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NDCs 3.0 Regional Forum for Middle East and North Africa Pathways to Progress: Crafting Ambitious and Implementable NDCs

Date/Location:

- To take place from 23 to 25 September
- In Tunis, Tunisia

Hosted by: Government of Tunisia

Organizers: UNEP, UNDP, NDC Partnership, UN ESCWA in cooperation with UNFCCC Secretariat

Co-Organizers: UNEP-convened Climate and Clean Air Coalition, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub

Background:

The Emissions Gap Report 2023 highlights record-breaking temperatures and warns that current pledges under the Paris Agreement could lead to a 2.5-2.9°C temperature rise above pre-industrial levels this century, emphasizing the urgent need for



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increased climate action. As per the 2023 NDC Synthesis Report, although emissions stabilize post-2030, they fail to decline rapidly enough to meet scientific targets outlined by the IPCC in its sixth Assessment Report. The IPCC emphasizes that global greenhouse gas emissions must decrease by 43% by 2030 and 60% by 2035 relative to 2019 levels to align with pathways limiting global warming to 1.5°C. The rapid and targeted reduction of methane and other short-lived non-CO2 pollutant emissions plays a critical role, complementing deep decarbonisation efforts. Only a dual track will enable us to curb the global warming curve fast enough. Cuts in short-lived non-CO2 pollutants, due to their high global warming potential and shorter lifetime in the atmosphere, can reduce 0.5 degrees of warming by 2050.

The inaugural Global Stocktake (GST), agreed as part of the UAE consensus, confirms that the Paris Agreement has galvanized near-universal climate action by establishing goals and signaling the urgency of addressing the climate crisis. The GST assesses collective ambition and progress, identifies critical opportunities to accelerate climate action, and informs the revision of NDCs. Despite progress in mitigation, adaptation, and means of implementation and support, Parties are collectively off-track in achieving the Paris Agreement's purpose and long-term goals.

Parties must enhance ambition and inform their next cycle of NDCs (aka NDCs 3.0), due by 2025, to align with the Paris Agreement's objectives. The upcoming NDCs 3.0, represent a pivotal moment for global efforts, serving as blueprints for a sustainable future. They must be implementable, transparent and unlock finance.

Furthermore, informed by the first GST, new NDCs must drive transformational implementation, unlock finance, enhance resilience, and integrate with national planning and development strategies. They should be backed by concrete policy roadmaps, financing plans, and demonstrate how countries will address climate change while seizing opportunities for growth and change across various sectors. Alignment with longer-term objectives, needed sectoral transformations, just transition



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principles, and substantial acceleration of cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, including in methane and other non-CO2 pollutant emissions by 2030, will be essential. The GST also stressed the importance of addressing the climate and biodiversity crises jointly, as conserving, protecting and restoring nature and ecosystems are key towards achieving the Paris Agreement temperature goal.

As countries in the Middle East and North Africa prepare for the next round of NDCs, there's a unique opportunity to elevate climate strategies toward higher ambition, leveraging lessons from previous implementation efforts. The rapid development of renewable energy technologies, energy efficiency solutions, and climate-resilient infrastructure provides MENA countries with new tools to meet their climate goals more effectively and affordably. Additionally, many MENA countries, traditionally dependent on oil and gas revenues, are increasingly recognizing the economic benefits of diversifying their economies. Investing in green technologies and sustainable industries can create jobs, stimulate economic growth, and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. Thus, the new cycle of NDCs with the whole of society approach and economy wide targets will be a window of opportunity. This Forum will explore how COP28 outcomes, particularly the GST decision, can guide national processes to strengthen ambition in future NDC and contribute to sustainable development by addressing climate mitigation and adaptation jointly. Through peer-learning and exchange, countries in the region will discuss best practices, challenges, and opportunities, accelerating the adoption of solutions and innovative financing models. Tools and guidance will be made available to support the inclusion of specific measures and targets into NDC reviews.



