



GCF Sub-Regional Dialogue with Fragile and Conflict Affected States in the Middle East

Agenda

14-16 December 2025

Muscat, Oman

DAY 1

14 December 2025 – Sunday

Strategy, Policy & Programming



8:00-9:00	Registration & Networking
09:00-9:30	<p>Session 1.1 Grand Ballroom Interpretation English-Arabic</p> <p>Opening Session</p> <p>Moderator Dr. Amgad Elmahdi, Head of the Middle East Region, GCF</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Henry Gonzalez, Chief Investment Officer, GCF• H.E. Dr. Abdullah Bin Ali Al Amri, President of Environment Authority, Oman• Mr. Thomas Eriksson, Director, Department of the Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East Region, GCF
9:30-9:45	Group Photo
9:45-10:30	<p>Session 1.2: Plenary Grand Ballroom Interpretation English-Arabic</p> <p>GCF-2 and Middle East Country Portfolios: Strategic Directions and Opportunities</p> <p>Moderator Mr. Andrew McElroy, Media Senior Specialist, GCF</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Thomas Eriksson, Director, Department of the Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East Region, GCF• Dr. Amgad Elmahdi, Head of the Middle East Region, GCF
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	<p>Session 1.3 Grand Ballroom Interpretation English-Arabic</p> <p>The Role of Climate Finance and Co-finance for Climate-Resilient Projects in FCAS</p> <p>Setting the scene (10 Minutes): Dr. Bradley Hiller, Lead Climate Change Specialist, IsDB</p> <p>Panel #1 (30 min)</p> <p>Moderator Dr. Daouda Ndiaye, Manager, Climate Change & Environment Division, IsDB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Neam Alqaseer, Deputy Director of Climate Change Center, Ministry of Environment, Iraq• Ms. Lea Kai, Climate Change Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Lebanon• Mr. Samer Kalbouneh, Acting Director General for Projects & Climate Change, Environment Quality Authority, State of Palestine• Ms. Ahmad Bakaya, Deputy Director of International Cooperation & GCF Focal Point, Ministry of Local Administration and Environment, Syrian Arab Republic• Mr. Abdulwahid Omar Arman, Director of Climate Change Unit, Ministry of Water & Environment, Yemen <p>Panel #2 (30 min)</p> <p>Moderator Dr. Amgad Elmahdi, Head of Middle East Region, GCF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Hanifa Ymer, ESG Adviser, Development Bank• Mr. Hashed Mohamed Hussein Al-Hamdani, Chief Executive Officer of Cooperative & Agricultural Credit Bank, Yemen• Ms. Pamela Saber, Investment Unit Manager, Berytech Foundation• Mr. Richard Bailey, Project Manager, Incofin• Dr. Bradley Hiller, Lead Climate Change Specialist, IsDB <p>Takeaways by GCF and IsDB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Thomas Eriksson, Director, Department of the Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East Region, GCF• Dr. Daouda Ndiaye, Manager, Climate Change & Environment Division, IsDB

12:30-13:30	Lunch & Networking Restaurant Kitchen 7
13:30-14:15	Session 1.4 Grand Ballroom Interpretation English-Arabic Programming in FCAS: Private Sector Opportunities and Engagement Moderator Mr. Alexis Losseau , Investment Operations Specialist, GCF Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mohamed Al Sharif, Director of Partnerships, Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development • Mr. Bradley Todd Hiller, Lead Climate Mitigation Specialist, IsDB • Ms. Pamela Saber, Investment Unit Manager, Berytech Foundation • Mr. Malick Niang, Strategic Investment Partnership and Co-Investment Manager, GCF
14:15-15:00	Session 1.5 Grand Ballroom Interpretation English-Arabic Programming in FCAS: Compliance, Risk, and Adaptive Management Moderator Ms. Christine Lee , Compliance Officer, GCF Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jamal Al Sayyadi, Head of Technical Office, Yemen Ministry of Water and Environment • Dr. Neam Alqaseer, Deputy Director of Climate Change Center, Iraq Ministry of Environment • Ms. Lamia Mansour, Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank • Mr. Andre Krummacher, Vice CEO Programmes, ACTED
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:30	Session 1.6 Grand Ballroom Interpretation English-Arabic Solutions for Readiness and Programming Moderator Ms. Zara Colquhoun , Financial Management Senior Specialist, GCF Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mohamed Al Sharif, Director of Partnerships, AFESD • Mr. Mohamed Boussaid, Regional Manager for Francophone Africa & MENA, NDC Partnership • Mr. Julian Burgos, Climate Resilience Strategy Lead, People in Need
16:30-17:15	Session 1.7 Grand Ballroom Interpretation English-Arabic Roundtable Discussion on the 'Climate and Peace Investment Fund' Programme Moderator: Ms. Jinkyung Jeong , Project Officer, Middle East Region, GCF Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Richard Bailey, Project Manager, Incofin
17:15-17:45	Session 1.8 Grand Ballroom Interpretation English-Arabic Fireside Chat and Wrap of Day 1 Moderator: Mr. Thomas Eriksson , Director, Department of the Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East Region, GCF Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb. Seyni Nafo, Co-Chair, GCF Board Co-chair)
18:00-20:00	Reception hosted by the Oman Development Bank (by invitation)

