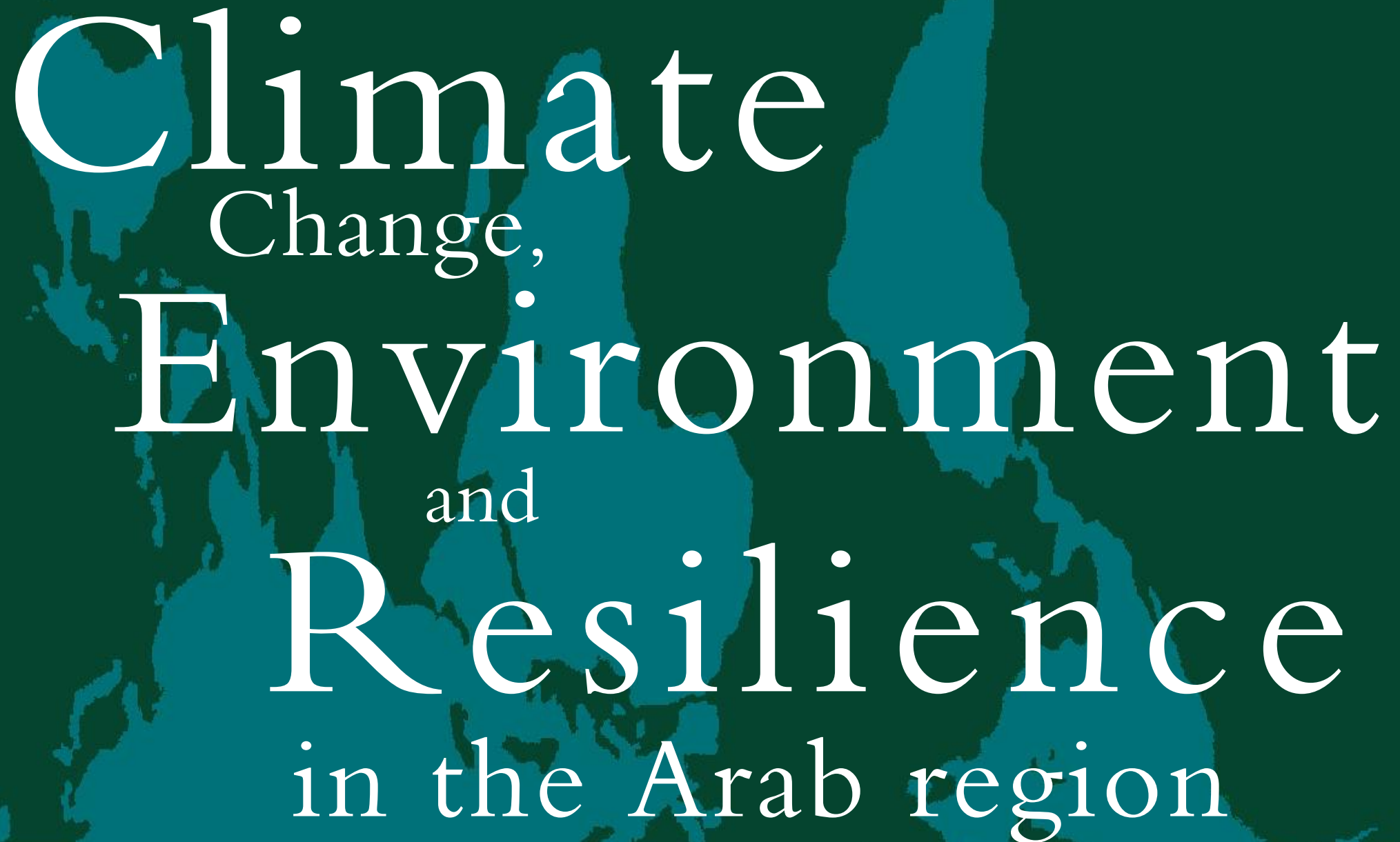


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WELCOME TO COP-2018: “Climate Change, Environment and Resilience”

Dear Participants,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2018 UNDP Community of Practice meeting on Climate Change, Environment and Resilience in the Arab Region. This is the first CoP meeting to be held after passage of the new UNDP Strategic Plan (2018-2021), the new GEF-7 funding cycle (2018-2022), the entry into force of the SDGs and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. The design of the programme has benefited from the suggestions and inputs from all UNDP Country Offices, and seeks to explore issues of climate change and environment within the unique contexts of transformational change and crisis that characterize the Arab region.

