

Arab Fund for Economic & Social Development



Climate Finance Platforms for Fragile and Conflict Affected States (FCAS) -Arab Countries

(Iraq | Syria | Lebanon | Yemen | Palestine)



What is meant by Climate Finance Platforms?

A **Climate Finance Platform** is a mechanism or regulatory platform (which may be digital or institutional) to facilitate, coordinate, and direct financial flows—public, private, international, and domestic—toward climate-related activities and projects.

These platforms work to:

- ✓ Align policies with financing,
- ✓ Identify priority investments,
- ✓ Build national capacities,
- ✓ Enable climate financing in an organized and sustainable way.

The overall objective of the Climate Finance Platforms Program:



Supporting Arab countries in transitioning from fragmented, project-based climate finance to country climate finance platforms capable of:

- Translating Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and other strategies into investment portfolios with clear priorities.
- Strengthening governance and coordination among national designated authorities, ministries of finance and planning, the central bank, and the private sector.
- Building capacities for project preparation and alignment with Green Climate Fund (GCF) requirements and development bank standards.

This aligns with the Green Climate Fund's concept of country climate finance platforms.

Why the Arab Fund?

- A regional Arab development finance institution dedicated, since 1972, to supporting the economic and social advancement of Arab League member states, by providing financing for priority projects that respond to national development strategies and address long-term growth and resilience needs.
- The Arab Fund is currently in the accreditation process with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to finance and implement joint projects in Arab countries.
- The Arab Fund aims to become a leading regional hub for climate finance, fully aligned with Green Climate Fund standards.



Proposed Climate Finance Platforms Structure

1. Five National Windows

- One country platform each for Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Lebanon, and Palestine.
- Led by the **National Designated Authority (NDA)** or the relevant ministry.

2. One Regional Window at the Arab Fund

- Establish the **Arab Climate Finance Hub**
- **Regional Center for Climate Finance Platforms:** Supporting Country Platforms.
 - ❑ Harmonize **environmental and social standards and climate risk assessment systems.**
 - ❑ Strengthen **regional cooperation in capacity building and climate project development.**



What will each country receive?

- **Country Climate Finance Platform and Specialized Secretariat**
- **National Strategy for Climate Finance and Investment**
- **Preliminary Feasibility Studies for Priority Projects**
- **Climate Project Concept Notes & Funding Proposals (Projects)**
- **Training & Capacity-Building for Specialized National Government Teams**



The main components of the program:

1. **Country Climate Finance Platform (Governance & Secretariat)**
2. **Analyses and Climate Finance Strategy**
3. **Project Portfolio Development and Preliminary Feasibility Studies**
4. **Capacity Building and Systems Strengthening**
5. **Regional Arab Climate Finance Hub - Arab Fund**

Proposed Components:



1. Country Climate Finance Platform (Governance & Secretariat)

- Establishment and Operationalization of a Country Climate Finance Platform with Governance Structures and Secretariat
- Mapping Coordinating Structures and Actors in Climate Finance
- Creation of an Official Steering Committee Including Relevant Stakeholders
- Establishment of the Platform Secretariat
- Preparation of an Operations Manual Covering Decision-Making Mechanisms and Priority-Setting Criteria



Cont. Proposed Components

2. Analysis, Planning, and Climate Finance Strategy

- Translating National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and sectoral Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) into a clear climate finance and investment strategy through:
 - Assessing needs and gaps
 - Conducting a climate-related public expenditure review
- Analyzing financial flows (public budget, external financing, and climate funds)
- Preparing a national climate finance strategy / climate investment plan
- Identifying required policy and regulatory reforms

Cont. Proposed Components



3. Project and Program Portfolio Development

- Transforming proposals into a fundable portfolio
- Establishing a country project screening tool
- Holding sectoral workshops (Energy, Water, Agriculture, Cities, etc.)
- Identifying project ideas for each country
- Developing concept notes
- Preparing preliminary feasibility studies (technical, financial, environmental, and social)

Cont. Proposed Components



4. Capacity Building and Systems Strengthening

- Training national authorities on project preparation
- Developing a digital system to track the project portfolio
- Preparing operational tools and work templates
- Training on environmental, social, and gender standards
- Developing a national monitoring and evaluation framework



Cont. Proposed Components

5. Regional Climate Finance Hub - Arab Fund

- Coordinating work among countries
- Preparing regional reports
- Assessment methodologies and standards
- Supporting the development of environmental and social frameworks
- Holding annual regional workshops

Role of the Arab Fund



- Hosting the Regional Climate Finance Hub
- Harmonizing standards and methodologies among countries
- Strengthening environmental and social frameworks and climate risk management
- Ensuring the quality and compliance of the project portfolio with funders' requirements
- Supporting financial mobilization for concept notes and funding proposals (projects)
- Preparing a roadmap for accreditation with the Green Climate Fund and international financing institutions

Program Benefits for Participating Countries



- Improving access to international climate finance
- Strengthening nationally-driven climate strategic planning
- Creating green job opportunities
- Enhancing water, food, and energy security
- Increasing communities' capacity to address climate change impacts



Role of Participating Governments

- **Appointing a focal point and a national project team**
- **Supporting data collection and sharing**
- **Participating in coordination among stakeholders**
- **Identifying priority sectors and projects**



Closing Message

Climate change is not just an environmental issue;
it is a matter of enhancing development, stability, and
security.

This initiative represents a joint Arab solution
to build a more resilient, just, and sustainable future.



Thank You
