



**United Nations Development Programme
Region: Arab States
Project Document (2012-2016)**

Project Title:	Arab Climate Resilience Initiative (ACRI)
SP Outcome(s):	Strengthened capacity of developing countries to mainstream climate change adaptation policies into national development plans
Expected RPD Outcome(s): <i>(Those linked to the project and extracted from the RPD)</i>	Government capacities developed for the development and implementation of national climate change adaptation plans <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Institutional capacity to address climate change adaptation, mitigation and negotiations strengthened 2) Resilience to the negative impacts of climate change strengthened and opportunities to enhance the production and use of sustainable energy created. 3) Knowledge management, advocacy and awareness in countries of the Arab region on climate change adaptation, mitigation and negotiations improved
Expected Output(s): <i>(Those that will result from the project)</i>	
Implementing Partner:	UNOPS
Responsible Parties:	UNDP

Brief Description

Current climatic variability within the Arab region indicates a trend towards an increase in surface air temperature and a decrease in rainfall. Hotter and drier conditions will likely exacerbate the frequency of extreme climate events, such as sand and dust storms, droughts and heat waves and will hamper agricultural production, particularly rain-fed agriculture. Resultant accelerated desertification rates will have direct negative effects on food security and income streams. These negative impacts are likely to jeopardise hard-won development progress across multiple sectors in all countries of the Arab region unless timely and integrated adaptation and mitigation interventions are implemented. To date, adaptation interventions have been implemented in the absence of a coordinated strategy/approach. Furthermore, cross-sectoral policies to address climate change impacts within the context of sustainable development strategies need to be developed.

Responding to these challenges and the development needs of the countries of the Arab region, the Regional Bureau for Arab States of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP-RBAS) conducted extensive consultations in order to develop the Arab Climate Resilience Initiative (ACRI). Through this consultative process the countries of the Arab region agreed on three key programming areas, a) supporting institutional capacity to address the impacts of climate change; b) supporting local approaches to climate change adaptation; and c) enhancing resilience in the three priority areas of water and food security, sea-level rise and coastal erosion, and sustainable energy, which have been translated into outputs with associated activity results and actions. The overall objective of ACRI is to build the foundations of a regional platform to provide support for climate change resilience in countries of the Arab region. It will assist these countries to: i) build knowledge related to climate change priorities; ii) develop capacity to implement strategic programmes and policies in the three identified priority areas; and iii) establish partnerships and other cooperation modalities to undertake joint work to address this local, regional and global challenge. The ACRI will be building on existing national efforts and the establishment of partnerships formed throughout the initiative. Such partnerships will facilitate the sharing of knowledge and best practices, the transfer of technology and the implementation of the ACRI's actions.

<p>Programme Period: 2012 – 2016 (4 years)</p> <p>Key Result Area (Strategic Plan) Adapting climate change and catalysing environmental finance</p> <p>Atlas Award ID:</p> <p>Start date: 01 April 2012</p> <p>End Date 30 March 2016</p> <p>PAC Meeting Date 21 February 2012</p> <p>Management arrangements: UNOPS implemented</p>	<p>Total resources required: USD 9,335,000</p> <p>Total allocated resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular: 2,500,000 • Other: • <p>Unfunded Budget: 6,835,000</p> <p>In-kind contributions:</p>
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