DAY 2

15 December 2025 – Monday

Readiness Planning All sessions are by invitation only unless specified as open

9:00-9:45	<p>Session 2.1.1 – Joint Session for Iraq, Lebanon & Palestine Grand Ballroom A</p> <p>The Revised Readiness Strategy as a Strategic tool for Building Climate Investment pipelines: Operational modalities 2024-2027</p> <p>*Open to All Participants</p> <p>Session Lead: Ms. Susanna Matevosyan, GCF</p>			<p>Session 2.1.2 Syria Meeting room 3</p> <p>Introduction to Climate Investment Planning and its application within the Readiness Programme</p> <p>Session Lead: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, GCF</p>	<p>Session 2.1.3 Yemen Al Amani room</p> <p>Roundtable on PSA "Climate and Peace Investment Fund (CPIF)"</p> <p>Session Lead: Mr. Alexis Losseau, GCF</p> <p>Contributors: Mr. Abdullah Baobeid, Ms. Christine Lee, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partners: CAC Bank, Incofin</p>
9:45-10:30	<p>Session 2.2.1 Iraq Grand Ballroom B</p> <p>National Priorities and Readiness Budget Allocation for the New Cycle</p> <p>Session Lead: Ms. Zara Colquhoun, GCF</p>	<p>Session 2.2.2 Lebanon Grand Ballroom A</p> <p>Shaping Readiness programme for Lebanon: Priorities, progress, and a way forward</p> <p>Session Lead: Ms. Susanna Matevosyan, Mr. Alexis Losseau, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partners: GWP, UN-HABITAT</p>	<p>Session 2.2.3 Palestine Meeting room 2</p> <p>Readiness programming under new cycle & Readiness Planning</p> <p>Session Lead: Dr. Amgad Elmahdi, Ms. Jinkyung Jeong, GCF</p>	<p>Session 2.1.2 (cont'd) Syria Meeting room 3</p> <p>Introduction to Climate Investment Planning and its application within the Readiness Programme</p> <p>Session Lead: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, GCF</p>	<p>Session 2.2.5 Yemen Al Amani room</p> <p>Working Session on Project idea "Improving Access to Sustainable Energy in Yemen"</p> <p>Session Lead: Mr. Abdullah Baobeid, GCF</p> <p>Contributors: Mr. Malick Niang, Mr. Alexander Gareev (Virtual), GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partner: IsDB</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break				
11:00-11:45	<p>Session 2.3.1 Iraq Grand Ballroom B</p> <p>NDA Presentation and Discussion of Project Ideas</p> <p>Session Lead: Ms. Zara Colquhoun, GCF</p>	<p>Session 2.2.2 (cont'd) Lebanon Grand Ballroom A</p> <p>Shaping Readiness programme for Lebanon: Priorities, progress, and a way forward</p> <p>Session Lead: Ms. Susanna Matevosyan, Mr. Alexis Losseau, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partners: GWP, UN-HABITAT</p>	<p>Session 2.3.3 Palestine Meeting room 2</p> <p>[No session]</p>	<p>Session 2.2.4 Syria Meeting room 3</p> <p>Roundtable Consultation with the NDA of Syria on the Scope of the First Readiness Programme (2024-2027)</p> <p>Session Lead: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partner: FAO</p>	<p>Session 2.2.5 (cont'd) Yemen Al Amani room</p> <p>Working Session on Project idea "Improving Access to Sustainable Energy in Yemen"</p> <p>Session Lead: Mr. Abdullah Baobeid, GCF</p> <p>Contributors: Mr. Malick Niang, Mr. Alexander Gareev (Virtual), GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partner: IsDB</p>
11:45-12:30		<p>Session 2.3.2 Lebanon Grand Ballroom A</p> <p>Climate-Peace Nexus: Conflict-Sensitive and Child-Centered Climate Change Adaptation in Syria and Lebanon</p> <p>Session Lead: Ms. Susanna Matevosyan, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partner: Save the Children</p>			

