



# GCF Regional Dialogue with Middle East and North Africa

## Agenda

24-28 June 2024  
RABAT, MOROCCO

The View Bouznika Convention Center

Time	Session Title
8:00-9:00	Registration & Networking
9:00-9:30	<p><b>Session 1.1: Plenary – The View Bouznika Convention Center, Room 1</b>  <i>Simultaneous interpretation between English, French and Arabic provided in all sessions throughout the event)</i></p> <p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Dr. Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Morocco</li> <li>• [Virtual] Ms. Mafalda Duarte, Executive Director, GCF</li> </ul>
9:30-10:00	<p><b>Session 1.2: Plenary – Room 1</b>  <b>Stock taking of GCF's engagement in the MENA region and High-Level Perspectives on Climate Finance Needs</b></p> <p>This session will provide an overview of GCF's programming in the region up to date.</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Amgad Elmahdi, MENA Regional Manager, GCF</p>
10:00-10:30	<p><b>Session 1.3: Plenary – Room 1</b>  <b>GCF Updated Strategic Plan and Alignment with the regional priorities.</b></p> <p>The session will present GCF's Update Strategic Plan for 2024-2027, highlighting opportunities for enhanced support to advance climate priorities in the MENA region.</p> <p>Presenter: Ms. Zindela Nonhlanhla, Deputy Director and Head of Programming, GCF</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:45	<p><b>Session 1.4: Plenary – Room 1</b>  <b>Assessing climate finance in vulnerable, fragile and conflict-affected contexts: barriers and opportunities</b></p> <p>This panel discussion will explore and identify effective strategies and collaborative approaches for integrating climate action into responses for forced displacement settings in the MENA region, and particularly in fragile and conflict affected states.</p>

	<p>Moderator: Ms. Zindela Nonhlanhla, Deputy Director and Head of Programming, GCF</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Virtual] Mr. Abdulwahid Arman, Director of Climate Change, Environment Protection Authority of Yemen</li> <li>• Mr. Houssam Chahin, Head of Climate Action Financing Hub, UNHCR</li> <li>• Ms. Masako Ueda, Senior Regional Migration, Environment, Climate Change and Risk Reduction Specialist, IOM</li> <li>• Ms. Souzan Nada, Chairman of Board of Directors, MENA FEM movement</li> <li>• Ms. Sarah Marashi, GCF Accreditation Officer, Middle East Bank -TBC</li> </ul>
11:45-12:30	<p><b>Session 1.5: Plenary – Room 1</b></p> <p><b>Best practices for Effective Implementation of Climate projects in vulnerable, fragile and conflict-affected contexts</b></p> <p>This panel discussion will explore and identify effective modalities and best practices to implement climate projects in vulnerable, fragile and conflict-affected contexts, highlighting the role of GCF in this context.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Amgad Elmahdi, MENA Regional Manager, GCF</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Zindela Nonhlanhla, Deputy Director and Head of Programming, GCF</li> <li>• Mr. Samer Kalbouneh, Director of Projects Department, Palestinian Environment Quality Authority</li> <li>• Ms. Battsetseg Tseren, GCF Key Account Manager, GIZ</li> <li>• Mr. Omar Ali Alrifai, Regional Head of Resilience and Climate MENAEE, WFP</li> <li>• Mr. David Vieira Ferreira Leva, Country Engagement Finance Specialist, NDC Partnership</li> <li>• Mr. Mohamed Al-Hamdi, Senior Land and Water Officer, FAO</li> </ul>
12:30-13:30	Lunch & Networking
13:30-14:15	<p><b>Session 1.6: Plenary – Room 1</b></p> <p><b>Bolstering partnerships with regional stakeholders</b></p> <p>The session will present GCF’s different partnership modalities, going beyond accreditation to discuss the role of co-financiers, executing entities, technical partners, and subnational stakeholders.</p>