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Technical government officials, UN agencies, and partner organizations will collaborate in this Forum to harness collective technical and financial capabilities, supporting countries in crafting their new NDCs effectively. Additionally, the workshop will spotlight regional and international collaboration opportunities, enabling coordinated efforts while considering national circumstances in NDC preparation.

Objectives:

- Discuss how the outcomes of the GST adopted during COP28 can increase ambition in the NDCs 3.0 and LT-LEDS.
- Identify and discuss potential challenges and opportunities and good practices in integrating the outcomes of the GST, The Paris Agreement Ambition Cycle and the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), as well as economy-wide or sector-focused emission reductions, including methane and other short lived non-CO2 pollutants, in the preparation of the NDCs 3.0.
- Discuss support available and needed for NDCs 3.0 preparation.
- Identify and discuss the opportunities for NDCs 3.0 to drive integration with other policies and instruments.
- Show opportunities to use the NDC update to strengthen delivery of the other Rio Conventions, including Biodiversity, Climate Change and Desertification.
- Identify synergies and entry-points for climate finance to support the acceleration of implementation of the NDCs.
- Explore how to ensure NDCs 3.0 unlock finance



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Forum Structure

Day 1: Stocktaking and Lessons Learned

Day 2: Navigating Opportunities and Challenges for NDCs 3.0 - Sectoral Approaches

Day 3: Accelerating Implementation and Tracking Progress on NDCs 3.0

Day 1 – Stock Tacking and Building on Lessons Learned

Date	Time	Speakers
8h00- 9h00	Welcome & Registration of Participants	
9h00 – 9h20	Opening Remarks	<p>Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Jerome Malavelle, Project Manager, NDC Action Project, UNEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zouhour Methammem Hellali, Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of Environment, Tunisia (7 minutes)



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Director, Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies; Cluster Lead, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability, ESCWA (7 minutes)
9h20– 09h40	<p>Setting the Scene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes of the GST and impacts for the next rounds of NDCs • Reflecting on lessons learned internationally from previous round of NDCs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ana Vukoje, Regional Lead, Regional Collaboration Center (RCC) Middle East, North Africa and South Asia
09h40 – 10h25	<p>Panel Discussion: Evaluating Current NDCs – Looking Back to Move Forward (max 4/5 speakers):</p> <p>A critical starting point for the development of new NDCs is to reflect on the previous cycle, progress made, and the wider policy and action landscape. In this panel discussion, countries will reflect on the previous round of their NDCs, and will share their experience of developing NDCs, their implementation, and the potential enablers for increasing ambition in the next round of NDCs. Countries will elaborate on what has worked well, while also identifying gaps, challenges, and opportunities.</p>	<p>Moderator: Mr. Jerome Malavelle, UNEP</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Jihene Gasmi, Director General in charge of the Unit Climate Change and National focal point CCNUCC, Ministry of Environment, Tunisia • Ms. Hanadi Awadallah, Senior Governmental Forests officer's, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests/Forests National Corporation, Sudan



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	<p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Select four countries that can speak about the topic of the breakouts from their own experience <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key lessons learned, main challenges and gaps identified from the last round of NDCs that can inform the next round of NDCs. Areas of discussion will need to be aligned with the topics of the thematic tables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aligning NDCs with Relevant National Policy Frameworks and Relevant Global Agendas ○ Lessons Learned on Mobilizing and Leveraging Means of Implementation ○ Setting Ambition and Monitoring and Tracking Progress of NDC Action ○ Whole-of-society, whole of government coordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mohamed Gona Abdallah, Djibouti • Mrs. Amal Mellouk, Directorate for Climate and Biodiversity, Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Morocco <p>Note taker: Ms. Lou Perpes, UNEP</p>
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	Questions and Answers	
10h25 – 10h55	Presentation on NDC 3.0 Navigator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mohamed Boussaid, Regional Manager and Mr. Nathan Mesnildrey, Country Engagement Specialist, NDC Partnership
10h55 - 11h10	Coffee Break	



