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Mashreq Waters Knowledge Series
Workshop on Economic Implications of Climate Change and Water Scarcity in the Mashreq Region
1-3 December 2020

AGENDA

Tuesday, 1 December 2020

13:30 – 14:00 **Online Check-in**

The meeting will be conducted online. A dedicated web link will be provided to nominated participants and speakers prior to the meeting. It is recommended to test your audio and video connections and interpretation settings with the meeting organizers 15-30 minutes prior to the opening session.

Opening Session and Introduction

Moderator: Ms. Carmen Nonay, Practice Manager, Water MENA Region, The World Bank

14:00 – 14:30 **Opening Statements**

- Mr. Saroj Kumar Jha, Regional Director, Middle East Department, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria, The World Bank
- Ms. Rola Dashti, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
- H.E. Mr. Raymond Ghajar, Minister of Energy and Water, Lebanon

14:30 – 14:45 Tour de Table

14:45 – 15:00 Review of Workshop Objectives and Agenda

- *Mr. Anders Jägerskog, Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, Water MENA Region, The World Bank*

Session I Economic Impacts of Climate Change and Water Scarcity: An Assessment

Moderator: Ms. Amal Talbi, Lead Water Resources Management Specialist, Water MENA Region, The World Bank

15:00 – 15:15 Economic Impacts of Climate Change and Water Scarcity in the Middle East: Policy Implications for Water Security

- *Mr. Aaron Wolf, Professor, Oregon State University and Mr. Edoardo Borgomeo, Water Resources Management Specialist, Global Solutions Water, The World Bank*

15:15 – 15:30	Overview of the Economic Impact Assessment Methodology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Esha Zaveri, Water Economist, Global Solutions Water, The World Bank</i>
15:30 – 15:45	Review of Key Economic Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Farzad Taheripour, Research Associate Professor, Purdue University</i>
15:45 – 16:15	Discussion
16:15 – 16:30	Break

Session II	Assessing Climate Change Implications for Agriculture and Finance
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Moderator:	Mr. Ziad Khayat, Project Coordinator, IWRM for Improved Water Security, Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability Cluster (CCNRSC), ESCWA
16:30 – 16:50	Modelling Climate Change Impacts on Agricultural Productivity: Selected Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Ihab Jnad, Director, Water Resources Department, Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Drylands (ACSAD)</i>
16:50 – 17:00	Discussion
17:00 – 17:15	International Financial Flows for Climate Change Adaptation in the Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, CCNRSC, ESCWA</i>
17:15 – 17:30	Financing Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary Basins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Hanna Plotnykova, Environment Affairs Officer, Secretariat of the Water Convention, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)</i>
17:30 – 17:45	Discussion
17:45 – 18:00	Wrap Up and Looking Ahead

Wednesday, 2 December 2020

Session III	Interactive Segments
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This interactive session is an opportunity for participants to explore in greater depth topics discussed on day 1 and to engage with the experts

Moderator:	Mr. Ziad Khayat, ESCWA
14:00 – 14:45	Q&A: Modelling Climate Change Impacts on Agricultural Productivity using RICCAR datasets and AquaCrop tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, CCNRSC, ESCWA</i> • <i>Mr. Ihab Jnad, ACSAD</i> • <i>Ms. Julie Abou Arab, Associate Coordination Officer, CCNRSC, ESCWA</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Break
15:00 – 15:45	Q&A: Economic Impacts of Climate Change on Water Scarcity in the Middle East <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Esha Zaveri, The World Bank</i> • <i>Mr. Farzad Taheripour, Purdue University</i>

15:45 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 16:30	Accessing the RICCAR Knowledge Hub and Data Portal: Demonstration and Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Marlene Tomasziewicz, Regional Advisor for Geographic Information Systems for Climate Change Analysis, ESCWA</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Accessing the Mashreq Water Resources Portal: Demonstration and Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Nagaraja Rao Harshadeep, Global Lead, Environment, Natural Resources and Blue Economy Global Practice, The World Bank</i>
17:00 – 18:00	Open Discussion

Thursday, 3 December 2020

Session IV Perspectives from the Region

Moderator: Ms. Roula Majdalani, Cluster Leader, CCNRS; Director, Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies, ESCWA

14:00 – 14:15 Summary of Day 1 and Day 2

- *Mr. Anders Jägerskog, The World Bank*

14:15 – 15:15 Panel Discussion: Views from the Region

- Representative from Lebanon
- Representative from Iraq
- Representative from Jordan

Discussion

- Representative from Syrian Arab Republic
- Representative from Turkey
- Representative from Iran (tbc)

Discussion

15:15 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 16:30 Roundtable discussion: Formulating a roadmap for follow-up

- *Facilitated by Ms. Amal Talbi, The World Bank*

Session V Closing Reflections

Moderator: Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA

16:30 – 16:45 Summary of Key Conclusions

- *Facilitated by Mr. Anders Jägerskog, The World Bank*

16:45 – 17:15 **Closing Remarks**

- Ms. Jennifer Sara, Global Director, Water Global Practice, The World Bank
- Ms. Roula Majdalani, ESCWA