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# Delivering Climate Solutions through Partnerships and Triangular Cooperation

## Affiliated Event

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 9am -11am (Riyadh, KSA),

Room Zone 5.4, Riyadh Boulevard



### Background

To actualize the goal of the Paris Agreement, Partnerships are one of the critical pathways countries, development agencies, businesses, research institutions, thinktanks, and other critical stakeholders would require, to essentially halt the unprecedented rise in global temperatures, building climate resilient systems, and enshrine climate-friendly practices. Global partnerships are essential for combating climate change, with some of the most impactful solutions delivered through south–south and triangular cooperation.

As collaboration remain essential to address climate change, partnerships through south–south/north-south and triangular cooperation offer mutual exchange of knowledge, solutions, and resources between countries and institutions (for instance between the global south, as well as between global north and south nations). Partnerships offer nations/institutions that have developed climate solutions, skills, and expertise on a

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variety of climate issues the opportunity to avail them to other nations/institutions attempting to follow a similar path.

### Type/Focus of Event

This affiliated event will provide opportunity to stakeholders across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region to discuss the role of Partnerships for Climate Action through South-South and Triangular Cooperation. It will provide a platform for key players from the public and private sectors to share practical climate solutions and proven approaches for climate action in multiple sectors including energy, transport, water, agriculture, health, capacity development etc.

### Event Outcome

- The session will explore the role of public and private sector actors in bridging the solutions and resources gap in MENA Region towards building economies that are climate-smart, robust, and resilient.
- Share experiences of how to scale up effort and coordination between countries in the MENA Region to facilitate exchange of proven climate solutions and resources.
- Deliberate on the regulatory and institutional framework needed to facilitate the seamless collaboration and exchange of climate solutions, ideas, and best practices between nations in the MENA region, and countries outside of the region (including global north countries).
- Illustrate the role of MDBs and IFIs in supporting country efforts to leverage partnerships and resources for their low carbon and climate-resilient interventions.

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## Programme (Tentative)

**Saudi Time  
(Japan Time)**

**9:00 - 9:05** Opening Remarks  
(15:00 – 15:05)

- Mahmoud Fathallah, Arab League, Director of Environmental and Meteorological Affairs

**9:05 - 10:00** Session 1 / Panel Discussion:  
(15:05 – 16:00)

**How to Enhance Partnerships and International Cooperation for Climate Action in the MENA Region?**

- ❖ Moderator
  - Sayed Husain Quadri, Acting Director, Chief Product & Partnership Officer Directorate, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
- ❖ Panelists
  - Mohammad Aldubyan, Senior Research Analyst, King Abdullah Petroleum Studies & Research Center (KAPSARC), Saudi Arabia
  - Majed Mahmoud, Technical Director, Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE), Egypt
  - Paolo Bertoldi, Senior Expert, Energy Efficiency and Renewables, European Commission, EU (Virtual) (TBC)

**10:00— 10:55** Session 2 / Panel Discussion:  
(16:00 – 16:55)

**Special focus: How to Foster Japan-MENA Cooperation for Climate Action in the MENA Region?**

- ❖ Moderator:
  - Abdessalem Rabhi, Programme Manager, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
- ❖ Panelists
  - Dr. Olatunji Yusuf, Senior Climate Change Specialist, Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB), Saudi Arabia
  - Hédi Ben Abbès, President of the Tunisian-Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tunisia
  - Kazumasa NAGAMORI, Project Manager, UNIDO, Japan

**10:55 - 11:00** Closing Remarks  
(16:55 – 17:00)

- Christian Koch, Director of Research, Gulf Research Center (GRC)