	<p>Moderator: Ms. Olena Borysova, Senior Accreditation Specialist, GCF</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Virtual] Mr. Mufleh Alalaween, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation</li> <li>• Mr. Belal Shqarin, Ministry of Environment of Jordan/GCF's NDA of Jordan</li> <li>• Mr. Habib Abubakar, Senior Climate Change Specialist, Islamic Development Bank</li> <li>• Dr. Amgad Elmahdi, MENA Regional Manager, GCF</li> <li>• Ms. Deena Wahba, Associate to the Deputy Minister for International Relations, Ministry of Finance of Egypt</li> </ul>
14:15-15:00	<p><b>Session 1.7: Plenary – Room 1</b> <b>Catalyzing private climate finance</b></p> <p>The session will facilitate a comprehensive discussion between governments and private sector stakeholders on enhancing the flow of climate finance and mobilizing private investments.</p> <p>Moderator and Presenter: Ms. Sarah Djari, Climate Investment Manager, GCF</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Belal Shqarin, Director of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment of Jordan</li> <li>• Dr. Amal Benaissa, Director of Sustainability Advocacy, Bank of Africa</li> <li>• Mr. Nicolas Farhat, Senior Director /WE4F Regional Innovation Hub Manager MENA, Berytech</li> <li>• Ms. Chama Bennani, Sustainability and ESG Director, Mohammed VI Investment Fund</li> </ul>
15:00-15:30	<p>Coffee Break</p>
15:30-16:30	<p><b>Session 1.8: Plenary – Room 1</b> <b>Harnessing synergies and linkages between the UNFCCC technology and finance mechanisms</b></p> <p>This session will discuss the integration of the UNFCCC's Technology Mechanism (TM) with its Financial Mechanism (FM) to empower MENA stakeholders to effectively utilize available technical and financial resources for impactful climate action.</p>

	<p>Moderator and Presenter: Mr. Mohamed Khalil, Lead on Strategic Governmental Relations, GCF</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Valentin Rudloff, Climate Technology Specialist, UN Climate Technology Centre &amp; Network (CTCN)</li><li>• [Virtual] Mr. Dietram Oppelt, Co-Chair, Technology Executive Committee</li><li>• Mr. Hayder Yousif Ibrahim, Ministry of Environment of Iraq</li></ul>
16:30-17:15	<p><b>Session 1.9: Plenary – Room 1</b></p> <p><b>Interactive session: Regional voices on how to strengthen GCF's programming and engagement</b></p> <p>This session will gather feedback on stakeholders' current engagement with GCF. The participants will be invited to discuss the challenges faced in programming with the Fund and their recommendations in enhancing the GCF's support to MENA countries.</p>
19:00-21:00	<p>Reception dinner hosted by the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco at the View Bouznika Convention Center</p>

Time	Session Title
9:00-10:00	<p><b>Session 2.1: Plenary – Room 1</b>  <b>Access modalities: Accreditation and Project-Specific Assessment Approach (PSAA)</b></p> <p>This session will discuss opportunities for strategic partnership with GCF through accreditation and the PSAA pilot framework.</p> <p>Moderator and presenter: Ms. Olena Borysova, Senior Accreditation Specialist, GCF</p> <p>Panelist/Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Yosra Al-Bakkar, Senior Partnership Manager, Pathfinder</li> <li>• Mr. Osama Al-Azzam, Director General, Cities and Villages Development Bank (Jordan)</li> <li>• Ms. Hala Al-Huniti, Head of Projects management and agreements Unit, Cities and Villages Development Bank (Jordan)</li> </ul>
10:00-11:00	<p><b>Session 2.2: Plenary – Room 1</b>  <b>GCF's Support Mechanisms for Project Preparation</b></p> <p>The session will explore key challenges faced by governments, project developers and financiers in preparing high impact climate projects for investment. It will also highlight the GCF's available support for project preparation through its Readiness Programme and Project Preparation Facility (PPF).</p> <p>Moderator and presenter: Mr. Nazeem Wasti, Project Preparation Facility and Technical Assistance Specialist, GCF</p> <p>Presenter: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, Regional Analyst for MENA, GCF</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Meryem Andaloussi, Head of Environment Service, Agency for Agricultural Development of Morocco</li> <li>• Ms. Safae Ouabbou, Project Management Support – Senior Officer, UNOPS</li> <li>• Ms. Krystle Cooper, Jordan Deputy Country Representative, GGGI</li> </ul>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break

