



**SDG-CLIMATE
FACILITY**

Human Security in the Arab States



**SDG CLIMATE FACILITY: CLIMATE ACTION
FOR HUMAN SECURITY IN THE ARAB REGION**



With financial support from the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), the SDG-Climate Facility is a multi-partner platform focusing on the impacts of climate change on human security in the Arab region, especially in the context of countries in crisis.

It brings the UN Development Programme (UNDP) together with the League of Arab States (LAS), the Arab Water Council (AWC), the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the UN Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI), the UN Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat) and the World Food Programme (WFP) to deliver climate-oriented solutions that address climate challenges, and to bring co-benefits across the SDGs.

In doing so, it aims to scale up access to and delivery of climate finance, including through innovative partnerships with the private sector.



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CLIMATE RESILIENCE IS KEY TO ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARAB REGION

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction highlight that for development to be sustainable, it must be resilient to growing risks from climate change, natural disasters, and other socio-economic shocks. This is of critical importance in the Arab region which is already the world's most water-scarce and food-import dependent region. The increasing impacts from climate change are creating even greater forms and magnitude of vulnerabilities.

While climate change poses a significant threat to the future of development in the Arab region, it also presents an opportunity to innovate and transition to a more resilient future in line with the vision set forth in national policies and the 2030 Agenda.



the renewable energy share
in the overall installed
capacity is on the verge of

6%
in the Arab region



urban population is
expected to increase by

75%
by 2050 in the
Arab region



water scarcity is
expected to impact

**80-100
million**

people in the Arab
region by 2025



only 2.1%

of the world's average
annual precipitation
falls in the Arab region



Arab states are home to

53%

of the refugee
population worldwide



2-5° C

temperatures are
rising faster than the
world average in the
Arab region



24 million

40% of the 60 million
displaced globally come
from the Arab region



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The fallout from the assault on our planet is impeding our efforts to eliminate poverty and food insecurity. [...] 70% of the most climate vulnerable countries are also those who are also among the most politically and economically fragile.

United Nations Secretary-General
Antonio Guterres
Columbia University, Dec 2020



PROMOTING HUMAN SECURITY THROUGH SDGs-CLIMATE NEXUS

Climate change has emerged as a complex development challenge and a growing menace to sustainable growth, social stability and peace and security. This is particularly seen in the Arab region as most of the conflict affected contexts in the region are also some of the world's top climate risk hotspots. The interconnectedness between climate and security is becoming an increasingly important agenda for policy makers in the Arab region and beyond.

By addressing the cross-cutting nature of climate related threats and impacts, climate action can be an important contributing factor to minimizing the threat of crises. When incorporated in post-crisis recovery policies and plans, it can help to build forward better, greener and more inclusive. This is the guiding framework on which the regional "SDG Climate Facility: Climate Action for Human Security" project is built on.






CLIMATE ACTION FOR HUMAN SECURITY IN THE ARAB REGION

THE PROJECT

Through joint actions, the project supports national and regional stakeholders to take effective climate action in a manner that also brings benefits across all SDGs, with tangible dividends for crisis prevention and recovery efforts. To this end, it aims to scale-up local partnerships and finance through diverse networks at regional and country levels.

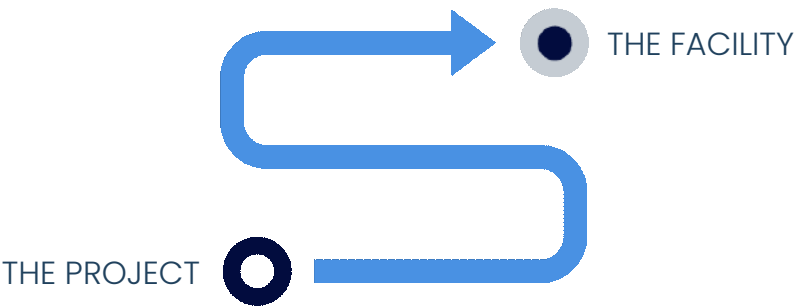
The project facilitates collaboration among national, regional, and international partners, who each brings their comparative advantage to contribute to addressing the SDG–Climate–Security nexus. These collaborative approaches contribute to the three following outcomes:

-  Enhanced knowledge and coordination on climate–security among key stakeholders at the regional level to achieve climate action with co-benefits across the SDGs, and crisis prevention/recovery goals.
-  Enhanced access to analysis, tools and strategies at the regional level to support a climate nexus approach to achieving SDGs, and crisis prevention/recovery goals.
-  Strengthened national and local capacities to integrate climate change considerations into development and crisis prevention/recovery policies, and to scale-up climate finance for local innovative solutions with co-benefits across the SDGs.



THE VISION

Activities supported by the project will ultimately lead to the establishment of an SDG-Climate Facility. The Facility aims to become a partner of choice to provide technical solutions and financing options to address multi-dimensional risks in the Arab States, namely the SDGs-Climate-Security nexus, beyond the life-cycle of the project.



THE FACILITY

The SDG Climate Facility is envisioned to address the SDG-Climate-Security nexus by:



PARTNERS OF THE CLIMATE ACTION FOR HUMAN SECURITY PROJECT

The project is a partnership among leading regional organisations including the League of Arab States (LAS), the Arab Water Council (AWC), and multiple UN partners such as the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the UN Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI), the UN Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat), and the World Food Programme (WFP), who are active in the Arab States region.





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