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<p>11h10- 12h10 (60 mins – One Round)</p> <p><i>This session will have 3 breakout tables, each table will last 60 minutes.</i></p> <p><i>There will be a total of three rotations.</i></p> <p><i>Each table will be organized around up to 3 guiding questions. Each round of discussion will be kicked off by the</i></p>	<p>Breakout Group Discussion on lessons learned from current NDCs:</p> <p>Objectives of the session:</p> <p><i>The breakout group discussion sessions will provide an opportunity to participants to reflect and exchange on lessons learned from the previous round of NDC preparation and implementation and share what has worked well and what needs to be improved in the upcoming round of NDCs with reference to the specific thematic areas.</i></p> <p><i>By the end of the session, participants will have a good understanding of key challenges from the previous round of NDCs and areas of opportunity for the development of the next round.</i></p> <p>Thematic Table 1: Aligning NDCs with Relevant National Policy Frameworks and Relevant Global Agendas</p>	<p>Table 1: Aligning NDCs with Relevant National Policy Frameworks and Relevant Global Agendas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Ms. Ana Vukoje, Regional Lead, RCC MENA SA ● Expert (max 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Mona Ayoub, GIZ ○ Mr. Khaled El Thaweel, UN Food Systems Hub ● Rapporteur: Zoubeir Yahiya, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia ● Note taker: Ahmed Belhaj, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia <p>Table 2: Lessons Learned on Mobilizing and Leveraging of Means of Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief, Energy; Climate Change and Natural Resources Cluster, ESCWA ● Expert (max 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Jessica Troni, Senior Programme Management Officer, UNEP
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<p>facilitator/ no icebreaker</p> <p><i>The facilitator of each table will be an expert in the thematic area and will be accompanied by up to 2 additional experts, 1 rapporteur and a minimum of 1 note taker.</i></p>	<p>Thematic Table 2: Lessons Learned on Mobilizing and Leveraging Means of Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity building - Finance - Technology <p>Thematic Table 3: Setting Ambition and Monitoring and Tracking Progress of NDC Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Tarek Sadek, Water Resources and Climate Change Officer, Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies, Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA ● Rapporteur: Ms. Claudia Assmann, Development Coordination Officer, Economist, United Nations Resident Coordinator Office (RCO), Tunisia ● Note taker: Mr. Mohammed Zied Gannar, Sustainable Energy Expert, ESCWA consultant <p>Table 3: Setting Ambition and Monitoring and Tracking Progress of NDC Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Ms. Sophie Bonnard, Methane Flagship Coordinator, Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) Secretariat ● Expert (max 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Tharwat Mokalled, Regional Case Manager (Middle East and North Africa), UNEP's International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO) ○ Ms. Kenza Khomsi, Member, CCAC SAP member
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapporteur: Ms. Tharwat Mokalled, Regional Case Manager (Middle East and North Africa), UNEP's International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO) • Note taker: Mr. Abdelali Dakkina, CCAC Morocco National Consultant; Mr. Yousri Helal, Team Leader Climate and Environment, UNDP/Tunisia
12h10 – 13h30	Lunch Break	
13h30 - 15h30 (120 mins – Two Rounds)	<p>Breakout Group Discussion on lessons learned from current NDCs (continues)</p> <p>Thematic Table 1: Aligning NDCs with Relevant National Policy Frameworks and Relevant Global Agendas</p> <p>Thematic Table 2: Lessons Learned on Mobilizing and Leveraging Means of Implementation</p>	Same as above



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	Thematic Table 3: Setting Ambition and Monitoring and Tracking Progress of NDC Action	
15h30 - 15h45	Coffee Break	
15h45– 16h00 5 min reporting back per table	Reporting Back: Each Rapporteur will report back on their table's findings	<p>Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief, Energy; Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA</p> <p>Rapporteurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoubeir Yahiya, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia • Ms. Claudia Assmann, Development Coordination Officer, Economist, United Nations Resident Coordinator Office (RCO), Tunisia • Ms. Tharwat Mokalled, Regional Case Manager (Middle East and North Africa), UNEP's International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO)



