

Regional Collaboration Centres

Virtual Global Forum 2020 Achievements and Progress of Work RCC Dubai



The infographic illustrates the mandate and structure of the Regional Collaboration Centre – Dubai, which promotes climate action in the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia. The center is organized around eight pillars of climate action, each supported by various UN agencies and partner organizations.

Regional Collaboration Centre – Dubai
Promoting Climate Action in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia

Global Climate Action
Action for Climate Empowerment
Momentum for Change
Climate Neutral Now
Marrakech Partnership

Adaptation
Implementing Actions to Close Adaptation Knowledge Gaps in MENA

Cross-cutting
MENA Regional Climate Week 2021
Youth Engagement
IBC regional platform support

Mitigation
Methodological Tools for Climate Action

NDC Support
NDC Survey
NDC Capacity-building

Climate Finance
Arab States Climate Finance Mobilization & Access Strategy
Climate Finance Mobilization & Access Strategy (3 countries)

Partners and Organizations:

- Global Climate Action:** UN environment programme, UN DDP, THE WORLD BANK, ESCWA, IFC, ISDB, European Bank, Banque Centrale De Djibouti, KAPSARC, ESCAP, UN Women, UNDP, UN Women, UNDRR, ESCWA, UNOPS, WFP, World Health Organization, IGES, DUBAI CARISSA.
- Adaptation:** UN environment programme, ESCWA, ICBA, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Health Organization, IUCN, CGIAR, IWM, International Water Management Institute, THE WORLD BANK, AGEDI, جامعة نورولدين ابو دوي, NYU ABU DHABI, ICARDA, MedEC.
- Cross-cutting:** UN environment programme, THE WORLD BANK, UN DDP, ACTION CAMPAIGN, ESCWA, YOUTH CLIMATE.
- Mitigation:** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, IRENA, UN environment programme, UN DDP, UN Women, UNDRR, UNOPS, WFP, World Health Organization, IGES, DUBAI CARISSA.
- NDC Support:** UN environment programme, UN DDP, UN Women, UNDRR, ESCWA, UNOPS, WFP, World Health Organization, IGES, DUBAI CARISSA.
- Climate Finance:** UN environment programme, UN DDP, THE WORLD BANK, ESCWA, IFC, ISDB, European Bank, Banque Centrale De Djibouti, KAPSARC, ESCAP, UN Women, UNDP, UN Women, UNDRR, ESCWA, UNOPS, WFP, World Health Organization, IGES, DUBAI CARISSA.

Mitigation

- Offered support and assisting on a regular basis Designated National Authorities (DNAs) in the region on **Standardized Baselines development** – Actively engaged with DNAs of UAE, Tunisia, Sudan, Morocco, Jordan and Egypt
- **Campaigns launched on an on-going basis to connect CDM project developers with buyers of CERs; to 10 projects** which submitted **Prior Consideration Forms** for CDM projects, and to **19 PAs and PoAs** sharing information for listing Certified Emission Reductions (CERs) from their CDM project on the **UN Carbon Offset Platform**
- Supporting the **Dubai Carbon Centre** to pilot the digitized methodologies platform of the secretariat
- Initiated a **Virtual Workshop Series for Designated National Authorities (DNAs)** to build capacity based on their stated needs in collaboration with RCC Bangkok; **two Virtual Workshops** held, with **three more to follow**.

Adaptation

- Supporting the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI) in the region through the Implementing Actions to Close Knowledge Gaps in MENA project

This project supports in **identifying** and **engaging** with relevant institutions and experts in closing identified priority knowledge gaps in adaptation and in developing and disseminating knowledge in **developing** and **disseminating** knowledge products for the intended users.

- **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA)** and **UN Environment Programme (UNEP)** have joined the project as implementing partners
- Undertaken extensive **mapping and stock take exercise** to identify relevant institutions, experts and initiatives related to adaptation in the region
- **Conducted virtual engagements by project partners with 12 organizations and 47 initiatives** in the region to ascertain current status of identified knowledge gaps
- Initiated **analysis** of data collected from virtual engagements
- An **Expert Workshop** will be organized to **develop a roadmap** and to **assign action items** in support of the closing of identified and prioritized knowledge gaps in the region

Needs-based Climate Finance

Arab States Climate Finance Mobilization and Access Strategy

This project comprises of **assessing** climate finance barriers among Arab countries and **prioritizing** climate finance and investment needs for the region.

- **League of Arab States (LAS) secretariat and UN ESCWA** joined the project as implementing partners
- Organized an [Inception Workshop](#) to kick-off the project in November 2019 in Cairo, Egypt
- Organized **special sessions on climate finance** at five High-level WGEO Regional Ministerial Conferences around the world (June - July 2019) and a **global event** at the World Green Economy Summit in October 2019
- Produced a [Synthesis Report \(Knowledge Product\)](#) on the outcomes from the regional and global sessions
- Organized [High-level Forum on Climate Finance Strategies for NDC implementation](#) at COP25
- Briefing to **Arab negotiators** during SB50 and COP25
- Organized [Technical Workshop on Climate Finance for Finance Experts in the Arab region](#) from the Ministries of Finance, February 2020 in Cairo, Egypt
- **Technical assessment on climate finance needs and priorities** developed

Needs-based Climate Finance

Climate Finance Mobilization and Access Strategy for South and Southwest Asia (Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan)

This project comprises of **assessing** climate finance barriers among project countries and **prioritizing** climate finance and investment needs for the region.

