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Webinar on Projected Climate Change Impacts on Iraq

Tuesday, 26 March 2024

11:00 am – 12:00 pm (Baghdad time)

Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/Projected Climate Change Impacts in Iraq](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/Projected%20Climate%20Change%20Impacts%20in%20Iraq)

Iraq is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change. Climate change impacts water and land resources and threatens water and food security, particularly in vulnerable areas of the country.

Regional climate projections conducted under the Regional Initiative for the Assessment of Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources and Socio-Economic Vulnerability in the Arab Region (RICCAR) find that average temperature in Iraq could increase by over 2 °C in next 20 to 30 years, which is well above the projected global average. Climate change will increase the number of hot days, dry days and impact water availability in Iraq.

The webinar will present the RICCAR climate projections for Iraq under the moderate and business-as-usual climate scenarios used by the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The results offer a scientific basis for informing adaptation measures and mainstreaming climate change considerations in development planning in Iraq.

Agenda

11:00 – 11:10	Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yousif Muayad Yousif, Director, Directorate of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Iraq• Tarek Sadek, Economic Affairs Officer (Water and Climate), Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies, ESCWA
11:10 – 11:20	RICCAR Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carol Chouchani Churfane, Director, Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies, ESCWA
11:20 – 11:40	Climate Change Projections for Iraq <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marlene Tomaszewicz, Sustainable Development Officer (Climate Change and Geospatial Analysis), Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies, ESCWA
11:40 – 11:55	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderated by Tarek Sadek, ESCWA
11:55 – 12:00	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yousif Muayad Yousif, Ministry of Environment, Iraq

The webinar will be conducted in the Arabic and English languages. Simultaneous interpretation will be available via the Zoom link provided above. Please join 5 minutes before the meeting to allow time to complete registration and receive the meeting link. Access to the webinar documentation and recording will be available following the event at www.riccar.org

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