The Community of Practice has four broad objectives:

- 1) To learn about the evolving landscape for UN development cooperation;
- 2) To share experiences among countries on successes and challenges in delivering results;
- 3) To better understand programming directions under GEF and GCF and means of scaling up finance and results.

The meeting will be hosted by UNDPs Regional Hub for Arab States and convened from 15-18 October 2018 in Amman, Jordan. We appreciate your contribution to what promises to be an important gathering to review UNDPs country led programming on issues of climate change, sustainable energy, biodiversity and ecosystem services, water resource management, chemical management and other priority issues under the new Strategic Plan.

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DRAFT AGENDA

DAY ONE: 15 October, 2018

I. THE NEW DEVELOPMENT LANDSCAPE

9:00-9:30am	REGISTRATION
9:30-9:45am	WELCOME BY DIRECTOR OF THE UNDP REGIONAL HUB FOR ARAB STATES (Khaled Abdelshafi)
9:45-10:00am	OVERVIEW OF THE AGENDA (Kishan Khoday and Tom Twining-Ward)
10:00-11:00am	SESSION 1) THE NEW UNDP STRATEGIC PLAN, OFFER AND ARCHITECTURE (HQ speaker tbc)
11:00-11:15am	BREAK
11:15-12:00pm	SESSION 2) CLIMATE ACTION FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE (HQ speaker tbc)
12:00-13:30pm	LUNCH
13:30-14:15pm	SESSION 3) CLOSING THE ENERGY GAP (HQ speaker tbc)
14:15-15:00pm	SESSION 4) ECOSYSTEMS AND NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS (HQ speaker tbc)
15:00-15:15am	BREAK
15:15-16:00pm	SESSION 6) SUSTAINABLE USE OF AND ACCESS TO WATER (HQ speaker tbc)

DAY TWO: 16 October, 2018

SUCCESSSES AND CHALLENGES IN ACHIEVING LOCAL RESULTS

09:00-09:45am **SESSION 7) STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING THE ENVIRONMENTAL SDGs** (Presentation/Chair: Adriana Dinu tbc; RTA Presentations)

- Programme Strategies under Vertical Funds and Bilateral Cooperation
- GEF-7 Focal Area Strategies and Impact Programmes
- Performance in the Region and Future Prospects

09:45-10:30am **SESSION 8) RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTERS** (Opening Remarks/Co-Chairs: Keti Chachibaia, Walid Ali)

- UNDP Somalia, Ecosystem Based Adaptation and Drought Response
- UNDP Egypt, Resilience to Coastal Sea-Level Rise
- UNDP Palestine, Climate and Disaster Risks in Protracted Crisis
- Regional – UNDP SDG-Climate Facility initiative

10:30-10:45 BREAK

10:45-11:30am **SESSION 9) CATALYZING LOW-CARBON TRANSITIONS** (Opening Remarks/Chair Saliou Toure)

- UNDP Morocco, NDC Implementation
- UNDP Saudi Arabia, Energy Efficiency Center of Excellence
- UNDP Tunisia, Derisking Renewable Energy Investments

11:30-12:15pm **SESSION 10) ENERGY ACCESS FOR CRISIS RECOVERY** (Opening Remarks/Chair: Stephen Gitonga)

- UNDP Yemen, Solar Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons
- UNDP Lebanon, Energy Needs in Refugee Host Communities
- UNDP Sudan, Sustainable Energy for Returnees of Conflict
- Regional – UNDP Initiative on Energy Access for Displaced Communities

12:15-13:45pm LUNCH

13:45-14:30pm **SESSION 11) SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY, LAND AND ECOSYSTEMS** (Opening Remarks/Co-Chairs: Yves de Soye, Eli Kodsi)

