







COP28 Side Event Fostering Partnership towards NetZero Economies in MENA

11 Dec. 2023, 3:30 - 4:30 (At the Joint MDB Pavilion, Blue Zone, B6, 74)

<u>Overview</u>

This side event aims to enhance awareness about the need for partnerships and collaboration to accelerate efforts towards NetZero economies. It will focus specifically on available opportunities (technologies, incentives, policies, networks) related to renewable and clean energy and energy efficiency in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and introduce innovative business/partnership models to address those opportunities and accelerate green/sustainable investment in Paris and SDG-aligned projects.

<u>Objective</u>

This session invites experts from government agencies, research institutions, financial institutions, and the private sector to seek their insights, guidance, and suggestions about fostering Japan-MENA's 'win-win' partnership towards NetZero Economies, including by launching a green business matching platform.

Expected Outcomes

- ✓ Identifying solutions and resources gap in the MENA Region toward NetZero Economies.
- ✓ Sharing experiences and ideas of how to scale up efforts and coordination between Japan and countries in the MENA region to facilitate the exchange of proven climate solutions and resources.
- ✓ Leveraging additional support and engaging relevant stakeholders in the J-MENA GREEN Platform towards synergized and effective operations.



Program (Dubai time)

15:30 -



Welcoming and Opening Remarks





15:35 Jauad El Kharraz, Executive Director of the Regional Center for Renewable Energy & ~5mn) Energy Efficiency (RCREEE). 15:35-Setting the Scene presentaion 15:40 -Abdessalem Rabhi, Programme Manager, IGES (5mn) **Panel discussion** . 0 Moderator -Abdessalem Rabhi, Programme Manager, IGES o Panelists -Eman Adel, Sustainable Energy Expert, Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE), Egypt. 15:40--Takashi Endo, General Manager, Mitsubishi Research Institute Inc. (MRI), Japan 16:25 (Middle East Regional Office). (45 mn) -Tatsuya ITO, Senior Manager of the Internal Environment Initiatives Division, Hitachi, Ltd. -Olatunji Yusuf, Senior Climate Change Specialist, Islamic Development Bank, Saudi Arabia. -Lotfi Msadki, Chief Engineer, National Coordination Unit, Ministry of the Environment, Tunisia The panel discussion aims to address the following questions: -How to foster partnerships towards NetZero Economies, especially in the MENA region? -What and where are the key opportunities and challenges for a Japan-MENA win-win "Green" partnership? -What can we do more or differently to contribute to fostering a Japan-MENA win-win "Green" partnership? 16:25 -**Closing Remarks** 16:30 Javaid Igbal, Managing Director, Knowledge Corporation, Gulf Research Center (GRC), Dubai (~5mn)

Link for live streaming: <u>Streaming - Joint MDB Pavilion @COP28 in Dubai (eib.org)</u>