

IDBG AND UNDP

COP22 SIDE EVENT: “CLIMATE CHANGE, PEACE AND SECURITY”

OVERVIEW

The year 2015 was a historic year for efforts to combat climate change, with passage of the new Paris Climate Change Agreement, and passage of the Sustainable Development Goals including SDG 13 on climate change action. The Paris Climate Change Agreement has a strong focus on national actions and solutions, with COP22 in Morocco to focus on the implementation agenda. While much attention has been placed on the needs for scaled-up finance and technology, less attention has been placed on the critical nexus between issues of climate change, peace and security. This is particularly important for the Arab region, with COP22 an opportunity to better understand this nexus and develop new capacities to take action.

This high-level session at COP22 will focus on this growing agenda, explore emerging trends like food and water insecurity, links to displacement and conflict, and types of policies and measures countries can put in place to help manage climate risks and build resilience. By bringing together global, regional and local actors focused on this agenda, the event can also serve as a stepping stone for COP22 legacy initiatives to address the climate nexus to human security in the Arab region and beyond. UNDP and the Islamic Development Bank Group (IDBG) have recently launched a new global Memorandum of Understanding including a focus on cooperation on issues of climate resilience and risks to food and water security.

The event will explore three central areas critical for addressing the nexus of climate change and security:

- 1. Food, Water and Resource Insecurity** - Climate change is reshaping the outlook for food, water and natural resource security globally, and is already triggering disruption to food and water security for communities and countries, with increased social vulnerability, competition over resources, or pressures on transboundary resource regimes.
- 2. Climate-Induced Migration and Displacement** – A need exists to better understand ways food, water and resource insecurity lead to displacement and conflict, and types of response options countries can consider to manage such risks. This includes mainstreaming climate risk into agriculture and water systems, expanding early warning, innovating social protection policy and other emerging options.
- 3. Climate-Resilient Recovery** – In countries attempting to emerge from conflict and situations of fragility, a need exists to consider climate risks for recovery efforts. Many displacement and conflict hotspots are also emerging hotspots of climate impact. A need exists to ensure new investments to regenerate agriculture, water systems and other infrastructure can withstand future climate risks, to build the bridge from recovery to sustainable development.

ORGANIZERS

Organized by IDBG and UNDP and hosted by the Islamic Development Bank Group at the IDBG Pavilion at COP22. Invited speakers from IDBG and UNDP as well as Arab member countries, developed country

representatives engaged on the topic such as Sweden, Germany and Canada, experts from League of Arab States and think tanks. The event will be moderated by IDBG.

LOGISTICS AND FORMAT

This moderated event will take place over 1 hour 30 minutes. The moderator will ask guiding questions on the nexus of climate change and security. This will be followed by an open conversation-style discussion, with questions to the group by the moderator intended for discussion. This will include 60 minutes of discussions, followed by 30 minutes questions and discussions with the floor.

1. Moderator – IDBG Chief Economist, Welcome and Introduction (2m)
2. Opening Remarks – IDBG Senior Management representative (tbc) (5m)
3. Technical Overview – Dr. Colin Kelley, International Institute for Climate and Society (tbc)(10m)
4. Panel Discussion – (40 m)
 - a. 1-2 country representatives from the Arab region (tbc)
 - b. 1-2 country representatives from donor countries like Sweden, Canada, Germany (tbc)
 - c. Dr. Wadid Erian, Arab League-Climate Risk Initiative on climate and social vulnerability (tbc)
 - d. Dr. Otto Simonett, Zoi Environment Network on climate and migration (tbc)
 - e. Senior representative, UNDP (tbc)
5. Closing Remarks by UNDP (5m)

THIS EVENT WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED WITH A LIVE UPDATED TWITTER FEED FROM THE UNDP ACCOUNT

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