



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

12:30-13:30	Lunch & Networking Restaurant Kitchen 7
13:30-14:15	<p><b>Session 1.4</b> Grand Ballroom   Interpretation English-Arabic <b>Programming in FCAS: Private Sector Opportunities and Engagement</b> Moderator <b>Mr. Alexis Losseau</b>, Investment Operations Specialist, GCF</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Mohamed Al Sharif, Director of Partnerships, Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development</li> <li>Mr. Bradley Todd Hiller, Lead Climate Mitigation Specialist, IsDB</li> <li>Ms. Pamela Saber, Investment Unit Manager, Berytech Foundation</li> <li>Mr. Malick Niang, Strategic Investment Partnership and Co-Investment Manager, GCF</li> </ul>
14:15-15:00	<p><b>Session 1.5</b> Grand Ballroom   Interpretation English-Arabic <b>Programming in FCAS: Compliance, Risk, and Adaptive Management</b> Moderator <b>Ms. Christine Lee</b>, Compliance Officer, GCF</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Jamal Al Sayyadi, Head of Technical Office, Yemen Ministry of Water and Environment</li> <li>Dr. Neam Alqaseer, Deputy Director of Climate Change Center, Iraq Ministry of Environment</li> <li>Ms. Lamia Mansour, Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank</li> <li>Mr. Andre Krummacher, Vice CEO Programmes, ACTED</li> </ul>
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:30	<p><b>Session 1.6</b> Grand Ballroom   Interpretation English-Arabic <b>Solutions for Readiness and Programming</b> Moderator <b>Ms. Zara Colquhoun</b>, Financial Management Senior Specialist, GCF</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Mohamed Al Sharif, Director of Partnerships, AFESD</li> <li>Mr. Mohamed Boussaid, Regional Manager for Francophone Africa &amp; MENA, NDC Partnership</li> <li>Mr. Julian Burgos, Climate Resilience Strategy Lead, People in Need</li> </ul>
16:30-17:15	<p><b>Session 1.7</b> Grand Ballroom   Interpretation English-Arabic <b>Roundtable Discussion on the 'Climate and Peace Investment Fund' Programme</b> Moderator: <b>Ms. Jinkyung Jeong</b>, Project Officer, Middle East Region, GCF</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Richard Bailey, Project Manager, Incofin</li> </ul>
17:15-17:45	<p><b>Session 1.8</b> Grand Ballroom   Interpretation English-Arabic <b>Fireside Chat and Wrap of Day 1</b> Moderator: <b>Mr. Thomas Eriksson</b>, Director, Department of the Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East Region, GCF</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amb. Seyni Nafo, Co-Chair, GCF Board Co-chair)</li> </ul>
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 <b>Iraq, Lebanon &amp; Palestine</b> Grand Ballroom A</p> <p><b>The Revised Readiness Strategy as a Strategic tool for Building Climate Investment pipelines: Operational modalities 2024-2027</b></p> <p>*Open to All Participants</p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Susanna Matevosyan</b>, GCF</p>			<p>Session 2.1.2 <b>Syria</b> Meeting room 3</p> <p><b>Introduction to Climate Investment Planning and its application within the Readiness Programme</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi</b>, GCF</p>	<p>Session 2.1.3 <b>Yemen</b> Al Amani room</p> <p><b>Roundtable on PSAA "Climate and Peace Investment Fund (CPIF)"</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Mr. Alexis Losseau</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributors: <b>Mr. Abdullah Baobeid</b>, <b>Ms. Christine Lee</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partners: <b>CAC Bank, Incofin</b></p>
9:45-10:30	<p>Session 2.2.1 <b>Iraq</b> Grand Ballroom B</p> <p><b>National Priorities and Readiness Budget Allocation for the New Cycle</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Zara Colquhoun</b>, GCF</p>	<p>Session 2.2.2 <b>Lebanon</b> Grand Ballroom A</p> <p><b>Shaping Readiness programme for Lebanon: Priorities, progress, and a way forward</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Susanna Matevosyan</b>, <b>Mr. Alexis Losseau</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partners: <b>GWP, UN-HABITAT</b></p>	<p>Session 2.2.3 <b>Palestine</b> Meeting room 2</p> <p><b>Readiness programming under new cycle &amp; Readiness Planning</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Dr. Amgad Elmahdi</b>, <b>Ms. Jinkyung Jeong</b>, GCF</p>	<p>Session 2.1.2 (cont'd) <b>Syria</b> Meeting room 3</p> <p><b>Introduction to Climate Investment Planning and its application within the Readiness Programme</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi</b>, GCF</p>	<p>Session 2.2.5 <b>Yemen</b> Al Amani room</p> <p><b>Working Session on Project idea "Improving Access to Sustainable Energy in Yemen"</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Mr. Abdullah Baobeid</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributors: <b>Mr. Malick Niang</b>, <b>Mr. Alexander Gareev (Virtual)</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partner: <b>IsDB</b></p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break				