- UNDP Algeria, Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Cultural Parks
- UNDP Jordan, Mainstreaming Biodiversity into the Tourism Sector
- UNDP Lebanon, Sustainable Land Management, Land Degradation Neutrality
- Regional - UNDPs Integrated Drylands Development Initiative

14:30-15:15pm **SESSION 12) SUSTAINABLE USE OF WATER RESOURCES** (Presentation/Chair: Vladimir Mamaev)

- UNDP Iraq, Water Access for Crisis Affected Communities
- UNDP Syria, Rehabilitation of Water Supplies
- UNDP Saudi Arabia, Integrated Water Resource Management
- Regional - UNDPs Nubian Aquifer Transboundary Initiative

15:15-15:30pm BREAK

15:30-16:15pm **SESSION 13) CHEMICALS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT** (Opening Remarks/Chair: Maksim Surkov)

- UNDP Lebanon, Urban Waste Management
- UNDP Syria, Waste Management in Crisis Response
- UNDP Egypt, POPs in the Health Sector

DAY THREE: 17 October, 2018

III. SCALING UP FINANCE AND INNOVATION

- 09:00-10:00am **SESSION 14) DEMYSTIFYING THE GCF: PROSPECTS & CHALLENGES** (Presentation: Pradeep Kurukulasuriya tbc, Tom Twining Ward)
- GCF Theory of Change and Investment Criteria
 - GCF Pipeline and Project Development Process
 - Distinctions between GEF/GCF projects, Lessons Learned

- 10:00-11:00am **SESSION 15) THE INNOVATION IMPERATIVE: ENHANCING OUTCOMES AND RESULTS** (Presentation: Jennifer Colville)
- UNDP as Innovation Platform
 - Alternative Sources of Green Finance

11:00-11:20am BREAK

IV. MANAGEMENT, COORDINATION AND SYNERGIES

- 11:20-12:00pm **SESSION 16) ONE-UN PARTNERSHIPS FOR SDG ACHIEVEMENT** (Presentation: Kishan Khoday)
- SDG-Climate Facility – UNDP, UNEP, UN-Habitat, UNISDR, WFP, WMO
 - UNDP and UNEP – Green Finance Inquiry in the Arab Region
 - UNDP and ESCWA – Technology and Finance for the Green SDGs
 - UNDP and IRENA – Accelerating Energy Transition in the Arab Region

12:00-13:30pm LUNCH

- 13:30-14:30 **SESSION 17) COUNTRY SUPPORT** (Chair: Edward Christow; Discussants: CO Advisors)
- Integrated Support for SDG Achievement
 - Corporate Planning and M&E

14:30-15:30pm **SESSION 18) CROSS-THEMATIC:** Poverty, Gender, Governance, Recovery (Chair: Justus Okoko; Discussants: Regional Team Leaders)

- Environmental Sustainability for Crisis Prevention and Recovery
- Ecosystems to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion
- Women's Empowerment through Action on Climate Change and the Environment

15:30-15:45pm: BREAK

15:45-16:30pm **SESSION 19) REGIONAL PROGRAMMING:** Overview of UNDPs Regional Programming (Chair: Yakup Beris)

- Climate Change and Environment in the new UNDP Regional Programme (2018-2021)
- New regional cooperation on SDGs, Climate Change, Crisis Response, Governance

DAY FOUR: 18 October, 2018

09:30-10:15am **SESSION 20) KNOWLEDGE AND COMMUNICATION:** (Presentation: Noeman Alsayyed)

- Increasing the Visibility of UNDP Results
- Outreach through Reports, Policy Briefs, Social Media, Media Outreach

10:15-11:30am **SESSION 21) OPERATIONS:** GEF/GCF Project Cycle, Financial Management, Safeguards (Chair: Burcu Dagukurden and Dagmar Pfeiferova)

11:30-11:45am: BREAK

11:45-12:30pm **SESSION 22) CONCLUDING REMARKS AND DISCUSSIONS** (Chairs: Kishan Khoday and Tom Twining-Ward)

12:30-14:00pm LUNCH

14:00-17:30pm **SESSION 23) CLINICS: CO CONSULTATIONS WITH REGIONAL TEAM MEMBERS**

Designated Breakout Rooms for One-On-One Consultations

