Regional Initiative for Promoting Small-Scale Renewable Energy Applications in rural areas of the Arab Region
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Sustainability and national ownership aspects
SUSTAINABILITY OF THE REGIONAL INITIATIVE

**Environmental Sustainability:** promoting pro-poor investments in energy solutions focusing on environmentally adequate, affordable, and region specific SC-RE technologies,

**Gender Equality:** integral part of the Project activities & outputs and as a cross-cutting priority along the various phase of its implementation: through the SC and each LFT, the Gender based advisory network, Pilot Projects, involvement of Women’s associations as an implementing partner, mentors and Agent of Change, Gender Mainstreaming Strategy and Plan.

**Human Right Based Approach:** Project contribute to improving living standards of rural communities and ease the pressure of migration to urban areas and thus contribute to reducing the social strife. Rights Based Strategy and Action Plans, combine pro-poor investments by encouraging small businesses and new job opportunities, where women and men will have equal opportunities for “decent work”.

**Capacity Development:** LFTs, key institutions, private sector, civil society, will take part at different capacity buildings: ToT, targeted program trainings on issues related to energy and RE technologies, water, food security, policy tools, gender mainstreaming and entrepreneurial development, technical and advisory services to be provided to ESCWA member countries, upon their requests.
PROJECT GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

Abbreviations: Arab Industrial Development & Mining Organization (AIDMO); Implementing Partners (IP); Local Facilitating Team (LFT); League of Arab States (LAS); Steering Committee (SC)
PROJECT APPROACH and OWNERSHIP

- Strong linkage have been considered in the design of the Project components and outputs which would contribute to the sustainability of the Project outcomes and would enhance the ownership of all involved partners during the process of implementation.

- **Bottom up** and **multi-stakeholder participatory** approaches are being anticipated as an effective method for **rural development** initiatives;

- Strong involvement of the **Local Facilitating Teams (LFTs)**, the **Gender Network** and the **Arab-Rural Practitioners Network**;

- **Multi-Stakeholder Forum (MSF):** to bridge the communication gap between the various **stakeholders**, build effective and sustainable **partnerships** for coordination, wide **dissemination** of Project results and lesson learned;

- **Communication plan** to ensure stakeholders’ **engagement** and provide accurate access to **relevant information** and ownership.
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