12:30-13:30	Lunch & Networking Restaurant Kitchen 7				
13:30- 14:00/30	Session 2.4.1 Iraq Grand Ballroom B Introducing GIZ's Iraq Resilient and Adapted Cities Project Session Lead: Ms. Zara Colquhoun , GCF	Session 2.3.2 (cont'd) Lebanon Grand Ballroom A Climate-Peace Nexus: Conflict-Sensitive and Child-Centered Climate Change Adaptation in Syria and Lebanon Session Lead: Ms. Susanna Matevosyan , GCF Contributing Partner: Save the Children	Session 2.4.3 Palestine Meeting room 2 MDLF Project Scoping Session Lead: Dr. Amgad Elmahdi , GCF	Session 2.3.4 Syria Meeting room 3 Scoping Syria's Adaptation Planning Proposal Session Lead: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi , GCF Contributing Partner: UNEP	Session 2.3.5 Yemen Al Amani room Scoping the readiness project supporting the energy sector Session Lead: Mr. Abdullah Baobeid , GCF Contributing Partner: IsDB
	14:00/30 -15:00	Session 2.4.2 Lebanon Grand Ballroom A Pathfinder – SAHA: From Ideas to Bankable Projects Session Lead: Ms. Susanna Matevosyan , GCF Contributor: Ms. Jinkyung Jeong Contributing Partners: AFD, Pathfinder			
15:00-15:30					
15:30-16:15	Session 2.5.1 Iraq Grand Ballroom B [No session]	Session 2.5.2 Lebanon Grand Ballroom A Building Climate Resilient Inclusive Food Systems (CRIFS) in Lebanon Session Lead: Ms. Susanna Matevosyan , GCF Contributing Partners: WFP	Session 2.5.3 Palestine Meeting room 2 PENRA bilateral discussion Session Lead: Ms. Zara Colquhoun , GCF	Session 2.5.4 Syria Meeting room 3 Strengthening Syria's Water Resilience: Joint programming opportunities with the International Development Association Session Lead: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi , GCF Contributor: Bapon Fakhruddin , GCF (virtual) Contributing Partner: World Bank	Session 2.5.5 Yemen Al Amani room Project idea "Water Desalination in the Tuban Delta" Session Lead: Dr. Amgad Elmahdi, Mr. Abdullah Baobeid , GCF Contributing Partner: World Bank
16:15 – 17:00					
18:00-20:00					
Reception hosted by the Sultanate of Oman					

DAY 3

16 December 2025 – Tuesday

Pipeline Planning All sessions are by invitation only unless specified as open.