11:30-12:30	<p><b>Session 2.3: Plenary – Room 1</b>  <b>"Climate Rationale": Successfully Describing the Climate Change Context and Impact Potential of a Project</b></p> <p>The session will provide guidance to GCF stakeholders on how to clearly describe the climate change rationale and impact potential of their mitigation and adaptation projects.</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Samuel Partey, Climate Impact Specialist, GCF</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch & Networking
13:30-14:00	<p><b>Session 2.4: Plenary – Room 1</b>  <b>GCF's Simplified Approval Process (SAP) and Fast-Tracking Access to Finance for Early Warning Systems</b></p> <p>This session will discuss GCF's Simplified Approval Process (SAP), a modality to enable simplified and rapid access to GCF climate financing for small-scale projects with low environmental and social risks. The session will also present the Fast-Tracking mechanism for Climate Information and Early Warning Systems (EWS) projects.</p>
14:00-14:45	<p><b>Session 2.5: Plenary – Room 1</b>  <b>Forging Transformative Project Concepts for Climate Action: Water</b></p> <p>The session will present GCF's priorities in the water sector. A project developer will be invited to present their project idea and will receive feedback from GCF experts. The panel will simulate the GCF's interdivisional review covering aspects such as technical soundness, economic efficiency and efficacy, and monitoring.</p> <p>Presenter: [Virtual] Mr. Abdulwahid Arman, Director of Climate Change, Ministry of Water and Environment of Yemen</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Amgad Elmahdi, MENA Regional Manager, GCF</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Samuel Partey, Climate Impact Specialist, GCF</li> <li>• Mr. Kyung Chul Lee, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, GCF</li> <li>• Ms. Sarah Djari, Climate Investment Manager, GCF</li> </ul>

14:45-15:30	<p><b>Session 2.6: Plenary – Room 1</b>  <b>Forging Transformative Project Concepts for Climate Action: Energy Transition</b></p> <p>The session will assist National Designated Authorities (NDAs) and Accredited Entities (AEs) in identifying paradigm shifting investment opportunities in the energy sector in the MENA region. The session will include a panel of GCF stakeholders who will share the challenges and lessons learned from their project prioritization process.</p> <p>Presenter and Moderator: Mr. Anurag Mishra, Senior Renewable Energy Specialist</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Boutaina Benchekroun, Climate Finance Manager, Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy – MASEN</li> <li>• Mr. Rafik Feki, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO</li> </ul>
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-16:45	<p><b>Session 2.7: Plenary – Room 1</b>  <b>Forging Transformative Project Concepts for Climate Action: Agriculture and Food Security</b></p> <p>The session will present GCF’s priorities in agriculture and food security and identify investment opportunities for investment. AEs which have developed and implemented projects within the region will be invited to present their experiences and lessons learned. The GCF panel and FAO will discuss what is a good agriculture project from different aspects such as climate rationale, mobilizing private investment, and implementation.</p> <p>Moderator and Presenter: Mr. Marc Dumas-Johansen, Agriculture and Food Security Specialist, GCF</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Rachel Silbert, Climate Finance Officer, FAO</li> <li>• Ms. Meryem Andaloussi, Head of Environment Service, Agency for Agricultural Development of Morocco- <i>TBC</i></li> </ul> <p>Panelists -<i>TBC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Samuel Partey, Climate Impact Specialist, GCF</li> <li>• Mr. Kyung Chul Lee, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, GCF</li> <li>• Ms. Sarah Djari, Climate Investment Manager, GCF</li> </ul>



16:45-17:30

## Session 2.8: Plenary – Room 1

### Forging Transformative Project Concepts for Climate Action: Private Sector Initiatives

The session will provide insights on GCF's approach to private sector projects highlighting innovative solutions and presenting the key elements against which projects are screened and assessed.

