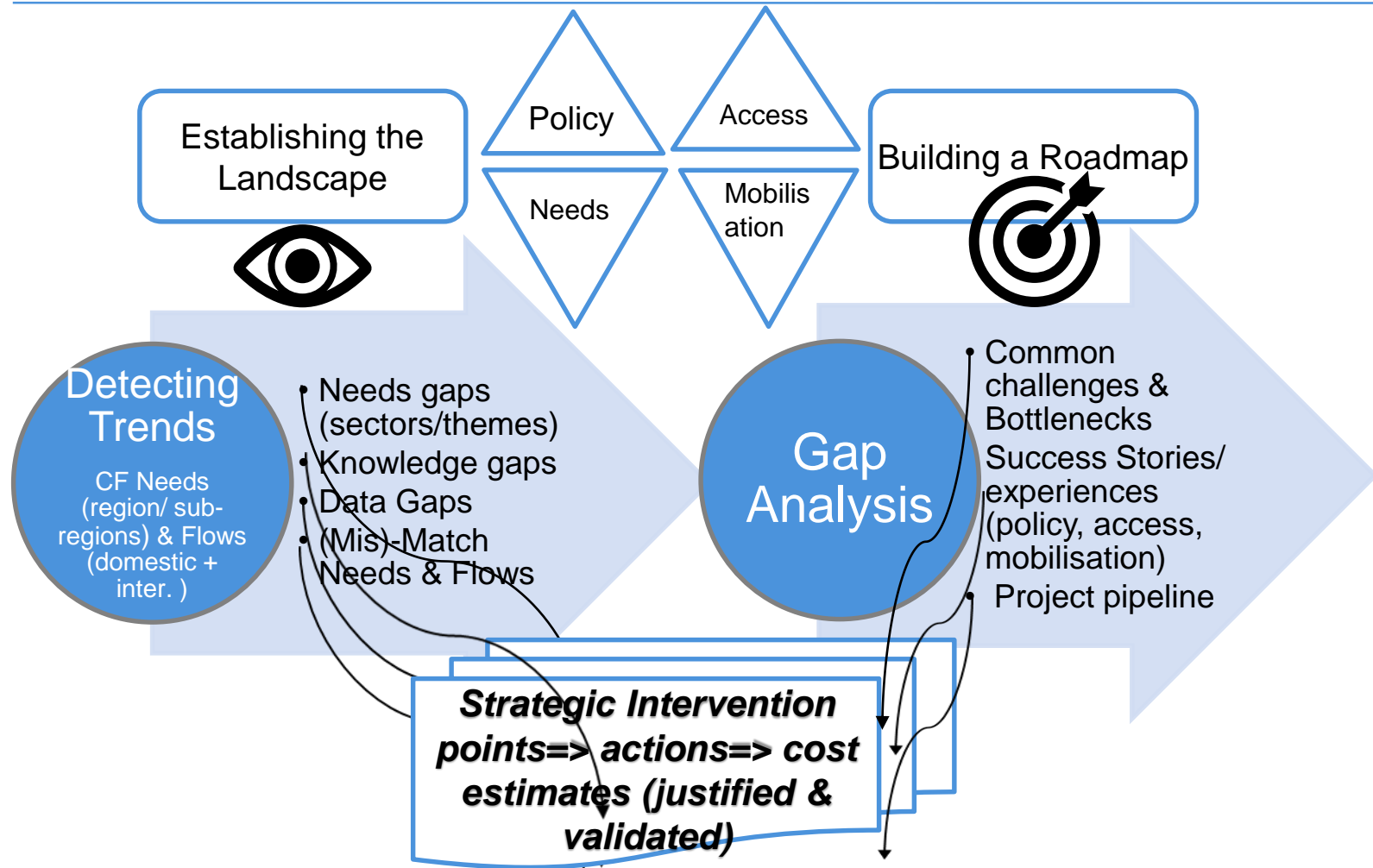


- ❖ **Regional approach** for regional outlook yet complements and reinforces already existing national strategies
- ❖ **Country-driven with regional ownership through** iterative, validation and feedback loops.
- ❖ **Succinct:** 4-5 pages, with other relevant technical information in annexes
- ❖ **Actionable:** by Arab countries, potential donors on key sectors, reflecting the key needs identified and prioritized by countries taking into account national and regional context.



- ❖ **Qualitative analysis** based on aggregated quantitative and qualitative info and data based on the Arab region's own assessment of their needs and priorities.  
Strategy supported by comprehensive technical assessment
- ❖ **Methodology:** primarily a desk-based assessment complemented by engagement with relevant stakeholders including national and regional experts guided by UNFCCC secretariat.
- ❖ **Sources:** Based on available, relevant and preferred sources.





Embedded within a Sustainable Development Framework/  
—Diversifying Economies (Adaptation)/ Low emissions development —  
pathway



## Discussion prompts



Points for discussion and further input (beyond breakout group discussion questions):

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*Your expert views and feedback needed on the following aspects:*

1. What is the timeframe of the strategy?
2. How to account for and complement domestic and regional work already underway?
3. How will the strategy be implemented and by whom?
4. How will the strategy be monitored, and its impact measured?
5. How can project pipelines be developed?
6. What stakeholders are needed for its development and buy-in, and what responsibilities would they have?
7. Modality of validation process?







Thank you