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16h00 - 16h10	Summary of Discussions and Preview of Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief, Energy; Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA
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Day 2 - Navigating Opportunities and Challenges for NDCs 3.0 Preparation - Regional Priorities

Date	Time	Speakers
8h50 - 9h00	Welcome and Introduction to Day 2 Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Mohamed Boussaid, Regional Manager, Francophone Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East and North Africa, NDC Partnership
09h00 – 09h10	Setting the Scene: Sectoral Opportunities for Transformative and Implementable NDCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Jessica Troni, Head, Climate Adaptation Unit, UNEP
9h10 - 9h20	Setting the Scene: Enhancing NDCs by integrating non-CO2 pollutants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Catalina Etcheverry, UNEP-hosted CCAC Secretariat



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<p>9h20 – 10h05</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: Best Practices in Sectoral Opportunities (max 4/5 speakers):</p> <p>In this panel discussion, country representatives will share from their experience good practices, challenges and opportunities on integrating various sectoral opportunities and policies that can be applied to the development of NDCs 3.0. Countries will share various considerations and approaches when integrating new sectors into NDCs and for enhancing the ambition in existing sectors in NDCs.</p> <p>Question and answer</p>	<p>Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies; Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Neam Nabeel Hashim, Deputy Director of Climate Change Directorate, Ministry of Environment, Iraq • Mr. Khaled El Thaweel, Senior Programme Coordinator, UN Food Systems Hub • Mr. Mohamed Ould Yarguett, Technical Advisor to the Minister, Responsible for Electricity, Ministry of Oil, Energy and Mining, Mauritania • Mr. Mohamed Saeed Shamlooh, Environment, Bahrain • Mrs. Nuha Eltinay, ICLEI [virtual participation] <p>Note taker: Ms. Giorgia Patarnello, UNEP / Jihan El Osta, UNEP</p>
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10h05 - 10h30	Coffee break	
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<p>10h30 – 12h30 (120 mins)</p> <p><i>In this session, participants will have the opportunity to join up to 2 sessions of their choice.</i></p> <p><i>Each round of discussion will run for approx. 60 mins. Each table will accommodate up to 2 expert speakers, 1 facilitator which should be an expert, 1</i></p>	<p>Breakout Group Deep-dive Discussions on regional priorities for NDCs:</p> <p>Objectives of the session: In this deep-dive session, participants will engage with each other and the resource persons/experts at each table to explore approaches for integrating various sectoral opportunities in their new NDCs in a nationally determined manner. At the end of the session, participants will have an understanding of the key challenges and opportunities on advancing ambition and enhancing implementation in the proposed thematic areas. These thematic areas have been identified as priorities in the region in consultation with regional organizations.</p> <p>Guiding questions: The guiding questions or areas of discussion in this session for each thematic table should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are some concrete measures that can be incorporated into new NDCs in this thematic area in a nationally determined manner? 	<p>Table 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Mr. Nathan Mesnildrey, Country Engagement Specialist, NDC Partnership ● Expert (max 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Abdullah Ahmad, UNDP ○ Ms. Lou Perpes, UNEP ● Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed Belhaj, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia ● Note taker: Nidal Tayeh and Jesus Alvarado, NDC Partnership <p>Table 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Ms. Sophie Bonnard, Methane Flagship Coordinator, CCAC Secretariat ● Expert (max 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Alfredo Miranda (CATF) ○ Ms. Kenza Khomsi (CCAC SAP members) ● Rapporteurs: Mr. Alfredo Miranda (CATF)
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*rapporteur and 1
note taker.*

- What are the means of implementation (capacity-building, technology, and finance) gaps and challenges you anticipate in this particular sector when considering ambition and implementation of the next round of NDCs?
- How can the tracking of progress and achievement be undertaken for this particular thematic area?

