



Oman Climate Week

Side Event: MENA NDC implementation

14 September 2026 – Muscat, Oman

Concept note – V5

1. Context

As countries move from NDC formulation to implementation, similar to many regions, the MENA region faces a shared set of challenges, including translating conditional and unconditional targets into investable pipelines, operationalizing sectoral mitigation and adaptation measures, strengthening MRV/transparency systems under the Enhanced Transparency Framework, and mobilizing finance and establishing/strengthening partnerships to close capacity gaps.

Oman Climate Week 2026 is convened under the theme "From Vision to Implementation: Leading Climate Action". UNFCCC RCC MENA and South Asia is collaborating with Oman Climate Week to organize a side event on NDC implementation in the MENA region, that will serve as a timely platform to take stock of regional progress and highlight national good practices.

2. Objectives

The side event aims to:

- Facilitate regional experience sharing on NDC implementation experiences across MENA, surfacing common bottlenecks (finance access, institutional coordination, implementation capacity, sectoral integration) and practical solutions countries have found to move from planning to delivery.
- Showcase Oman's national NDC implementation strategy as a case study to inform peer learning.

3. Agenda

Duration	Agenda	Speakers
10 min	Opening remarks	- Eng. Suleiman Nasser AlAkzami, Environment Authority Oman

35 min	Session 1 Experience sharing on NDC implementation in the MENA region	- Mahmoud Fathallah, Arab League - Jauad El Kharraz, Water Energy Climate Experts Network (WECEN) - Samir Rachdi, IRESEN, Morocco - Benjamin Basmaci, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States
10 min	Q&A Session	
45 min	Session 2 National deep dive: Oman's NDC implementation	- Maha AlBalushi, Oman Environment Authority (EA) - Faris Al Kharusi, Utopia World Investment - Younis Al-Rawahi, Bauer Resources Middle East - Rumaitha Al Busaidi, Environment Society of Oman
10 min	Q&A Session	
10 min	Closing	- Eng. Suleiman Nasser AlAkzami, Environment Authority Oman - Muhammad Taimur Ali Khan Gandapur, UN Climate Change Secretariat
Moderator: Walters Tubua, Regional Lead, UNFCCC RCC West and Central Africa		