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**United Nations Development Programme Regional Bureau for Arab States
Arab Climate Resilience Initiative Workshop on**

**Climate Change Negotiations and Climate Finance: Opportunities and
Challenges for the Arab States**

**Collegium Leoninum
Bonn, Germany
16 – 17 June 2013**

Background

As part of ongoing efforts towards low carbon growth and climate resilience in the Arab region, the Regional Bureau for Arab States of the United Nations Development Programme launched the Arab Climate Resilience Initiative (ACRI) to support countries in formulating integrated, cross-sectoral and regional responses to the challenges of climate change. Based on priority areas identified through broad regional consultations, the programme aims to facilitate cooperative solutions that address a myriad of climate-related environmental, economic, and social impacts, whilst furthering gains in human development in the Arab countries.

With their leadership in the UNFCCC negotiations in 2012, the Arab countries are continuing to build their capacity to advance national and regional objectives on climate change. Furthermore, in the changing landscape of climate finance and investment, countries have expressed an interest in furthering their knowledge of and access to different climate finance modalities. This is especially relevant as countries prepare for climate finance delivered through the emerging Green Climate Fund.

Concept

ACRI will work to support countries of the region by facilitating a workshop after the conclusion of the June Climate Change Conference in Bonn. By gathering Arab country negotiators to share information and experiences, the workshop aims to build on their leadership thus far on the major issues toward COP 19/CMP 9, as well as share regional experiences in accessing, managing and delivering climate finance.

The workshop will occur over two days, the first day focusing on the major issues of the UNFCCC negotiations and the second day on funding modalities. Discussions will occur at the regional level, as well as within smaller, country groups. Experience and expertise from countries will be emphasized, along with support from partners such as technical experts, the UNFCCC and others. Throughout the workshop, ACRI will continue its efforts to connect stakeholders to knowledge and partnerships that will support the achievement of climate change objectives in the Arab region.

SUNDAY, 16 JUNE

OPENING SESSION

- 10:30 – 11:00 **Registration of Participants**
- 11:00 – 11:15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- H.E. Mr. Khalid Al-Khater**, Ambassador at Large for Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar
- Kishan Khoday**, Environment & Energy Practice Leader, UNDP Regional Center in Cairo
- William Agyemang-Bonsu**, Manager, Non-Annex I Support, UNFCCC
- 11:15 – 11:25 **Organization of the Workshop and Review of the Agenda**
- Cassie Flynn**, Climate Change Technical Advisor, UNDP RBAS

MORNING SESSION

- 11:25 – 11:45 **Analysis of the Structure and Main Issues of the UNFCCC Negotiations**
- This session will discuss the structures and main issues under UNFCCC negotiations on mitigation, adaptation, technology and capacity building.*
- Cassie Flynn**, Climate Change Technical Advisor, UNDP RBAS
- Chad Carpenter**, Climate Change Technical Advisor, UNDP RBAS
- 11:45 – 12:05 **Review of the Implementation of the Economic Diversification Initiative**
- This session will focus on the submissions made toward the implementation of the Economic Diversification Initiative.*
- William Agyemang-Bonsu**, Manager, Non-Annex I Support, UNFCCC
- 12:05 – 1:00 **Country discussants and group dialogue**

1:00 – 2:00

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 2:00 – 2:30 **How the outcomes from Bonn relate to the major issues under negotiation before and since COP 18/CMP 8**
- This presentation will discuss the major political decisions in Bonn under the SBs and ADP.*
- William Agyemang-Bonsu**, Manager, Non-Annex I Support, UNFCCC
- Jennifer Baumwoll**, Research Analyst, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP

- 2:30 – 3:00 **The Road Toward COP 19/CMP 9**
Building on the previous presentation, this session will focus on the emerging large political issues that will be under discussion in the lead up to and at COP 19/CMP 9.
- Cassie Flynn**, Climate Change Technical Advisor, UNDP RBAS
- Chad Carpenter**, Climate Change Technical Advisor, UNDP RBAS
- 3:00 – 3:45 **Country discussants and group dialogue**
- 3:45 – 4:00 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 4:00 – 5:00 **Opportunities and Constraints for Negotiators**
This interactive session will entail a cross-sharing of experiences and skills for effective negotiations in the UNFCCC process.
- Chad Carpenter**, Climate Change Technical Advisor, UNDP RBAS
- 5:00 – 5:15 **Concluding remarks and summary**

MONDAY, 17 JUNE

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome and review of Day Two agenda**
- 10:15 – 10:30 **Introduction to the climate finance landscape**
This session will discuss the growing landscape of sources, agents and channels of climate finance.
- Cassie Flynn**, Climate Change Technical Advisor, UNDP RBAS
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Climate Finance under the UNFCCC: lessons learnt from Fast Start Finance and the Green Climate Fund**
This session will focus on climate finance as it has evolved from the negotiations, lessons learned from the distribution of fast start finance and the development of the Green Climate Fund.
- Chad Carpenter**, Climate Change Technical Advisor, UNDP RBAS
- Marenglen Gjonaj**, Programme Officer, Long-term Finance, UNFCCC
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Questions and Discussion** on both sessions
- 11:30 – 11:45 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:45 – 12:15 **National and Regional Strategies and Opportunities for Climate Finance**
This panel will feature regional and national presentations on past experiences and future strategic and financial opportunities to support actions on climate change.

12:15-1:00 **Country Discussants and group dialogue**

1:00 – 2:00 **LUNCH**

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 - 2:20 **National Climate Funds** (Cassie Flynn, technical advisor)

This session will introduce National Climate Funds and present the six key decisions for designing, establishing and managing funds at the national level.

Cassie Flynn, Climate Change Technical Advisor, UNDP RBAS

2:20-2:35 **Tools and Resources on Climate Finance** (Jenny Baumwoll, UNDP)

This session will introduce publications and web tools that are useful resources for countries to identify sources and modalities for climate actions at the country level.

Jennifer Baumwoll, Research Analyst, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP

2:35 – 2:55 **Interactive Discussion**

2:55 – 3:10 **COFFEE BREAK**

3:10 – 4:30 **Country Group Discussions on Climate Finance Readiness**

Countries will break up into small groups to assess their readiness for climate finance and identify short, medium and long-term needs.

Jennifer Baumwoll, Research Analyst, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP

Cassie Flynn, Climate Change Technical Advisor, UNDP RBAS

4:30 – 5:00 **Country Group Sharing** via posters

5:00 – 5:10 **Concluding Remarks and Summary**