



Regional Collaboration Centre – Dubai

Promoting Climate Action in the
Middle East, North Africa and South Asia



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Adaptation Project Overview

Supporting the efforts of the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI) in the region by identifying and engaging with relevant institutions and experts to facilitate the implementation of activities and disseminate knowledge outputs that will serve to fill existing subregional knowledge gaps and ultimately facilitate ambitious regional, national and subnational adaptation planning and implementation.

THE NEED

Climate change adaptation knowledge gaps pose significant barriers to successful adaptation actions. The Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI) addresses knowledge barriers that impede the implementation and scaling up of adaptation action in developing country regions. The LAKI is a collaborative effort between the secretariat of the United Nations Climate Change and the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment).



Implementing Actions to Close Adaptation Knowledge Gaps in the MENA



OBJECTIVES

RCC Dubai will support the efforts of LAKI in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and North African sub regions by:

1. Identifying and engaging with relevant institutions and experts to support the organization and implementation of activities that will narrow prioritized adaptation knowledge gaps.

2. Disseminating knowledge outputs to intended knowledge users in the subregion as well as other relevant subregions, to support regional, national and subnational adaptation planning and implementation.

KEY EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- ✓ Relevant **project partners identified**.
- ✓ **Specific outputs and activities**, which can contribute to closing the identified knowledge gap, **defined and implemented**, in consultation with project partners.
- ✓ Adequate **financial and in-kind support is mobilized** to deliver defined outputs and activities which can address the knowledge gaps identified under each thematic area as below:

Thematic Areas

Key adaptation knowledge gaps were identified and prioritized during the LAKI priority setting workshops which took place in the West Asia/Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and North African sub-regions in 2015 and 2017 respectively. The identified knowledge gaps fall under the thematic areas as follows:

GCC sub-region

- Water
- Terrestrial ecosystems
- Marine ecosystems
- Food security
- Health
- Cross-cutting knowledge gaps

North African sub-region

- Agriculture
- Water resources
- Desertification
- Coastal zones



GET INVOLVED

The project offers a number of opportunities for collaborative action. Interested stakeholders can offer support in developing coherence and delivering the outputs of this project. The project seeks to:

- Engage research institutions and academia to close gaps resulting from lack of data or lack of tools and methods
- Catalyse collaboration between new and existing partners to close gaps related to a lack of access to existing or actionable knowledge

To find out more, visit the website <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/nwpstaging/Pages/LAKI.aspx> or scan the code

