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The UNESCO Regional Office for Egypt and Sudan is organizing an important webinar that delves deep into the critical interconnections between water stress, migration, and climate challenges within the Arab Region. This session comes at a crucial time, as the region faces escalating water scarcity due to limited rainfall, high temperatures, and intensified demands from agricultural, domestic, and industrial sectors.

The webinar aims to explore the water-migration nexus with a particular focus on recent cases from the Arab Region as both recipients and transit countries for migrants. Participants will engage in discussions around the potential impacts of climate change on displacement, emphasizing the necessity for integrating human mobility within early warning systems and transitioning from immediate relief to long-term resilience. This involves recognizing the right to water as an essential human right for both migrants and host communities.

Further, the webinar will showcase ongoing projects aimed at improving access to water for refugees and host communities, and will work towards developing concrete recommendations and strategic interventions to enhance the management of the water-migration nexus. These efforts are part of a broader initiative to address current challenges and future planning, contributing significantly to the water cooperation program of the League of Arab States. The session is designed not only to raise awareness but also to empower water managers and policymakers with the knowledge and tools needed to anticipate and mitigate water-related crises effectively.

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### **Agenda**

#### Welcoming Remarks

- 2:00-2:05: Dr. Nuria Sanz, Head of Office a.i., UNESCO regional office in Cairo, Welcoming Remarks
- 2:05-2:10: Ambassador Shahira Wehbe, Director of Housing, Water Resources, and Disaster Risk Reduction, Economic Sector, League of Arab States

#### Thematic Presentations:

- 2:10-2:20: Dr. Marcus Wishart – Senior Lead Water Expert for the MENA Region, World Bank - EBB and FLOW: Water in the Shadow of Conflict in the Middle East and North Africa

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- 2:20-2:30: Dr. Lana Goral, Program Coordinator, Climate Action, IOM, Iraq - Climate-Induced Displacement in Iraq
- 2:30-2:40: Mr. Thomas Wilson, Country Representative, Iraq, Norwegian Refugee Council - Water Scarcity, Conflict and Displacement in Iraq 2023 Findings
- 2:40-2:50: Eng. Rawan Iseed, Arab Network for Water Experts - Palestinian Refugee Camps' Water and Sanitation Infrastructure Development Needs Assessment Study
- 2:50-3:00: Dr. Wifag Mahmoud, Member of IHP National Committee of Sudan, Lecturer Nyala University - Internal Displacement and Water Challenges in Port Sudan

### 3:00-3:30 Panel Discussion and Recommendations

- Additional Panelists
  - Dr. Wissam Khalaf Obied, Director General of the National Center for Water resource Management Ministry of Water Resources
  - Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherrfane, Director, Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies, Cluster Leader, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
  - Moderator: Dr. Bisher Imam



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