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Inception Workshop for the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) of the UAE

17th & 18th May 2023

Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAE), Zayed University (Dubai Campus), Dubai.

As one of the first countries in the MENA region to ratify the Paris Agreement, the UAE has sent a strong signal to the global community of its firm commitment to climate action, underscored by an ambitious set of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Subsequently, the UAE has undertaken a number of key initiatives to address the challenges of climate change in laying the groundwork for leadership in climate change and green growth. Having set such a positive and robust example of planning and initiating climate action since 2009—as reported by the National Communications to the UNFCCC to date—the UAE envisions that the development and launch of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) will serve as the next critical milestone in demonstrating its climate leadership. With the UAE’s hosting of COP 28 in November-December 2023, and the first Global Stocktake taking place, there is a significant opportunity for the UAE to demonstrate the progress it has made thus far in areas such as adaptation technology and climate finance, as well as showcase how its NAP will take the recommendations of the NDCs in the area of adaptation and turn them into actions that safeguard UAE’s society and economy against future climate impacts. To initiate the NAP development process, the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAE), together with the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI, a treaty-based international, inter-governmental organization), are conducting an “Inception Workshop for the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) of the UAE” Wednesday 17th, and Thursday 18th May 2023 at Zayed University (Dubai Campus), Dubai.

Objectives:

- Present the key takeaways from prior consultations across sectors and actors, as well as identify and establish the NAP stakeholders and their pivotal role towards developing a robust NAP.
- Discuss, validate, and establish a shared “NAP Vision” across UAE’s key stakeholders.
- Identify the “what, who and how” of the NAP: Validating what the scope of the NAP should be, who should be involved and how it should be developed.
- Identify additional priority sectors for inclusion in the NAP’s Vulnerability and Risk Assessments.

Day 1: Introducing the NAP: Rationale, Process, and the Associated Challenges and Opportunities		
Session	Time	Topic
Registration	09.30 am–10.00 am	
Part 1: What is a NAP Process? Why is a NAP Needed?		
Opening Session	10.00 am-10.30 am	Welcome Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undersecretary, Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAE) • GGGI, Director of the Office of Director General • COP 28 Secretariat Representative: Why adaptation is a priority for the UAE at COP 28 Group Photo
Call to Order	10.30 am-10.35 am	Workshop Agenda: A Walkthrough
Session-1	10.35 am-11.00 am	Imperatives of Climate Adaptation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
Session-2	11.00 am-11.30 am	Introduction to Climate Adaptation in the UAE: Challenges, Opportunities and Way Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UAE Climate Change Research Group (UCCRN)
Break	11.30 am-11.45 am	
Session-3	11.45 am-12.15 pm	Introduction to National Adaptation Planning, Rationale, and Key Components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GGGI
Session-4	12.15 pm-12.30 pm	Understanding the NAP: Results of Consultations and Surveys of the Pre-NAP Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GGGI
	12.30 pm-01.00 pm	Q & A
Lunch	01.00 pm-02.00 pm	-
Part 2: Who are the NAP Stakeholders?		
Session-5 (Note: Guide Questions to be Shared by GGGI)	02.00 pm-03.30 pm	Stakeholder Mapping Exercise for the Development of the UAE NAP (Representatives from Government, Business/Private, Civil Society mixed groups)
Break	03.30 pm-3.45 pm	
Panel Discussion (Moderator-GGGI):		
Session-6 (Breakout Session /Group Exercise)	03.45 pm-05.00 pm	The UAE’s Climate Institutional Arrangement and Policy Frameworks (Panel) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAE)

		Sub-National Climate Actors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private/Business • Academia and Research • Civil Society
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Day 2: Visioning the development of NAP in the UAE		
Session	Time	Topic
Registration	09.30 am–10.00 am	
Part 3: The “How” Developing a Robust UAE NAP: Strengthening Vulnerable Sectors and Communities' Response to Climate Change Impacts		
Session-7	10.00 am-11.00 am	Framing: Connecting the Who and the What: Vulnerability and Risk / NAP Delivery Timeline (Presentations and Q&A) UAE Climate Change Research Network & GGGI
Break	11.00 am -11.15am	
Session-8 (Group work)	11.15 am–01.00 pm	Climate Vulnerable Sectors Validated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified Priority Sectors (5 Sectors) • Identification of 3 Additional Sectors • Prioritization
Lunch	01.00 pm-02.00 pm	-
Part 4: Vision Consolidation		
Session-9	02.00 pm–02.30 pm	Recap of Workshop Elements – Report back from Previous Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 1- What • Part 2- Who • Part 3 - How
Session-10	02.30 pm–03.30 pm	Framing the Vision Statement
Break	03.00 pm-03.15 pm	
Session-11	03.15 pm-03.45 pm	Wrap-Up and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GGGI
Closing Session	03.45 pm–04.15 pm	Concluding Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director- Climate Change, MOCCA • Adoption of the Vision

You are invited to participate in the workshop and to confirm your participation kindly register in the below link

<https://forms.gle/zn2zSw95cJdSGKKBA>

Sincerely,

Climate Change Team