

SPECIAL SESSION 6

Transboundary climate risks in the Arab region: approaches and solutions

Wednesday 16 March 2022, 14:45 – 16:15, Beirut time

Background and objective

Transboundary environmental problems have increased in prevalence over recent years in the Arab Region where the scope and extent of the problems, and hence possibility of impacts outside of national borders, have been considerably greater. Examples of transboundary environmental issues include climate change, biodiversity loss, and air pollution.

The objective of this Special Session is to provide a regional overview of the transboundary climate risks in the Arab region and relevant risks to peace and security and how current efforts, capacities and regional platforms in the region can contribute to better management of shared resources. Adaptation is not local or national – it can also be regional or global, it requires scientific knowledge and cooperation at all scales.

Questions to be addressed

1. How have transboundary issues featured in policy making in the Arab countries?
2. What are the ways in which governments can approach transboundary risk? Are there relevant examples regionally and globally?
3. How can transboundary risk assessments support national adaptation planning?
4. Can lessons be learned from the health and economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic?

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