11:00-11:45	<p>Session 2.3.1 <b>Iraq</b> Grand Ballroom B</p> <p><b>NDA Presentation and Discussion of Project Ideas</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Zara Colquhoun</b>, GCF</p>	<p>Session 2.2.2 (cont'd) <b>Lebanon</b> Grand Ballroom A</p> <p><b>Shaping Readiness programme for Lebanon: Priorities, progress, and a way forward</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Susanna Matevosyan</b>, <b>Mr. Alexis Losseau</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partners: <b>GWP, UN-HABITAT</b></p>	<p>Session 2.3.3 <b>Palestine</b> Meeting room 2</p> <p>[No session]</p>	<p>Session 2.2.4 <b>Syria</b> Meeting room 3</p> <p><b>Roundtable Consultation with the NDA of Syria on the Scope of the First Readiness Programme (2024–2027)</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partner: <b>FAO</b></p>	<p>Session 2.2.5 (cont'd) <b>Yemen</b> Al Amani room</p> <p><b>Working Session on Project idea "Improving Access to Sustainable Energy in Yemen"</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Mr. Abdullah Baobeid</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributors: <b>Mr. Malick Niang</b>, <b>Mr. Alexander Gareev (Virtual)</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partner: <b>IsDB</b></p>
11:45-12:30		<p>Session 2.3.2 <b>Lebanon</b> Grand Ballroom A</p> <p><b>Climate-Peace Nexus: Conflict-Sensitive and Child-Centered Climate Change Adaptation in Syria and Lebanon</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Susanna Matevosyan</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partner: <b>Save the Children</b></p>			

12:30-13:30	Lunch & Networking Restaurant Kitchen 7				
13:30-14:00/30	<b>Session 2.4.1</b> <b>Iraq</b> Grand Ballroom B  <b>Introducing GIZ's Iraq Resilient and Adapted Cities Project</b>  Session Lead: <b>Ms. Zara Colquhoun</b> , GCF	<b>Session 2.3.2 (cont'd)</b> <b>Lebanon</b> Grand Ballroom A  <b>Climate-Peace Nexus: Conflict-Sensitive and Child-Centered Climate Change Adaptation in Syria and Lebanon</b>  Session Lead: <b>Ms. Susanna Matevosyan</b> , GCF Contributing Partner: <b>Save the Children</b>	<b>Session 2.4.3</b> <b>Palestine</b> Meeting room 2  <b>MDLF Project Scoping</b>  Session Lead: <b>Dr. Amgad Elmahdi</b> , GCF	<b>Session 2.3.4</b> <b>Syria</b> Meeting room 3  <b>Scoping Syria's Adaptation Planning Proposal</b>  Session Lead: <b>Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi</b> , GCF Contributing Partner: <b>UNEP</b>	<b>Session 2.3.5</b> <b>Yemen</b> Al Amani room  <b>Scoping the readiness project supporting the energy sector</b>  Session Lead: <b>Mr. Abdullah Baobeid</b> , GCF Contributing Partner: <b>IsDB</b>
14:00/30-15:00		<b>Session 2.4.2</b> <b>Lebanon</b> Grand Ballroom A  <b>Pathfinder – SAHA: From Ideas to Bankable Projects</b>  Session Lead: <b>Ms. Susanna Matevosyan</b> , GCF Contributor: <b>Ms. Jinkyung Jeong</b> Contributing Partners: <b>AFD, Pathfinder</b>			
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break				
15:30-16:15	<b>Session 2.5.1</b> <b>Iraq</b> Grand Ballroom B  <b>[No session]</b>	<b>Session 2.5.2</b> <b>Lebanon</b> Grand Ballroom A  <b>Building Climate Resilient Inclusive Food Systems (CRIFS) in Lebanon</b>  Session Lead: <b>Ms. Susanna Matevosyan</b> , GCF  Contributing Partners: <b>WFP</b>	<b>Session 2.5.3</b> <b>Palestine</b> Meeting room 2  <b>PENRA bilateral discussion</b>  Session Lead: <b>Ms. Zara Colquhoun</b> , GCF	<b>Session 2.5.4</b> <b>Syria</b> Meeting room 3  <b>Strengthening Syria's Water Resilience: Joint programming opportunities with the International Development Association</b>  Session Lead: <b>Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi</b> , GCF Contributor: <b>Bapon Fakhruddin</b> , GCF (virtual) Contributing Partner: <b>World Bank</b>	<b>Session 2.5.5</b> <b>Yemen</b> Al Amani room  <b>Project idea "Water Desalination in the Tuban Delta"</b>  Session Lead: <b>Dr. Amgad Elmahdi</b> , <b>Mr. Abdullah Baobeid</b> , GCF  Contributing Partner: <b>World Bank</b>