Thematic Table 1: Biodiversity and Restoration

Thematic Table 2: Methane and other Short-Lived Non-CO2 Pollutants

Thematic Table 3: Water and Resilience

Thematic Table 4: Agriculture and Food Systems

Thematic Table 5: Sustainable Energy

Note taker: Mr. Hayder Alabdali , CCAC National Consultant, Iraq / Mrs. Ons Khechine, Chief Technical Advisor, Mitigation, UNDP Tunisia

Table 3:

- **Facilitator:** Mr. Thomas Pitaud, Regional Team Leader Energy and Environment, UNDP Regional Hub for Arab States
- **Expert (max 2):**
 - Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Director, Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies, ESCWA
 - Ms. Jessica Troni, Head, Climate Change Adaptation Unit, UNEP
- **Rapporteur:** Mr. Mahmoud Fathallah, Director, Department of Environmental Meteorological Affairs, League of Arab States
- **Note taker:** Ms. Eva Huttova, UNDP



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Each discussion will kick-off with a short introduction to the table by the facilitator of the table, then followed by pre-defined questions. Each table will be facilitated with the support of up to two experts relevant to the topic of the table.

Table 4:

- **Facilitator: Mr. Mohamed Boussaid**, Regional Manager for Francophone Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East and North Africa, NDC Partnership, mohamed.boussaid.5@ndcpartnership.org
- **Expert (2 max)**
 - **Mr. Khaled Eltaweel**, Senior Programme Officer, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, khaled.eltaweel@fao.org
 - **Ms. Reem Nejdawi**, Chief, Food and Environment Policies; Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster,, ESCWA, nejdawi@un.org
- **Rapporteur: Mrs. Zoubeir Yahiya**, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia
- **Note taker: Jihan El Osta**, UNEP

Table 5:

- **Facilitator: Mr. Amr Seleem**, UNEP
- **Experts:**



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<p><i>Participants from the same country will be encouraged to join separate sessions to allow all countries to benefit from the discussions at each table.</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Rosa Garcia, Energy & Cooling Specialist, SEforALL ○ Mr. Mostafa Hasaneen, Energy Expert (RCREE) ● Rapporteur: Mrs. Rawe Kefi, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia ● Note taker: Ms. Roudaina Zidi, CBIT Project Associate, UNDP Tunisia
<p>12h30 - 13h45</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>	
<p>13h45 – 15h45 (120 mins)</p> <p><i>There will be three rounds of discussion. Each round of discussion will run for</i></p>	<p>NDCs 3.0 Enablers Clinic:</p> <p>Objectives of the session: <i>The clinic will offer an opportunity to countries to dive-deep on the enablers for implementable NDCs 3.0 with development organizations.</i></p> <p><i>The facilitator of the table and experts will put forward to the participants a regional challenge relevant to the thematic area of the table. Participants will brainstorm potential solutions to the challenge.</i></p>	<p>Inclusivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Eva Huttova, UNDP ● Experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gender: Lou Perpes, UNEP ○ Youth: Malek Ben Romdhan, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia ○ MRV Systems/Enabling Activities: Eng. Sara Al Haleeq, Head, Adaptation Division, Ministry of Environment, Jordan



