



## Development of the UAE National Adaptation Plan (NAP): Inception Workshop

*Date: 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023*

*Venue: Zayed University, Dubai Campus, P.O. Box 19282. Dubai, United Arab Emirates.*

### **Agenda**

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 commitment to climate action, further underscored by an ambitious set of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Having initiated positive and robust climate planning and action since 2009 as reflected in UAE's National Communications to the UNFCCC, the country is again seeking to set the bar high with the development and adoption of an evidence-based and consultative National Adaptation Plan (NAP). As this year's host to the UNFCCC COP 28 and first Global Stocktake taking place in parallel, UAE's NAP will seek to be an agile and comprehensive document that establishes mechanisms for climate resiliency and adaptation action across Federal government, as well as which caters to the climate risks identified in each of the seven Emirates.

To initiate the NAP development process, the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCA), together with the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI, a treaty-based international, inter-governmental organization) will be conducting a two-day Inception Workshop on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Zayed University (Dubai Campus), Dubai.

### **Overall 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.

### ***Program Schedule:***

<b>Day 1: Introducing the NAP: Rationale, Process, and the Associated Challenges and Opportunities</b>		
<b>Session</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Registration</b>	09.30 am–10.00 am	
<b>Part 1: What is a NAP Process? Why is a NAP Needed?</b>		
<b>Call to Order</b>	10.00 am-10.05 am	Workshop Agenda: A Walkthrough
<b>Opening Session</b>	10.05 am-10.30 am	Welcome Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAIE)</li> <li>- GGGI, Director of the Office of Director General</li> <li>- COP 28 Secretariat Representative: Why adaptation is a priority for the UAE at COP 28</li> </ul>
<b>Session-1</b>	10.30 am-11.00 am	Introduction to Climate Science and Climate Adaptation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)</li> </ul>
<b>Session-2</b>	11.00 am-11.30 am	Introduction to Climate Adaptation in the UAE: Challenges, Opportunities and Way Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UAE Climate Change Research Group (UCCRN)</li> <li>- Group Photo</li> </ul>
<b>Break</b>	11.30 am-11.45 am	
<b>Session-3</b>	11.45 am-12.15 pm	Introduction to National Adaptation Planning, Rationale, and Key Components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GGGI</li> </ul>
<b>Session-4</b>	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"> <li>- GGGI</li> </ul>
	12.30 pm-01.00 pm	Q & A
<b>Lunch</b>	01.00 pm-02.00 pm	-
<b>Part 2: Who are the NAP Stakeholders?</b>		
<b>Session-5</b> <i>(Note: Guide Questions to be Shared by GGGI)</i>	02.00 pm-03.30 pm	Stakeholder Mapping Exercise and Designation of the Key Stakeholders of the NAP  (Representatives from Government, Business/Private, Civil Society mixed groups)
<b>Break</b>	03.30 pm-3.45 pm	
<b>Panel Discussion (Moderator-GGGI):</b>		
<b>Session-6</b> <i>(Breakout Session /Group Exercise)</i>	03.45 pm-05.00 pm	The UAE's Climate Institutional Arrangement and Policy Frameworks (Panel) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAIE)</li> <li>- Sub-National Climate Actors</li> <li>- Private/Business</li> <li>- Academia and Research</li> <li>- Civil Society</li> </ul>

**Day 2: Visioning the development of NAP in the UAE**

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

\*\*\* Results from discussions collated by NAP Secretariat

\*\*Submission of Results to Minister Level Officials for Approval in an Online or In-person session