Session 7, Working Group 1 Report Back: Integrating Policy Planning and Design Processes for Climate Mainstreaming

Expert Group Meeting on Mainstreaming Climate Action into National Development Planning in the Arab Region

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Outcomes of Working Group 1: Policies, Institutions and Processes

• Level of involvement and awareness of different ministries related to climate action mainstreaming varies across Arab countries
• Many Arab countries have existing policies which incentivize climate action (e.g. subsidy removal programs) while others are experiencing difficulties in implementing such policies
• Need policies that are based on science, modeling and GIS to assess needs and act
• There are institutional gaps in many Arab countries and the role of institutions related to climate action is not clear in many countries
Outcomes of Working Group 1: Country Experiences: Policy Integration

- **Egypt**: National Water Sector Plan was approved by cabinet with input from ministries including Agriculture, Housing, Environment, Industry, Electricity/Energy, Planning, and Defense.

- **Morocco**: Law 9912 is a Charter for Sustainable Development, has become a strategy that is related to sectoral CC strategies, and includes 33 pillars of work.

- **Tunisia**: National strategy for logistical development has socio-economic and environmental goals.

- **State of Palestine**: Strategic Plan for Water 2013-2032 prepared through a participatory approach; other sectoral plans are also being developed through institutional coordination.

- **Sudan**: Higher Council of Strategic Planning in Sudan responsible for National Development Plan; new strategic plan under preparation now – bottom up approach being pursued with Sector Plans to be given to National Plan, which will consolidate them.
Outcomes of Working Group 1: Country Experiences: Institutional Setup

• Egypt:
  • Joint committee (e.g. water and agriculture for irrigation) can help improve institutional coordination.
  • Climate Units in ministries and localities can help increase awareness among citizens and expand the base of knowledge to respond / address climate risks.

• State of Palestine:
  • Institutional roles and responsibilities defined in TORs with Capacity Building by EQA; additional support needed

• Morocco:
  • Ministry of Finance is responsible with IFIs to mobilize financing for specific projects and plans
Thank you