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<p>approximately 60 mins.</p> <p>Each participant will be able to join up to two Clinic tables over the course of the session.</p> <p>Participants will be given the possibility to sign-up to up to two sessions through sign-up sheets shared.</p>	<p>The structure of the discussion will be built around the steps countries may need to take to resolve particular challenges in their national context.</p> <p>By the end of this session, participants will have identified concrete approaches to utilize these enablers for ambitious and implementable NDCs in their national context in the next round of their NDCs.</p> <p>Focus areas for the Clinic tables:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inclusivity: Towards Inclusive NDCs 2. Regulatory Frameworks and Policy 3. Technology Transfer and Capacity-Building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rapporteur: Malek Ben Romdhan, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia ● Note taker: Mr. Yousri Helal, Team Leader, Climate and Environment, UNDP Tunisia / Mr. Abdullah Ahmad, UNDP <p>Regulatory Frameworks and Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Ms. Ana Vukoje, Regional Lead, RCC MENA SA ● Expert (max 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Tarek Sadek, Water Resources and Climate Change Officer, Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies, Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA ○ (tbc) ● Rapporteur: Ms. Wafa Hmadi, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia
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<p><i>Each table will accommodate up to 2 expert speakers, 1 facilitator, 1 rapporteur and 1 note taker.</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Note taker: Ms. Yali Wang, UNFCCC / Ons Khechine, Chief technical advisor, Mitigation, UNDP Tunisia <p>Technology Transfer and Capacity Building:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Mr. Mohamed Boussaid, Regional Manager, NDC Partnership ● Experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technology transfer: Mr. Andrea Camponogara, UNFCCC ○ Capacity building: Mr. Nathan Mesnildrey, NDC Partnership ● Rapporteur: Mr. Nidal Tayeh, NDC Partnership ● Note taker: Jihan El Osta, UNEP
<p>15h45 - 16h10</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>	
<p>16h10- 16h35</p>	<p>1st Reporting Back- on Regional Priorities: each Rapporteur will report back on their table's findings</p>	<p>Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Mohamed Boussaid, Regional Manager, Francophone Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East and North Africa, NDC Partnership</p>



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<p>Each rapporteur will have 5 min to report back</p>		<p>Rapporteurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ahmed Belhaj, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia • Ms. Kenza Khomsi, CCAC SAP • Mr. Mahmoud Fathallah, Director, Department of Environmental Meteorological Affairs, League of Arab States • Mrs. Zoubeir Yahiya, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia • Mrs. Rawe Kefi, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia
<p>16h35 – 16h50</p>	<p>2nd Reporting Back on enablers clinics: each Rapporteur will report back on their table's findings</p>	<p>Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Mohamed Boussaid, Regional Manager, Francophone Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East and North Africa, NDC Partnership</p> <p>Rapporteurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malek Ben Romdhan, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Wafa Hmadi, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia • Nidal Tayeh, NDC Partnership
16h50- 17h00	Closing Discussion and Preview of Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Mohamed Boussaid, Regional Manager, Francophone Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East and North Africa, NDC Partnership

Day 3 - Accelerating Implementation and Tracking Progress on NDCs 3.0

Date	Time	Speakers
08h20 - 8h30	Welcome and Introduction to Day 3 Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief, Energy; Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA
08h30 - 08h45		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Abdullah Ahmad, Regional Climate Change Specialist, UNDP



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	<p>Setting the Scene: UN System-wide Support: Climate Promise 2025</p>	
<p>8h45 - 09h25</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: Support Opportunities for NDCs 3.0 Development (max 4/5 speakers): In this panel discussion a suite of development and implementation organizations working in the region will share information on the support being offered and how countries can access this support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the resources available to support countries with developing their new round of NDCs? • How can countries access these resources? <p>Question and answer session</p>	<p>Moderator: Ms Ana Vukoje, Regional Lead, RCC MENA SA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker 1 (opening): Mr. Mohamed Boussaid, Regional Manager, NDC Partnership • Speaker 2: Mr. Thomas Pitaud, Regional Team Leader, Energy and Environment, UNDP Regional Hub for Arab States • Speaker 3: Mr. Taoufiq Bennouna, Senior Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank • Speaker 4: Mr. Amgad Elmahdi, Regional Manager - Middle East and North Africa, Green Climate Fund • Speaker 5: Ms. Ernesta Macuilyte, Technical Support Unit, Mitigation Action Facility