- **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP)** joined the project as implementing partners
- Engagement with the participating countries ongoing – discussions underway with nominated country focal points on finalizing a mutually agreed project plan.
- Mapping of climate finance institutions in Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan as preparatory work for the project

Facilitating Support for Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

- Prepared and disseminated a **survey on the status of new/updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)** to **30 country focal points** covered by RCC Dubai - The survey was created with inputs from several experts and regional organizations
- Supporting the organization of a three-day **Virtual workshop for countries in MENA to enhance understanding on the process and provisions for NDCs**
- Engaging with the regional **Issue-based Coalition (IBC)** on Food Security, Climate Action and Environment to coordinate activities facilitating support for of NDC updates / implementation.
- Providing support to the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) **virtual training on the existing MRV arrangements and the enhanced transparency framework** to increase regional capacity on the ETF.

Support to Global Climate Action and other cross-cutting themes

Support to Global Climate Action

- Engaged with 30 countries in MENA and South Asia to **increase coverage of Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)** by facilitating and supporting these countries in nominating ACE focal points
- **Raising awareness** in the region on various GCA activities and campaigns such as, such as [Race to Zero](#)
- Enhancing coverage of [Climate Neutral Now](#) in the region
- **Outreach to regional stakeholders** through translating into Arabic and disseminating a guide on Integrating Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) into Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

Cross-cutting themes (Youth and Education, Gender)

- **Initiated a webinar series** to engage with youth in the region and to involve them in the green recovery. **First Webinar** held on in August, 2020; **two more to follow**
- Engaging with key regional partners **to launch the first phase of the Academy for Global Youth Leadership Empowerment (AGYLE)**
- Support to **Gender integration into national policies – Regional workshop, MENA**
- Support to **8th Dialogue on ACE - Africa and Middle East**

Events

20 October 2019 | Dubai, UAE

Special Event at Global Ministerial Conference on Green Economy: From Climate Ambition To Climate Action: Facilitating the Transition to Low Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate-Resilient Economies and Societies

6-7 November 2019 | Cairo, Egypt

Technical Workshop on Needs-based Climate Finance in the Arab Region Inception Workshop | for representatives from Climate Change and Environment Ministries

11 December 2019 | Madrid, Spain

High-level Forum on climate finance strategies for NDC implementation at COP25

11 December 2019 | Madrid, Spain

Launch event for MENA Climate Week 2020 at COP25

December 2019 | Madrid, Spain

Briefing with Arab Negotiators at COP25

12-13 February 2020 | Cairo, Egypt

Technical Workshop on Climate Finance for Finance Experts in the Arab region

July – September 2020 | Virtual

Seventeen Virtual Engagements under the Implementing Actions to Close Adaptation Knowledge Gaps in MENA project

Events

25 June 2020 | Virtual

Virtual Workshop on the role of the DNA in the Modalities of Communication (MoC) and the Letters of Approval (LoA) processes

6 August 2020 | Virtual

Virtual Workshop for DNAs on Standardized Baselines (SBs) and their Applications

18 August 2020 | Virtual

AGYLE Webinar Series: The opportunity for a green recovery in the post COVID-19 scenario in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement: The role of Youth

14 October 2020 | Virtual

GAP D.6. – Gender integration into national policies – Regional workshop, MENA

Upcoming Events

26 – 28 October, 2020 | Virtual

Virtual workshop for MENA to enhance understanding on the process and provisions for NDCs

28 October 2020 | Virtual

8th Dialogue on ACE - Africa and Middle East

Events

November, 2020 | Virtual

Virtual Workshop for DNAs on Domestic and International Carbon Markets

3 November, 2020 | Virtual

DNA Forum meeting – Asia-Pacific and MENA

3-5 November, 2020 | Virtual

CGE virtual training on the existing MRV arrangements and the enhanced transparency framework (ETF)

November, 2020 | Virtual

Webinar on monitoring of CDM projects

November, 2020 | Virtual

AGYLE Webinar Series: Green Economy and the SDGs: synergies in a post pandemic recovery

November, 2020 | Virtual

Virtual Workshop for DNAs on Sustainable Development Tool

December, 2020 | Virtual

AGYLE Webinar Series: The impact of Climate on health and the opportunity to create a healthier environment in a post COVID-19 world

December, 2020 | Virtual

Virtual Workshop for DNAs on MRV



Events

Q4 2020 / Q1 2021 | Dubai, UAE

Implementing Actions to Close Adaptation Knowledge Gaps in MENA – Experts Workshop

Q4 2020 / Q1 2021 | Dubai, UAE

Validation Workshop – Arab States Climate Finance Mobilization and Access Strategy

Q1 2021 | Dubai, UAE

Inception Workshop – Climate Finance Mobilization and Access Strategy – South and Southwest Asia

December 2021 | Dubai, UAE

MENA Regional Climate Week 2021