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## Session 7, Working Group 3 Report Back: **Capacity Building Needs 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 3: Capacity Building Needs (1/2)

It was agreed that capacity building and technical support are required in the following areas:

- Developing bankable proposals based on the donors' guidelines: It is a real challenge (e.g. applying for GCF); hence, capacity building for local experts and governmental employees is required in this regards.
- Developing an effective MRV for climate projects: This should help accurately monitor the project outcomes and enhance the lessons learned to be utilized in future projects
- Awareness and capacity building for young leaders: To convince them about the criticality of the climate actions and their co-benefits on the different aspects. This should help ensure effective mainstreaming in the near future.
- Awareness and capacity building targeting local communities
- Intensifying the exchange of experiences: On the country level between the different sectors, on the regional level between the Arab countries, and on the international level by knowing more about the climate-relevant success stories. This should also help enhance the institutional memory on the local and national levels.

# Outcomes of Working Group 3: Capacity Building Needs (2/2)

- Develop an accurate cost-benefit analysis including all the benefits of climate-resilience and mitigation actions and the cost of no-action: This should help convince the politicians about the importance of mainstreaming by speaking the language they need to hear. This should also help increase the chances of accessing finance.
- Develop online portals for information and knowledge sharing of climate actions: This should help provide easy access for all the data required for the decision makers during national planning.
- Develop an effective institutional setup to ensure better governance
- Mobilize resources for developing capacities on how to concretely mainstreaming Climate Action into National Development
- There is a need for appropriate approaches/measures to retain the capacities built

**Thank you**

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