Moderator and Presenter: Ms. Sarah Djari, Climate Investment Manager, GCF

Presenter: Mr. Tamer El-Raghy, Managing Director, Acumen Resilient Agriculture Fund (ARAF)

#### Panelists:

- Mr. Samuel Partey, Climate Impact Specialist, GCF
- Mr. Marc Dumas-Johansen, Agriculture and Food Security Specialist, GCF

Time	Session Title		
9:00-9:30	<p><b>Session 3.1: Plenary – Room 1</b>  <b>Integrating Economic and Financial Analysis to Enhance Project Design</b></p> <p>The session will introduce the application of Economic and Financial Analysis within the context of project design and implementation in the MENA region. The session will present the financial instruments and concessional support provided by the GCF, focusing on how these can be strategically utilized in project pipelines.</p> <p>Presenter: Ms. Zhe Yuan, Economic and Financial Specialist, GCF</p>		
9:30-10:30	<p><b>Session 3.2: Plenary – Room 1</b>  <b>GCF's Sustainability and Inclusion Policies - TBC</b></p> <p>This session will provide an overview of the GCF's sustainability and inclusion policies, including the Environmental and Social Policy, the Action Plan for addressing SEAH, the Indigenous People's Policy, the Gender Policy and Action Plan.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Marc Dumas-Johansen, Agriculture and Food Security, GCF</p> <p>Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Virtual] Ms. Bertha Chiudza, GCF Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist, GCF</li> <li>• Ms. Balkissou Buba, Chair of the GCF's Indigenous Peoples Advisory Panel</li> </ul>		
10:30-11:30	<p><b>Session 3.3: Knowledge Café – Coffee Break</b></p>		
11:30 - 12:30	<p><b>Session 3.4.1 Room 1</b>  <b>Approaches to developing a Theory of Change and Logical Framework</b></p> <p>The session will cover the basic principles to develop a Theory of Change and Logical Framework, including the requirements specific to the GCF.</p> <p>Moderator and presenter:            Mr. Kyung Chul Lee,            Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist</p>	<p><b>Session 3.4.2 Room 2</b>  <b>Managing AML/CFT risk, including in countries facing conflict and fragility</b></p> <p>The session will explore best practices and strategies for addressing compliance challenges in countries facing conflict, fragility, and other specific needs.</p> <p>Presenter:            Ms. Christine Lee,            Compliance Officer, GCF</p>	<p><b>Session 3.4.3. Room 3</b>  <b>Enhancing Climate Resilience in the Middle East and North Africa: The Role of National Adaptation Planning</b></p> <p>This session will identify key strategies, challenges, and opportunities in integrating climate adaptation in national planning frameworks.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, GCF</p>

	<p>Presenters – <i>TBC</i></p>		<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Chokri Mezghani, Director General of Sustainable Development, Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment of Tunisia</li> <li>• Mr. Rachid Tahiri, Head of Climate Change and Green Economy Division, Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco</li> <li>• Mr. Shamarke Dubow, Senior Technical Advisor, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of Somalia</li> <li>• Ms. Burcu Dagurkuden, NAP Technical Specialist, UNDP</li> <li>• Ms. Rachel Silbert, Climate Finance Officer, FAO</li> </ul>
12:30-13:30	Lunch & Networking		
13:30 - 14:15	<p><b>Session 3.5.1 Room 1</b> Towards energy efficient buildings in the MENA region</p> <p>This session, delivered with <b>RCREEE</b>, will facilitate dialogue to accelerate investments in energy efficiency projects and share insights and lessons learned from the Mediterranean Sustainable Energy Investment Forum.</p> <p>Sub Session 1 –Panelists (TBC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Jauad El Kharraz,</li> </ul>	<p><b>Session 3.5.2 Room 2</b> Mainstreaming human mobility into National Adaptation Plans to make adaptation action inclusive</p> <p>The session, delivered with <b>IOM</b>, will deliberate on the importance of mainstreaming human mobility (i.e., migration, displacement and planned relocation) into NAP processes through exchanging initiatives, good practices and challenges from the MENA region and beyond.</p>	<p><b>Session 3.5.3 Room 3</b> From a Climate to a Water Security rationale for adaptation</p> <p>This session, delivered with <b>UNESCO and Deltares</b>, will provide insights on how to build a strong water security and climate rationale for adaptation projects using GCF Water Guidelines and will highlight UNESCO’s Climate Risk Informed Decision Analysis (CRIDA) as a practical tool.</p> <p>Moderators and presenters:</p>

