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Iraq

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*The Republic of Iraq is a united independent federal country is located in southwest of Asia and forms the north-eastern part of the Arab world.*

*Iraq is rich in and has unique biodiversity and ecosystems which are facing direct, indirect challenges and threats as a result of the steadily growing population, urban expansion, urbanization and the climate changes.*

*Although, Iraq enjoys many oil and natural resources wealth, but high percent of the Iraqi families are within the average or very low standard of living due to the deterioration of many productive sectors like industrial and agricultural sectors.*

*Iraq is one of the most vulnerable Middle Eastern countries due to the growing impacts of climate change as it is facing real and unique challenges stemming from the markedly rising temperature and declining precipitation, as well as other extreme phenomena like sand and dust storms caused by climate change. Studies have confirmed that climate change will have catastrophic impact on water, agriculture, health and biodiversity because of their structural fragility, as well as a lack of institutional and technical capacities and other actions needed to mitigate these impacts and reduce climate change risks. The public transport sector in Iraq witnessed acute deterioration after 1991, and decreased to about 90% nowadays.*

Iraq has made serious tries to develop renewable energy since 2003 and created related authorities in many ministries.

Furthermore, Iraq is determined to introduce clean and low-carbon technologies to different sectors, including electricity, industry, transport, waste management, housing, and oil and gas, through the utilization of most of the associated petroleum gas (APG) (currently burnt), to reduce dependency on heavy fuel in power generation and in other sectors, such as transport and industry.



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*In 2014, the economy and businesses collapsed and were almost totally disrupted in around one third of Iraq's area, including large towns in western and northern Iraq because of refugees and internally displaced peoples (IDPs) when ISIS invaded the area.*

Having already been affected by the unstable oil prices, the economic sector has been further damaged due finance military operations against ISIS, to liberate occupied towns and deal with refugees and displaced people also to reconstruct liberated regions, which we would like to be according to the sustainability and green criteria mechanisms. This will negatively affect Iraq's plan to achieve its future development goals. It is important to mention that the country's economic, scientific and human capacities have now been exhausted by combating terrorism. Therefore, your support to my country in this very important time, as we are noticing a good progress in the security conditions, is very important to build our capacities and strengthen gender to deal with poverty and the previously mentioned challenges by facing climate changes effects through appropriate mitigation and adaptation measures. I am sure that your support will be the very good lesson of success that you would like to show to inspire other countries in your way for building communities with fair, sustainable and green economy according to the goals of sustainable development 2030.



# Country Profile



## Direct Access Entities:

- Nominated: does not exist
- Potential: does not exist

Existing National Climate Change Priorities	Potential Readiness or Project Preparation support	Delivery Partner / Accredited Entity
Adaptation Priorities : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water, Agriculture, Land (Food and water security)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Initiating and Strengthening Iraqi NDA to be familiar with the criteria and requirements of GCF, and well understanding for the technical needs and effective institutional coordination mechanisms.</li> <li>•Preparing the National Adaptation Plan (NAP)</li> <li>•Increase resilience of the Agricultural sector in Iraq towards climate changes</li> <li>•Conservation of Biodiversity in Marshlands, south of Iraq to increase its ability to facing climate change.</li> <li>•Technological development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNDP</li> <li>UNDP</li> <li>FAO</li> <li>UN-Environment</li> </ul>



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# Country Pipeline



## Funding Proposals to be submitted

- Readiness to GCF (proposal under review)
- Conservation of Biodiversity in Marshlands, south of Iraq to increase its ability to facing climate change. (the proposal is under writing)
- Increase resilience of the Agricultural sector in Iraq towards climate changes.(the proposal is under writing)

## PPF applications- full project proposal

- Till now we did not submit any project proposal to PPF, but we wish to do that ASAP.

## Readiness proposals

- To strengthen technical and coordination capacity.
- Enhancing access to adequate climate financing to address climate threats.
- To enhance stakeholders involvement

**Thank you very much for  
your time**



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