9:00-9:45	Session 3.1.1 Iraq Junior ballroom B SCA: Education - Greening Resilient Opportunities for Education in Iraq Session Lead: Dr. Amgad Elmahdi	Session 3.1.2 Lebanon Junior ballroom C Public Health and Safety through Climate-Resilient Health Systems in Lebanon: Roundtable discussion on the project idea 'Assessing and Enhancing the Climate Resilience of Lebanon's Healthcare System' Session Lead: Ms. Susanna Matevosyan, GCF Contributing Partners: AFD, Pathfinder	Session 3.1.3 Palestine Meeting room 2 Roundtable on Incofin's Climate and Peace Investment Fund (CPIF) Session Lead: Ms. Zara Colquhoun, GCF	Session 3.1.4 Syria Meeting room 3 Syria's emerging climate programming priorities *Open to All Participants Session Lead: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, GCF	Session 3.1.5 Yemen Al Amani room Working Session on SAP "Climate and Water Information and Early Warning System" Session Lead: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, Mr. Abdullah Baobeid, GCF Contributing Partner: World Bank
9:45-10:30	Session 3.2.1 Iraq Junior ballroom B Roundtable on Incofin's Climate and Peace Investment Fund (CPIF) Session Lead: Dr. Amgad Elmahdi	Session Lead: Ms. Susanna Matevosyan, GCF Contributing Partners: AFD, Pathfinder	Session 3.2.3 Palestine Meeting room 2 FAO: "Resilient and Low-Carbon Date Palm Value Chain in the West Bank." Session Lead: Ms. Zara Colquhoun, GCF	Session 3.2.4 Syria Meeting room 3 GCF's Appraisal Framework and Project Cycle: A Primer Session Lead: Ms. Jinkyung Jeong, GCF	
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break				
11:00-12:30	Session 3.3.1 Iraq Junior ballroom B Pathfinder - Sustainable Adaptation for Healthcare Advancement in the MENA Region (SAHA) project. Session Lead: Ms. Jinkyung Jeong, GCF	Session 3.1.2 (cont'd) Lebanon Junior ballroom C Public Health and Safety through Climate-Resilient Health Systems in Lebanon: Complementary and coherence of the project concept notes in the health sector Session Lead: Ms. Susanna Matevosyan, GCF Contributing Partners: AFD, Pathfinder	Session 3.3.3 Palestine Meeting room 2 Presentation of project: WFP present the project "Climate Resilient Agriculture" Session Lead: Ms. Zara Colquhoun, GCF	Session 3.3.4 Syria Meeting room 3 Consultation on ACTED's project "Enhancing Water Resilience in Climate-Affected, Water-Insecure Areas of Syria" Session Lead: Dr. Amgad Elmahdi, GCF Contributor: Christine Lee, GCF Contributing Partner: ACTED	Session 3.1.5 (cont'd) Yemen Al Amani room Working Session on WB-SAP "Climate and Water Information and Early Warning System" Session Lead: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, Mr. Abdullah Baobeid, GCF Contributing Partner: World Bank
12:30-13:30	Lunch & Networking Restaurant Kitchen 7				

13:30-15:00	Session 3.4.1 Iraq Junior ballroom B [No session/Free time]	Session 3.4.2 Lebanon Junior ballroom C Innovative Solutions for Climate Resilience in Lebanon Session Lead: Ms. Susanna Matevosyan, Mr. Alexis Losseau, GCF Contributing Partner: Berytech Foundation	Session 3.4.3 Palestine Meeting room 2 World Bank to present project idea on Water Reuse, Conveyance, and Improved Irrigation. Session Lead: Dr. Amgad Elmahdi, Ms. Zara Colquhoun, GCF	Session 3.4.4 Syria Meeting room 3 Project scoping for Early Warning System and Climate Information Services Session Lead: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, GCF	Session 3.4.5 Yemen Al Amani room Identifying Readiness Gaps for Water Treatment, Reuse, and Desalination in Yemen Session Lead: Mr. Abdullah Baobeid, GCF Contributing Partner: World Bank
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break				
15:30-16:15	Session 3.5.1 Iraq Junior ballroom B [No session]	Session 3.5.2 Lebanon Junior ballroom C Climate-smart investments for peace and social stability in Lebanon or Climate-peace nexus: Investing in Lebanon Session Lead: Ms. Susanna Matevosyan, Mr. Alexis Losseau, GCF Contributing Partners: Incofin, Peace Dividend Initiative	Session 3.5.3 Palestine Meeting room 2 [No session]	Session 3.5.4 Syria Meeting room 3 Consultation on CN “Conflict-Sensitive and Child-Centered Climate Change Adaptation in Syria and Lebanon” Session Lead: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, GCF Contributor: Ms. Christine Lee, GCF Contributing Partner: Save the Children	Session 3.5.5 Yemen Al Amani room Readiness Programme Next Steps: Scope Finalisation and Timeline Agreement Session Lead: Abdullah Baobeid, GCF Contributing Partner: World Bank
16:15-17:00	Session 3.6.4 Syria Meeting room 3 Consultation on PSAA “Climate and Peace Investment Fund (CPIF)” Session Lead: Ms. Christine Lee, GCF Contributing Partner: Incofin				
17:00-18:00	Session 3.7: Plenary Closing Session Grand Ballroom Interpretation English-Arabic				
18:00-20:00	Informal dinner hosted by the GCF				