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SECURITY FOR PEACE
AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT"

CLIMATE SECURITY AT THE UPCOMING 5TH ARAB WATER FORUM

The Arab Water Council and the SDG-Climate Facility Project will be holding a session on "Climate and Water Security in the Arab Region: Words into Action" during the 5th Arabic Water Forum convened by the Arab Water Council in September 2021.

This session will explore the interplay of compounding risks and discuss how such risks may lead to regional climate and water security concerns. This includes assessing available data sets that allow for an integrated assessment and mapping of compound risk and the design of targeted early warning, disaster response, and risk management systems.

The session also explores the effects of climate change and security on communities and their livelihoods, the gendered experiences of agricultural production and water management, as well as regional, climate change-induced migration processes. Panelists will also discuss regional strategies of collaboration and partnership on climate security research, planning and decision-making, including transboundary water sharing agreements. The session will place a particular focus on how our growing understanding of climate and water security can lead to concrete action on the ground.

The session will introduce the Regional Climate Security Network, an initiative of the Arab Water Council, the League of Arab States, and the United Nations Development Programme under the regional SDG-Climate Facility Project to foster a joint, regional approach to tackling climate security.

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REGIONAL CLIMATE SECURITY STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE

ARABIC REPORT OUT NOW

<https://climatechangedialogue.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/report-ar-final.pdf>

نحو إطار عمل متكامل للأمن المناخي للمنطقة العربية

يقدم هذا التقرير ملخصاً ولمحة عامة عن وقائع ونتائج الحوار الإقليمي للأطراف المعنية بالأمن المناخي "نحو إطار عمل متكامل للأمن المناخي للمنطقة العربية"، والذي استضافه على الإنترنت كل من المجلس العربي للمياه وجامعة الدول العربية وبرنامج الأمم المتحدة الإنمائي خلال الفترة من ٦ إلى ٨ ديسمبر ٢٠٢٠.

A REGIONAL CLIMATE SECURITY THINK TANK FOR THE ARAB REGION

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED REGIONAL CLIMATE SECURITY NETWORK

founded in December 2020 by the Arab Water Council (AWC) and the League of Arab States (LAS) and UNDP's Regional Office for the Arab States, the Regional Climate Security Network is established as a regional think tank. It works as a platform that enables institutions across the Arab world – including government institutions, organizations and NGOs, international organizations including various United Nations programs and entities, the private sector, academia,

research institutions, donor agencies and other strategic partners – to develop and implement an Integrated Regional Climate Security Framework (IRCSF) for the Arab Region. The network's objective is to help develop, design, facilitate and advocate for the transformations in policy and program development and implementation across the Arab region that are required to ensure that regional approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation are informed by the integrated, cross-sectoral approach of climate security.

It is time to act. We already have 100 members from across the region! Join us on rcsn.arabwatercouncil.org

SCALING UP

- › A NEW APPROACH TO CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION
- › MULTI-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH, DATA SHARING & DIGITAL INNOVATION
- › CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT
- › COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

ABOUT THE 5th ARAB WATER FORUM

The 5th Arab Water Forum (AWF) 2021 will be convened by the Arab Water Council and under the patronage of The United Arab Emirates' Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, supported by The League of Arab States (LAS), The Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt (MWRI), as well as water authorities from 22 Arab countries.

The Forum is a product of more than a year-and-a-half of collaborative effort and preparations with stakeholders from across the Arab region, including policy-makers, multilateral specialized institutions, academia, civil society and the private sector, among others. Under the overarching slogan "Arab Water Security for Peace and Sustainable Development", the 5th AWF intends to address three main priorities: Arab Water Security, Cooperation across Borders, and Water for Sustainable Development. The Forum's sessions will address more than 14 different topics, as well as cross-cutting Means and Tools. In collaboration with regional partners, government representatives, NGOs, professional networks, and academic groups, each priority and topic were carefully developed into a common framework of goals and concrete targets. The Forum is expected to achieve collective action and trigger a positive response that will influence the desired change by bridging the science-policy interface. The Forum will also include a parallel track with about seven Scientific Sessions.