

## HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

# ALIGNING ENERGY REFORM AND CLIMATE POLICIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (MENA): CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

## AGENDA

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER, 2015 – MARRIOT HOTEL, SWEIMEH (DEAD SEA), JORDAN



*The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region is characterized by a large availability of fossil fuel reserves, albeit unevenly distributed among the countries, and a high potential of renewable energy use. Although countries present large differences in terms of economic status, political conditions and resource availability, their energy sector is generally characterized by a predominance of oil in the fuel mix, limited development of renewables, and significant inefficiencies in energy use. Moreover, despite relatively low total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions compared to other regions, in 2012, the MENA region experienced an annual growth rate of 4.5% in carbon emissions. At the same time, the region has about 57% of the world's proven oil reserves and 41% of proven natural gas resources and is also endowed with renewable energy resources.*

*As more and more countries in the region are looking into curbing their energy-related GHG emissions and shifting toward a low-carbon development path, they face a common challenge of trying to optimize the interaction between climate change and energy policies and reinforce their respective objectives. Since most GHG emissions in the region come from the production, transformation and consumption of energy, the introduction of climate change policies and mitigation targets – including the use of carbon-pricing instruments – is aimed at transforming the different stages of the energy chain. In doing so, they affect existing energy policy instruments and their objectives, which, in the case of MENA region, range from improvements in achieving economic diversification, energy independence and long-term social and economic benefits, including related to water scarcity.*

*Having in mind that solutions need to be tailored to individual countries' policy frameworks and institutional capacities, the region in general has an opportunity to reinvent its energy sector and mainstream it into its low-carbon development plans. This high-level event will highlight a wide variety of considerations for ensuring synergies between energy reform and low-carbon transformation in the MENA region. More specifically, the event will discuss how different countries are exploring a role for carbon pricing as means for improving the economic viability of clean technologies and energy efficiency measures, and how the private sector is reacting to such signals.*

1. HIGH-LEVEL PANEL	
14:30	<p><b>Welcome remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Husam Beides, World Bank Program Leader, Sustainable Development, World Bank Group</i></li> <li>• <i>H.E. Mr. Ahmad Al-Qatarneh, Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Government of Jordan</i></li> <li>• <i>H.E. Dr. Ghaleb M. S. Maabreh, Secretary General, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Government of Jordan</i></li> </ul>
2. ALIGNING ENERGY AND CLIMATE POLICIES IN THE MENA REGION	
<p><i>This session will discuss how several countries in the region have taken action to address concerns about GHG emissions, including through carbon pricing, while at the same time supporting the development of a range of new energy sources and technologies that would provide environmental and economic benefits for the region and the world.</i></p>	
15:00	<p><i>Moderator: Mr. Batir Wardam, National Advisor on Climate Change, GIZ</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aligning Energy Reform and Climate Policies in the MENA Region</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Eng. Ziad Jaber, Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency</i></li> <li>○ Q&amp;A</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Panel discussion: Perspectives from net oil-importing and net oil-exporting countries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Mr. Ziad Jebri, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Government of Jordan</i></li> <li>○ <i>Mr. Abdelmonim Chentouf, Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment, Kingdom of Morocco</i></li> <li>○ <i>Dr. Raed Sherif, Well Surveillance Group, Kuwait Oil Company</i></li> <li>○ Q&amp;A</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
16:30	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>

### 3. FACILITATING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY REFORMS AND LOW-CARBON DEVELOPMENT IN THE MENA REGION

*This session will discuss the role that the private sector can play in spurring low-carbon transformation and implementing energy reform in the MENA region, and how the public sector as well as financial institutions and aid agencies can facilitate its participation, by creating the right enabling environment. More specifically, the session will discuss how the private sector is preparing and even pushing for accessing climate finance as means for improving the economic viability of clean technologies and energy efficiency measures.*

17:00	<p><i>Moderator: Mr. Husam Beides, World Bank Program Leader, Sustainable Development, World Bank Group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitating the Participation of the Private Sector in the Implementation of Energy Reforms and Low-Carbon Development in the MENA Region</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Mr. Bilal Rabah Al Sugheyer, International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank Group</i></li> <li>○ Q&amp;A</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Panel discussion: Perspectives from the private sector</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Ms. Sireen Hikmat, Ministry of Finance, Government of Jordan</i></li> <li>○ <i>Eng. Ahmad Alkhazaeleh, Kazala Global Investment Ltd</i></li> <li>○ <i>Mr. Serge Snrech, French Development Agency (AFD)</i></li> <li>○ Q&amp;A</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>4. CLOSING SESSION</b>	
18:30	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>H.E. Mr. Ahmad Al-Qatarneh, Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Government of Jordan</i></li> </ul>
18:45	<b>Close of high-level event</b>
19:00	<b>Reception</b>