



## **RCC COP29 EVENT**

**Title: Enabling Ambitious and Implementable NDCs in the Middle East and North Africa**

**Theme: NDC 3.0**

**Location: Room Shirvan**

**Date: 11th November 2024 | Time: 19:00-20:00**

### **Background**

As countries in the Middle East and North Africa prepare for the next iteration of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement—commonly referred to as NDC 3.0—there is a growing need for ambitious and implementable targets that align with national priorities and global climate goals. Countries in the region face distinct challenges such as water scarcity, energy transitions, and socio-economic constraints, which require innovative approaches to both NDC design and implementation. This side event will serve as a platform for MENA countries to exchange experiences, discuss common challenges, and explore opportunities for collaboration to enhance ambition and improve implementation of future NDCs. It will also offer a forum for peer-to-peer learning and knowledge sharing, with a special focus on institutional arrangements, stakeholder engagement, and multi-sectoral coordination. The event will feature the UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAE), which will present the Nationally Determined Contribution Accelerator (NDCA) initiative, focusing on how UAE's inclusive institutional frameworks and stakeholder engagement processes can elevate ambition for the upcoming NDC cycle.

The special event aims to foster enhanced regional collaboration among MENA countries, encouraging knowledge exchange, sharing of good practices, and challenges and opportunities toward developing more ambitious and implementable Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Through peer-to-peer learning and the sharing of best practices, participants will gain insights into overcoming challenges specific to the region. Such collaborative efforts may contribute to strengthen the alignment of NDCs with national development priorities and facilitate effective climate action.

Additionally, the event will provide a platform to increase understanding of Article 6 mechanisms and their role in supporting the achievement of NDC targets. By exploring case studies and practical examples, participants will exchange knowledge on tools, frameworks, and innovative approaches for NDC preparation, implementation, and monitoring. A particular focus will be placed on UAE's Nationally Determined Contribution Accelerator (NDCA) initiative, which offers a replicable model of institutional arrangements and stakeholder engagement. This initiative can serve as an inspiration for other countries seeking to enhance ambition and improve coordination among government, private sector, and civil society stakeholders.

### **Objectives:**

The side event aims to:



- Facilitate the sharing of experiences, challenges, and lessons learned from MENA countries in preparing and implementing NDCs.
- Promote peer-to-peer learning and regional collaboration to facilitate efforts towards enhancing future NDCs.
- Explore the linkages between Article 6 mechanisms and the achievement of NDC targets.
- Showcase good practices, tools, and institutional frameworks, including through the UAE's NDCA initiative, to inspire ambitious and actionable NDCs across the region.

**Logistics needs:**

- Lectern
- Video projection
- Microphones for Q&A

**Targeted Audience:** Government focal points and partner organizations supporting NDCs in the MENA region

**Agenda / Run of show:**

How long	What	Who
Moderator: Ms. Ana Vukoje, Regional Lead, RCC MENA SA		
<b>5 min:</b>	Welcoming remarks	Mr. Stelios Pesmajoglou, Manager, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC (tbc)
<b>30 min</b>	<b>Increasing Ambition towards NDC 3.0: country experience sharing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The National Dialogue for Climate Ambition Initiative, UAE</li><li>- Leveraging Article 6 towards NDC implementation, Iraq</li><li>- Holistic Approach Project, Jordan</li></ul>	HE Dr. Alanoud Abdulla Juma Alhaj Al Ali, Acting, Assistant Undersecretary of Green Development and Climate Change Sector, Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, UAE (tbc)  Mr. Mr. Yousif Yousif, Manager of International Environment Relations Department, Ministry of Environment, Iraq  Mr. Belal Shqarin, Director of Climate Change and acting Director of Green Economy Unit, Ministry of Environment, Jordan



<b>20 min</b>	<b>Panel discussion on support on NDC 3.0 in MENA</b> Regional support partners will be asked to reflect on support available for NDC 3.0, and also reflect on lessons learned from current NDCs including on policy coherence and creating fiscal space for NDC investments	Support partners
<b>5 min</b>	Concluding remarks	Moderator

**Length:**

**60 min**

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