

## SPECIAL SESSION 7

# SDG-Climate Security Nexus in the Arab States

**Tuesday 30 March 2021, 11:45 – 13:15 Beirut time (Virtual)**

### Background and objective

In catalyzing greater levels of water insecurity, reduced agricultural productivity, and fragility of land and ecosystem services, climate change is now increasing social vulnerability, exacerbating conflict and triggering displacement in the region. These climate-related risks are affecting human security, by worsening the conditions of those who are already vulnerable and marginalized. Most of the conflict affected contexts in the region are also some of the world's top climate risk hotspots, with climate-resilient approaches to development becoming increasingly important from both crisis prevention and recovery perspectives. Through a nexus approach, new investments into climate action can bring multiplier effects across SDGs as well as dividends for peace and security.

#### Objectives:

1. Present the impact of climate-security risks as a bottleneck to achieve the SDGs in a resilient manner.
2. Present concrete examples of the way in which understanding the climate-security nexus, and mainstreaming those considerations in relevant processes, strategies and policies can have a positive impact on achieving the SDGs in a durable, and risk-resilient manner.

### Questions to be addressed

1. How have countries integrated climate-security risks in immediate planning, programming and recovery processes? Where are the opportunities/entry points in the planning/policy-making processes to integrate those considerations?
2. What are the regional responses and initiatives addressing climate-security?
3. Where will the necessary resources required for an integrated approach come from, and who are some of the main players?

### Facilitator

- **Ms. Sujala Pant**, Chief Technical Advisor/Project Manager of SDG Climate Facility Project, UNPD Regional Bureau for Arab States, Amman

### Panelists

- **Mr. Khaled Abdelshafi**, Director, UNDP Regional Hub for Arab States, Amman
- **Ms. Nada El Agizy**, Director of Sustainable Development and International Cooperation, League of Arab States, Cairo
- **Mr. Ahmad Yusuf Ahmad**, Director General, Department of Environment, Somalia
- **Mr. Mohammad Khashashneh**, Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Jordan
- **Mr. Tarek El Samman**, Advisor & Member of the Board of Governors, Arab Water Council, Egypt
- **Ms. Heba Al Hariry**, Deputy Technical Director, Arab Water Council, Egypt
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- **Mr. Zahi Shahine**, DRM Project Director, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Lebanon
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