	<p>Executive Director, REGREE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Roberta Boniotti, Secretary General, Medener</li> <li>Eng. Fethi Hanchi, Anme, Director General, Tunisia</li> <li>Eng. Mohamed Benyahia, Director General, AMEE Morocco</li> <li>Eng. Rasmi Hamzeh, Director General, JREEEF Jordan</li> </ul> <p>Sub-session 2 –Panelists (TBC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[virtual] Dr. Jalel Chabchoub, Chief Investment Officer, AfDB</li> <li>Dr. Said Mourabit, Economist, IsDB</li> </ul>	<p>Moderator and presenter: Ms. Masako Ueda, Senior Regional Migration, Environment, Climate Change and Risk Reduction Specialist, IOM Regional Office for MENA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Mohamed Khalil, Lead on Strategic Governmental Relations, GCF- TBC</li> <li>Ms. Mahitab Elramal, GCF Focal Point, Ministry of Environment, Egypt</li> <li>Ms. Cerin Kizhakkethottam, Programme Management Officer, UN-HABITAT</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Koen Verbist, Programme Specialist, UNESCO</p> <p>Mr. Ad Jeuken, Expert advisor on climate adaptation, Deltares</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Walid Hakiki, Head of Planning Sector, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt</li> <li>Dr. Mustafa Abdulhadi, GCF Focal Point, Ministry of Environment of Libya</li> <li>Mr. Mohamed Basheer, Senior Environmental Specialist, Supreme Council for Environment</li> </ul>
<p>14:15 - 15:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Manuel Cocco, Energy &amp; Climate Advisor, GIZ Morocco</li> <li>Mr. Mamoun Tahiri-Joutei, Director Bank of Africa, Morocco</li> <li>Mr. Anurag Mishra, Senior Renewable Energy Specialist, GCF</li> </ul>	<p><b>Session 3.5.4 Room 2 Expo: Innovative Solutions for Climate Action</b></p> <p>This session will highlight innovative climate mitigation and adaptation solutions that are ready for scales to meet the countries needs in the MENA region. This session will be sector-agnostic.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Basim Saleh, CEO, Greentech</li> <li>Dr. Omar Elbadawy, Regional Land Resources Program Manager, CEDARE</li> <li>Mr. Yosra Albakkar, Senior Partnership Manager, Pathfinder</li> </ul>	<p><b>Session 3.5.5 Room 3 Programming for Climate Action in Forced Displacement Settings</b></p> <p>This session, delivered with <b>UNHCR</b>, will explore and identify effective strategies and collaborative approaches for integrating climate action into responses for forced displacement settings in the MENA region, and particularly in fragile and conflict affected states.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Houssam Chahin, Head of Climate Action Financing Hub, UNHCR</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Nonhlanhla Zindela, Deputy Director and Head of Programming,</li> </ul>

