

## **IDBG, UNDP AND RCREEE**

### **COP22 SIDE EVENT: “CARBON SHIFT - ARAB FUTURE ENERGY 2030”**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Arab region hosts the world’s highest levels of solar radiation, a major asset for shifting to a new sustainable energy future. The Arab Renewable Energy Strategy (2013-2030) sets ambitious targets for scaled-up levels of solar, wind and other renewable energy in the overall energy mix. Progress is starting to be registered, as expressed in the new 2016 Arab Future Energy Index report which ranks all countries in the Middle East and North Africa across a set of 30 key indicators, with the top five ranked countries Morocco, Jordan, Egypt, UAE and Palestine for their efforts in scaling up renewable energy. The event will launch AFEX 2016 and present many of its findings, including overview by top performers from IDBG member countries in the region and share lessons on ways to derisk scaled-up investments into low-carbon solutions. UNDP and the Islamic Development Bank Group (IDBG) have recently launched a new global Memorandum of Understanding including a focus on cooperation on issues of sustainable energy.

#### **ORGANIZERS**

Hosted by the Islamic Development Bank Group at the IDBG Pavilion at COP22, and organized by IDBG, the Arab Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Invited speakers include from RCREEE, countries from the Arab region, and participants from academia, practitioners, think tanks and the media. Event will be moderated by UNDP.

#### **LOGISTICS AND FORMAT**

This moderated event will take place over 1 hour. RCREEE will present the findings of AFEX 2016 followed by discussion among panelists on the future of renewable energy transition in the region. The moderator will ask guiding questions on the nexus of sustainable energy and the future of development in the region. This will be followed by an open conversation-style discussion, with questions to the group by the moderator intended for discussion. After 40m discussion, floor will be open for 20m questions with audience and media.

1. Moderator – Welcome and Introduction by UNDP (2 mins)
2. Opening Remarks – Islamic Development Bank Group (5m)
3. Opening Remarks – United Nations Development Programme (5m)
4. AFEX Overview – Dr. Ahmed Badr, RCREEE Executive Director (10m)
5. Panel Discussion – (15m) – 2-3 country representatives from the Arab region
6. Closing Remarks – UNDP (3 mins)

**THIS EVENT WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED WITH A LIVE UPDATED TWITTER FEED FROM THE UNDP ACCOUNT**

#### **CONTACTS**

Abdullateef Bello ([abello@isdb.org](mailto:abello@isdb.org)) IDBG Headquarters, Chief Economist Complex  
Walid Ali ([walid.ali@undp.org](mailto:walid.ali@undp.org)) UNDP Regional Hub for Arab States, Climate Change and DRR Team  
Ahmed Badr, Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Efficiency (RCREEE) ([ahmed.badr@rcreee.org](mailto:ahmed.badr@rcreee.org))