16:15 – 17:00				<b>Session 2.6.4</b> <b>Syria</b> Meeting room 3  <b>Leveraging Readiness for Green Recovery in Syria</b>  Session Lead: <b>Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi</b> , GCF Contributing Partner: <b>World Bank</b>	
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	<p>Session 3.1.1 <b>Iraq</b> Junior ballroom B</p> <p><b>SCA: Education - Greening Resilient Opportunities for Education in Iraq</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Dr. Amgad Elmahdi</b></p>	<p>Session 3.1.2 <b>Lebanon</b> Junior ballroom C</p> <p><b>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'</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Susanna Matevosyan</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partners: <b>AFD, Pathfinder</b></p>	<p>Session 3.1.3 <b>Palestine</b> Meeting room 2</p> <p><b>Roundtable on Incofin's Climate and Peace Investment Fund (CPIF)</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Zara Colquhoun</b>, GCF</p>	<p>Session 3.1.4 <b>Syria</b> Meeting room 3</p> <p><b>Syria's emerging climate programming priorities</b></p> <p>*Open to All Participants</p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi</b>, GCF</p>	<p>Session 3.1.5 <b>Yemen</b> Al Amani room</p> <p><b>Working Session on SAP "Climate and Water Information and Early Warning System"</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi</b>, <b>Mr. Abdullah Baobeid</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partner: <b>World Bank</b></p>
9:45-10:30	<p>Session 3.2.1 <b>Iraq</b> Junior ballroom B</p> <p><b>Roundtable on Incofin's Climate and Peace Investment Fund (CPIF)</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Dr. Amgad Elmahdi</b></p>	<p>Session 3.2.2 <b>Lebanon</b> Junior ballroom C</p> <p><b>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'</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Susanna Matevosyan</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partners: <b>AFD, Pathfinder</b></p>	<p>Session 3.2.3 <b>Palestine</b> Meeting room 2</p> <p><b>FAO: "Resilient and Low-Carbon Date Palm Value Chain in the West Bank."</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Zara Colquhoun</b>, GCF</p>	<p>Session 3.2.4 <b>Syria</b> Meeting room 3</p> <p><b>GCF's Appraisal Framework and Project Cycle: A Primer</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Jinkyung Jeong</b>, GCF</p>	
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break				
11:00-12:30	<p>Session 3.3.1 <b>Iraq</b> Junior ballroom B</p> <p><b>Pathfinder - Sustainable Adaptation for Healthcare Advancement in the MENA Region (SAHA) project.</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Jinkyung Jeong</b>, GCF</p>	<p>Session 3.1.2 (cont'd) <b>Lebanon</b> Junior ballroom C</p> <p><b>Public Health and Safety through Climate-Resilient Health Systems in Lebanon: Complementary and coherence of the project concept notes in the health sector</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Susanna Matevosyan</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partners: <b>AFD, Pathfinder</b></p>	<p>Session 3.3.3 <b>Palestine</b> Meeting room 2</p> <p><b>Presentation of project: WFP present the project "Climate Resilient Agriculture"</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Zara Colquhoun</b>, GCF</p>	<p>Session 3.3.4 <b>Syria</b> Meeting room 3</p> <p><b>Consultation on ACTED's project "Enhancing Water Resilience in Climate-Affected, Water-Insecure Areas of Syria"</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Dr. Amgad Elmahdi</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributor: <b>Christine Lee</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partner: <b>ACTED</b></p>	<p>Session 3.1.5 (cont'd) <b>Yemen</b> Al Amani room</p> <p><b>Working Session on WB-SAP "Climate and Water Information and Early Warning System"</b></p> <p>Session Lead: <b>Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi</b>, <b>Mr. Abdullah Baobeid</b>, GCF</p> <p>Contributing Partner: <b>World Bank</b></p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch & Networking Restaurant Kitchen 7				

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