			<p>GCF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (TBC) Dr. Abdulraqeb Al-okaishi, Head of Climate Change Adaptation, Ministry of water and environment, Yemen</li> <li>• Ms. Niina Johanna Kylliainen, Climate Change Advisor, UNICEF</li> <li>• Salma Kadry, Climate, Peace and Security Specialist, CGIAR</li> </ul>
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break		
15:30-16:15	<p><b>Session 3.6.1 Room 1 High and Dry: Food and Water Security in a Changing Climate</b></p> <p>This session, delivered with <b>CGIAR-ICARDA</b>, will stimulate a discussion on the unique value of engaging CGIAR expertise - and its premier centres operating in MENA region - to derisk agriculture, water and food security from the changing climate.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Vinay Nangia, Research Leader, ICARDA</li> <li>• Ms. Bezaiet Dessalegn, Social Scientist, ICARDA</li> </ul>	<p><b>Session 3.6.2 Room 2 Expo: Innovative Solutions for Climate Action - Continued</b></p> <p>This session will highlight innovative climate mitigation and adaptation solutions that are ready for scales to meet the countries needs in the MENA region. This session will be sector-agnostic.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Moh Kanji, Co-founder, Coin for Change</li> <li>• Mr. Ramy Boujawdeh, COO, Berytech</li> <li>• Dr. Vidhisha Samarasekara, Strategic Program Director, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)</li> <li>• Dr. Marwan Owaygen, Senior Program Specialist, Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC)</li> <li>• Ms. Cerin Kizhakkethottam,</li> </ul>	<p><b>Session 3.6.3 Room 3 Empowering Local Climate Action: Enhancing Support for Direct Access Entities from International Accredited Entities</b></p> <p>This session, delivered with <b>FAO</b>, will explore how IAEs can increase support to DAEs in the MENA region. It will identify challenges, best practices and develop actionable strategies to strengthen DAEs' capacity to access and manage GCF resources.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Rachel Silbert, Climate Finance Officer, FAO</p> <p>Panelists – <i>TBC</i></p>
16:15-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Michael Baum, Director, CGIAR-ICARDA</li> <li>• Mr. Godefroy Grosjean, Lead, CGIAR Hub for Sustainable Finance</li> <li>• Mr. Isbandiyar Valiyev (moderator), Resource Mobilization Officer, CGIAR-ICARDA</li> <li>• Mr. Marc Dumas-Johansen, Agriculture</li> </ul>		<p><b>Session 3.6.4 Climate Resilient Sanitation Finance - An Annex to the GCF Water Guidelines</b></p> <p>This session, delivered with <b>CRS Coalition</b>, will showcase how known sanitation practices (e.g., fecal sludge management)</p>

	<p>and Food Security Specialist, GCF</p>	<p>Programme Management Officer for Climate Change, UN-HABITAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Josien Slujis, Managing Director, Aqua for All Foundation</li> </ul> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Samer Kalbouneh, Director of Projects Department, Environment Quality Authority, State of Palestine</li> <li>(TBC) Mr. Rachid Tahiri, Head of Climate Change and Green Economy Division, Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco</li> <li>(TBC) Ms. Hala Mounajjed, Head of Air Quality Department and UNFCCC Focal Point, Ministry of Environment, Lebanon</li> </ul>	<p>serve as climate solutions, highlighting the link between sanitation and the climate crisis and introducing the GCF Water Guidelines Annex on Climate Resilient Finance.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Bisi Agberemi, WASH Specialist, UNICEF</li> <li>Ms. Fiona Ward, WASH Specialist, UNICEF</li> </ul> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Nonhlanhla Zindela, Deputy Director and Head of Programming, GCF</li> <li>Mr. Belal Shqarin; Director of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment Jordan</li> <li>(TBC) [Virtual] Mr. Jassim Abdulaziz Humadi Almohamadi, Technical Deputy, the Ministry of Environment Iraq</li> </ul>
<p>17:00-17:15</p>	<p><b>Session 3.7: Plenary – Room 1</b>  <b>Closing Remarks: Reflections on the Regional Dialogue and Ways forward</b></p>		
<p>19:00-21:00</p>	<p>Reception dinner hosted by the GCF at the View Bouznika hotel</p>		

