

Arab Climate Resilience Initiative IsDB Workshop

9 MAY - DAY 1

09:00 - 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 09:45 Opening Statements

Senior Government Representative, Kingdom of Jordan (5m)

Dr. Walid Abdelwahab, Director, Infrastructure Department, Islamic Development Bank (5m)

Mr. Khaled Abdelshafi, Manager, UNDP Regional Hub for Arab States (5m)

09:45 – 10:15 Keynote Speakers: Regional Energy and Water Trends

Dr. Ahmed Badr, Executive Director, Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (10m)

H.E. Dr. Nasser Saidi, Chairman, Clean Energy Business Council (10m)

H.E. Dr. Hussein Al Atfy, Secretary General, Arab Water Council (10m)

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:30 Session 1: Social-Economic Benefits of Energy & Water Conservation

Moderator: Mr. Chingiz Orujov, Senior Energy Economist, IsDB

- Case study: Energy Efficiency in Buildings by Professor Patrick James, Energy and Climate Change Division, University of Southampton - UK (15m)
 - Expert reflections: Professor AbuBakr Bahaj, Head of the Energy & Climate Change Division (ECCD), University of Southampton - UK (15m)
- 30m discussion

11:30 – 12:30 Session 2: De-Risking Sustainable Energy Investments

Moderator: Mr. Kishan Khoday, UNDP Team Leader in the Arab Region for Climate Change, DRR and Resilience

- Presentation of UNDP-GEF's Derisking Renewable Energy Investment (DREI) Framework, methodology and tool by Mr. Lucas Black, UNDP-GEF Regional Team Leader – Europe, CIS and Arab States and Technical Advisor – Energy, Infrastructure, Transport and Technology (EITT) (15m)
 - Case study: Tunisia Solar Plan NAMA, Mr. Imed Fadhel, UNDP Tunisia Country Office (15m)
- 30m discussion

12.30- 14.00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Session 3: Energy Finance in Crisis Contexts

Moderator: Mr. Stephen Gitonga, UNDP Regional Sustainable Energy Specialist

- Case study by Ms. Jihan Seoud, Energy and Environment Team Leader, UNDP Lebanon Country Office (15m)
 - Expert reflections: Ms. Glada Lahn, Senior Research Fellow, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Moving Energy Initiative, Chatham House (15m)
- 30m discussion

15.00-16.00 Session 4: Role of the Private Sector

Moderated by Ms. Ridah Sabouni, Managing Director Middle East & North Africa, Energetics Incorporated

- Case study for hybridizing conventional power plants with Solar PV power presented by Dr. Raed Bkayrat, Vice President Business Development Middle East & Saudi Arabia, First Solar (15m)
 - Expert reflections: CEBC member representative (15m) tbc
- 30m discussion

16:00-16:30 Closing: Wrap-up of Day 1

10 MAY - DAY 2

9:30-10:30 Session 5: Innovations for the Energy-Water Nexus

Moderated by Dr. Bandar Alhoweish, Energy Specialist, IsDB

- Case study – Sahara Forest Project (Qatar) by Mr. Joakim Hauge, Chief Executive Officer of the Sahara Forest Project (15m)
 - Expert reflections: Mr. Karim Elgendy, Founder and coordinator of Carboun (15m)
- 30m discussion

10:30-11:30 Session 6: Country Presentation: Brief presentation of project proposals in Water and energy conservation

Moderator: Mr. Chingiz Orujov, Senior Energy Economist, IsDB

- Project Presentations (4 x 10 min)
- Expert reflections: (15m)

11:30 – 11:45 Break & Networking

11:45 – 12:30 Session 7: The Green Climate Fund: Scaled-up Climate Finance for Energy And Water Goals

Moderator: Mr. Walid Ali, UNDP Regional Climate Change Specialist

- Case study: Mr. Lucas Black, UNDP-GEF Regional Team Leader – Europe, CIS and Arab States and Technical Advisor – Energy, Infrastructure, Transport and Technology (EITT) (15m)
- 30m discussion

12:30 – 13:00 Closing and Way Forward

Mr. Kishan Khoday, UNDP - Mr. Chingiz Orujov, IsDB - Ms. Ridah Sabouni CEBC