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Note taker: Mr. Jesus Alvarado, Climate Finance and Analysis Specialist, NDC partnership
09h25 – 09h40	Presentation: From NDC implementation to Biennial Transparency Reports – Measuring progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Yali Wang, Associate Programme Officer, Transparency Division, UNFCCC
09h40 – 10h20	Panel Discussion: Tracking NDC Progress and Achievement (max 4/5 speakers):	<p>Moderator: Ms. Yali Wang, UNFCCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaker 1: Mr. Abdelali Dakkina, CCAC National Expert, Morocco ● Speaker 2: Mr. Aslan Shikhaliyev, BTR Coordinator, Azerbaijan [virtual] ● Speaker 3: Ms. Eva Huttova, UNDP ● Speaker 4: Mr. Lotfi Msadki, Transparency team, Tunisia <p>Note taker: Mr. Andrea Camponogara, UNFCCC</p>



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	<p>In this panel discussion, countries will share their experience and good practice on reporting on NDCs and experiences from putting in place arrangements to undertake tracking of progress and achievement and the challenges and opportunities encountered. Development and implementation partners on the panel or from the floor will have the opportunity to share various tools available to support countries in these efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indicators and the MRV system in tracking progress of NDCs ● Experiences with NDC reporting ● National GHG inventories informing NDCs <p>Question and answer session</p>	
10h20-10h40	Coffee Break	



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<p>10h40 - 12h10 (90 mins)</p> <p><i>In this session, each round of discussion will run for approx. 45 mins. Participants will have the chance to attend up to two tables over the course of the session.</i></p>	<p>Group Discussions:</p> <p>Table 1: Towards Investable NDCs</p> <p>Table 2: The Role of Economic and Financial Instruments (carbon markets, including Article 6, debt swaps, and carbon taxes) for Implementing NDCs and Driving Climate Action</p> <p>Table 3: The Role of the Private Sector for Bankable Projects</p>	<p>Table 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Mr. Jesus Alvarado, NDC Partnership ● Expert (max 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Amgad Elmahdi, GCF ○ Dr. Balgis Osman-Elasha, AfDB ● Rapporteur: Dr. Balgis Osman-Elasha, AfDB ● Note taker: Mr. Nathan Mesnildrey, NDC Partnership/ Ms. Roudaina Zidi, CBIT Project Associate, UNDP Tunisia <p>Table 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherrfane, Director, Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies; Cluster Lead, Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability, ESCWA ● Expert (max 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Ahmed Adelrassoul, environmental Expert, RECREE ○ Ms. Radia Sedaoui, ESCWA ● Rapporteur: Mr. Tarek Sadek, Water Resources and Climate Change Officer, Jihan Arab Centre
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		<p>for Climate Change Policies; Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Note taker: Ms. Jihan El Osta, UNEP / Mr. Nathan Mesnildrey, NDC Partnership <p>Table 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Lou Perpes, UNEP ● Expert (max 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Jessica Troni, UNEP (English session) ○ Banking and Finance Council (Arabic session) ● Rapporteur: Mrs. Rawe Kefi, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia ● Note taker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Giorgia Patarnello, UNEP – English session ○ Ms. Sellema Houij, Program Associate, UNDP Tunisia – Arabic session



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12h10 – 12h25	<p>Reporting Back: Each Rapporteur will report back on their table's findings</p>	<p>Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief, Energy, Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA</p> <p>Rapporteurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Abdullah Ahmad, UNDP ● Mr. Tarek Sadek, ESCWA ● Mrs. Rawe Kefi, Youth Climate Negotiator, Tunisia
12h25 - 12h50	<p>Reporting Back on the 3-day Fora and Closing Remarks</p>	<p>Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief, Energy; Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Mohamed Boussaid, Regional Manager, Francophone Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East and North Africa, NDCP Partnership ● Youth Representatives



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Based on the discussion of the last two and a half days, what are the key levers for NDCs 3.0 in the region to be more ambitious and accelerate implementation?</i> - <i>What steps are needed to elevate the NDCs 3.0 to be able to reach the 1.5° C degree target? How can we get there?</i> 	
12h50 - 13h00	Group Picture	
13h00 -14h00	Lunch	End of Forum