Time	Session Title		
9:00-10:00	<p><b>Session 4.1.1 Room 1</b>  <b>Preparing Evidence-Based Project Pipelines for Mobilizing Climate Finance for Water</b></p> <p>The roundtable organized by <b>ESCWA, LAS, IsDB, FAO, GCF and Sweden</b> will provide an overview of climate finance flows to the water sector in the Arab Region and regional knowledge resources. Panel discussions with senior officials will then share lessons learned from coordinating and preparing climate resilient water projects at the national and regional levels.</p>	<p><b>Session 4.2 Room 2</b>  <b>Concept Note Writeshop</b></p> <p>This writeshop will train DAEs, NDAs and other project developers to prepare concept notes aligned with GCF requirements. It will cover the following aspects: climate context and baseline, project description, theory of change, ESS and gender, investment criteria, and economic and financial analysis.</p>	<p><b>Session 4.3.1 Room 3</b>  <b>GCF's Evaluation Policy</b></p> <p>This workshop will cover requirements outlined in the GCF's Evaluation Policy and Evaluation Guidelines. Insights from the Independent Evaluation Unit's 2023 evaluation capacity needs assessment will also be shared.</p>
10:00 – 10:30			<p><b>Session 4.3.2 Room 3</b>  <b>GCF's Independent Redress Mechanism and Seeking Remedy from GCF projects</b></p> <p>This session will present the role of the GCF's redress mechanism and clarify the approaches to remedy in GCF-financed projects</p> <p>Presenter: [Virtual] Paco Gimenez-Salinas, Compliance and Dispute Resolution Specialist, GCF</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00-12:30	<p><b>Session 4.1.2 Room 1</b>  <b>Water Project Design</b></p>	<p><b>Session 4.2 - continued</b>  <b>Concept Note Writeshop</b></p>	<p><b>Session 4.3.3 Room 3</b>  <b>Peace Positive Programming in GCF Projects for MENA</b></p> <p>This workshop, delivered by CGIAR, aims to enhance the implementation of peace-positive programming within climate adaptation and cross-cutting projects across the MENA region, focusing on integrating conflict sensitivity into the GCF project cycle.</p>

# DAY 4

27 June 2024 – Thursday



			<p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Martina Jaskolski, Climate, Peace, and Security Policy Scientist, CGIAR</li> <li>• Mr. Cesare Scartozzi, Postdoctoral fellow, CGIAR</li> </ul>
12:30-13:30	Lunch & Networking		
13:30-15:30	<p>Session 4.1.2 – continued. Water Project Design</p>	<p>Session 4.2 - continued Concept Note Writeshop</p>	<p>Session 4.3.4 Room 3 GCF Integrity Policy Framework and Obligations of Counterparties</p> <p>This workshop will provide stakeholders with a comprehensive understanding of the GCF integrity policy framework, and their responsibilities under GCF integrity policies and obligations under AMA.</p> <p>Presenter: Ms. Bayartsetseg Jigmiddash, Outreach &amp; Engagement Manager, IIU - GCF</p>
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break		
16:00-17:30	<p>Session 4.1.2 - continued Water Project Design</p>	<p>Session 4.2 - continued Concept Note Writeshop</p>	



# DAY 5

28 June 2024 – Friday



Time	Session Title		
9:00-10:30	Session 5.1 Room 1 Water Project Design Training - continued	Session 5.2 Room 2 Concept Note Writeshop – continued	Session 5.3 Room 3 Focus Group Discussion on GCF’s Health, Well-being, Food and Water Security Result Area  This focus group aims to collect stakeholders’ inputs about the current approach to measuring and reporting results for projects benefiting Health, Well-being, Food and Water Security.
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00-12:30	Session 5.1 Room 1 Water Project Design Training – continued	Session 5.2 Room 2 Concept Note Writeshop – continued	
12:30-13:30	Lunch & Networking		
13:30-15:30	Session 5.1 Room 1 Water Project Design Training – continued	Session 5.4 Room 2 Concept Note Drop-In Clinic  Participants will be able to request 1:1 support from GCF sectoral, quality assurance, and EFA, specialists on their project ideas, concept notes or funding proposals.	
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break		
16:00-17:00	Session 5.4 Room 1 Venue   Interpretation Concept Note Drop-In Clinic – continued		