



Key Challenges and Actions after Engaging with the GCF

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What are the Key challenges?

1. Security problems as a result of terrorism we faced and still exposed to.
2. Iraq is ranked among the five most vulnerable countries to climate change in the world.(GEO-6 for West Asia)
3. Iraq is an Oil Country (oil forms more than 90% from its economical resources), and the Oil and Gas sector is the most vulnerable sector in the country due to the response measures of developed countries.
4. We are suffering from the weakness in our adaptive capacity under the Limited number of the national experts and the growing effects of climate change especially on our health, food and water security, environment, and economy.
5. The impact of terrorist groups (ISIS) on the environment and the Iraqi economy.
6. Destroyed infrastructures especially for the elaborated places, and weakness in the financial potential.
7. High unemployment and poverty.

THE ACTIONS OF IRAQ TO OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES:

- 1. Iraq Started its 1st GCF-Readiness Project and the outcomes of the project are:**
 - Establish the NDA and trained its members
 - Guideline and SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for the NDA
 - Country Programme (CP) with clear programmes and projects.
 - NDA communication Strategy, and Awareness activities.
 - NDA Gender Strategy (Climate Change and Gender). This part is totally different than other gender programmes in the UNDP.
 - NDA private Sector Strategy, and stakeholders engagement.
 - NDA No-Objection Procedure.
 - The plan is to do a press conference at the end of 2019 to declare readiness of Iraq to use officially the GCF opportunities.
 - Iraq would like to meet the criteria and being ready to GCF when we deliver the above-mentioned milestones at the end of 2019.

THE ACTIONS OF IRAQ TO OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES:

1. We successfully produced the INC, INDC & we are on our final stages to submit the NAMA-Road Map.
2. We are on the process to update our INDC to be clear, easy, and feasible and the country is able to implement it depending on our national abilities.
3. Our NDC and the NAMA-Road Map results will be the basis of our national priorities for the Mitigation and Adaptation projects.
4. We are actively working at the national level to involve the gender aspects in all strategies and policies for climate change.
5. We are working on enhancing the private sector engagement at the national levels through putting the mechanisms and legal tools for that.
6. Ensure wider participation for the universities, institutes, research centers, and NGOs

What we need in the near future to fulfil the challenges?

1. Greening the oil and gas sector as a first stage and do a parallel shift towards renewable energies sources.
2. Set a comprehensive diversification to the economical resources.
3. An urgent need to start our National Adaptation Plan.
4. Capacity building and knowledge strategy for deferent educational levels.
5. Need to assess our technology needs(TNA) for deferent sectors
6. Create strong economic and investment markets to enhance security and stability within the country.
7. The need to review and update the existing laws and set new regulations to encourage and enable the climate investments.
8. Build a data management system and a data-base for the national projects to follow-up their implementation in transparent way.
9. Urgent need for the early warning system.

Thank you for your attention
Any questions?

