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Seventeenth Regional Training Workshop on Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries, 13 – 15 May 2024, City of Kuwait, Kuwait

Agenda

Day 1 – Monday, 13 May 2024	
8:30 – 9:00	<p>Registration</p> <p><i>The meeting will be held at OAPEC Headquarter, 4th Floor</i></p> <p><i>To participate virtually, kindly connect through the following link:</i> https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81832323067?pwd=jsYyJkiAq3Ilgust7bqQQq7DJYP1kD.1</p> <p>Meeting ID: 818 3232 3067</p> <p>Passcode: 555456</p>
9:00 – 9:30	<p>Opening Statements and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Jamal Essa Al-Loughani, Secretary General, OAPEC, Kuwait • Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Director, Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies (ACCCP); Cluster Lead, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA • Mr. Tarek Alkhoury, Regional Coordinator, Climate Action, UNEP/Regional Office for West Asia - online • Mr. Albara Tawfiq, Chair of the Arab Group on Climate Change, Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia • Mr. Mahmoud Fathallah, Director, Department of Environmental and Meteorological Affairs, League of Arab States (LAS) – online <p>Group photo</p> <p>Introduction of participants and overview of agenda</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">- <i>Mr. Tarek Sadek, ACCCP, ESCWA</i></p>
Session I	<p>Current Status of Climate Negotiations</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Albara Tawfiq, Chair of Arab Group, KSA</i></p>
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Overview of main decisions and outcomes of COP 28 and the first global stocktake of the Paris Agreement</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">- <i>Ms. Ayael Alqarni, Arab Group, KSA</i></p>

10:00 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session II	Decisions and progress on Global Goal on Adaptation and Sharm-El-Sheikh Joint Work on Agriculture <i>Moderator: Mr. Taha Amimi, Directorate of Climate Change, Biological Diversity and Green Economy, Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Morocco</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Updates and decisions on adaptation and the new framework of the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) - <i>Ms. Olga Pilifosova, Manager, Adaptation Division, UNFCCC – online</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Sharm El-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security (SSJW) and related outcomes - <i>Mr. Dany El-Obeid, Professor, Faculty of Agriculture, Lebanese University, Lebanon</i>
11:45 – 12:15	Updates from participants on National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)
12:15 – 12:45	Discussion
12:45 – 13:45	<i>Lunch</i>
Session III	Progress on Loss and Damage and Assessment Tools <i>Moderator: Mr. Abdulraqeb Al-Okaishi, Head of Adaptation Department, Ministry of Water and Environment, Yemen</i>
13:45 – 14:15	Updates on matters related to loss and damage including operationalization of the new fund and Santiago Network - <i>Mr. Naser El Sherif, Ministry of Electricity, Water, and Renewable Energy, Kuwait</i>
14:15 – 14:45	Discussion
14:45 – 15:15	Actions to address loss and damage in the Arab region: Case studies on sea level rise and combatting sand and dust storms - <i>Mr. Tarek Sadek, ACCCP, ESCWA</i>
15:15 – 15:45	Country initiatives on combatting sand and dust storms in the Arab region - <i>Mr. Ali Al-Dousari, Senior Research Scientist, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), Kuwait</i> - <i>Highlights from participants on challenges and best practices</i>
15:45 – 16:00	Discussion
Wrap up and end of Day 1	

Day 2 – Tuesday, 14 May 2024	
Session IV	Updates on Climate Finance <i>Moderator: Mr. Mohamed Zmerli, Director of National Climate Change Coordination Unit, Ministry of Environment, Tunisia</i>
9:00 – 9:15	Climate finance needs and flows with a focus on the water sector in the Arab region - <i>Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ACCCP, ESCWA</i>
9:15 – 9:30	Access to climate finance in the Arab region and new GCF regional strategy - <i>Mr. Amgad Elmahdi, Regional Manager-MENA Region, Green Climate Fund (GCF)</i>
9:30 – 9:45	Landscape analysis on financial mechanisms for projects in the Arab region - <i>Mr. Tarek Alkhoury and Ms. El Osta, Portfolio Manager, Climate Action, UNEP</i>
9:45 – 10:15	Arab countries experience in accessing climate finance - <i>Ms. Hanadi Awadalla, Senior Governmental Forests Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Sudan</i> - <i>Ms. Taghareed Anwar El-Goweily, Director of Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session V	Updates on NDCs, Mitigation and Energy-related Priorities for Arab Countries <i>Moderator: Ms. Taghareed Anwar El-Goweily, Director of Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt</i>
11:00 – 11:20	Decisions and outcomes on the next round of NDCs - <i>Mr. Stelios Pesmajoglou, Manager, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC</i>
11:20 – 11:40	Discussion
11:40 – 12:00	Mitigation Work Programme and related outcomes from COP 28 - <i>Mr. Stelios Pesmajoglou, Manager, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Sharing initiatives and progress on renewable energy, net-zero targets and long-term low emissions development strategies in the Arab region - <i>Ms. Tharwat Mokalled, Regional Case Manager (Middle East and North Africa), UNEP International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO)</i> - <i>Mr. Sherif Al-Khayat, Director of the Air Quality Monitoring Department, Kuwait Environment Public Authority, Kuwait</i>
12:30 – 12:45	Discussion
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

Session VI	Updates on Carbon Markets and Article 6 <i>Moderator: Mr. Tarek Sadek, ESCWA</i>
14:00 – 14:30	Updates on Article 6 (Articles 6.2, 6.4 and 6.8) - <i>Mr. Mohamed Haider, Kuwait Oil Company, Kuwait</i>
14:30 – 14:45	Enhancing capacity on Article 6 in the Arab region - <i>Mr. Urwah Khan, UNEP Copenhagen Climate Center (UNEP, CCC), Denmark</i>
14:45 – 15:15	Discussion
15:30 – 16:00	Sharing country experience in carbon markets and implementation of Article 6 - <i>Country representatives</i>
Wrap up and end of Day 2	
Day 3 – Wednesday, 15 May 2024	
Session VII	Updates on Response Measures <i>Moderator: Ms. Alaa Kassem Mohammed Al-Husseini, Department of International Environmental Relations, Ministry of Environment, Iraq</i>
9:00 – 9:30	Updates on the work programme of the Forum on Impact of Implementation of Response Measures and the Katowice Committee of Experts (KCI) - <i>Mr. Mohamad Osama Ramadan, Director of Trade and Environment Department, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Egypt – online</i>
9:30 – 10:00	Priorities of Arab oil exporting countries post COP 28 - <i>Mr. Abdulkarim Ayed, Coordinator of climate change affairs, OAPEC, Kuwait</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
Session VIII	Way Forward to Bonn Climate Change Conference (June 2024) and COP 29 <i>Moderator: Mr. Tarek Sadek, ACCCP, ESCWA</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Panel on priorities for Bonn Conference and COP 29 - <i>Mr. Albara Tawfiq, Chair of Arab Group, KSA</i> - <i>Mr. Bose Indrajit, Researcher, Third World Network, India – online</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Reflection from participants and discussion
12:00 – 12:30	Closing of Workshop
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:15	Closed Meeting for the Arab Group of Negotiators