



Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East
Climate Change Initiative
advancing its

Governance, Monitoring and Financing

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Decisions from the Feb. 2022 Ministerial

- Principles
- Governance
- Interim Secretariat
- Regional Action Plan
- Next meetings: today, and October 25 (Heads of State)



Principles of participation to the Initiative

1. Without prejudice to other issues
2. Acknowledging and complementing National Plans
3. Discretionary: each State selects when, where and how to participate and contribute
4. UN principles. Further participation is open to all.



Governance

- Federated Structure
- Non-interference to national policies and decisions
- Partial participation of those willing to each activity, open to later additions
- Voluntary and supplemental to the Paris agreement



EMME CCI structure

- Country Offices
- The Regional Secretariat
- The Governing Council



EMME-CCI Country Offices

- established by all Countries participating in the Initiative
- significant administrative, monitoring, and scientific responsibilities
- liaising the Council and the Secretariat to their respective Governments
- Participating in the development of the Action Plan
- Monitor the effectiveness of policies and measures undertaken
- quality and timely execution of CCI projects
- leadership/coordination of specific policy areas of CC
- scientific leadership in an important aspect of climate change

Country Offices - examples

- coordinating center for solar desalination or
- the training center for new technologies in the built environment sector
- scientific leadership in an important aspect of climate change
 - (such as desertification,
 - sea level rise,
 - water scarcity,
 - renewable energy
 - Forest fires
 - Marine

The EMME CC Secretariat Pillars

Support pillars for policy/measures:

- Mitigation
- Adaptation
- Enabling Research and Development
- Enabling Observation Network
- Outreach and Education campaign
- Innovation and Green Development



Secretariat functions

- Facilitate and Support
 - E.g. The operations of the Governing Council of the Initiative, Obtaining finance
- Coordinate
 - The coherence and effectiveness of actions taken
 - the transnational projects of the Initiative, activities of the country offices
 - the sharing of information and knowhow
 - financing/investing resources, requests
- Initiate
 - e.g. Projects, especially of transnational nature, Institutions
- Monitor
 - The effectiveness of policies and measures undertaken by the initiative
 - The quality and timely execution of projects pursued under its auspices

Governing Council

The highest body of the Initiative Governing structure

- Sets policy targets for the Initiative
- Approves its rolling plan of action
- Approves the annual budget
- Evaluates and adjust the structure of the Secretariat, and the coordination among the Country offices

International Observers

- As invited guests of the Council, the Secretariat or a Country Office
- To provide consulting, technical support or funding

Reflecting

- the global character of the Climate Crisis,
- the interest of the international community in the EMME region,
- the need for scientific and technological knowhow transfer and information exchange, and
- the availability of coordinated international funding of mitigation and adaptation actions

Monitoring

(for the benefit of the Governing Council)

- Monitoring the progress of the EMME CC Initiative
- Monitoring the evolution of the Climate Crisis in EMME
- Monitoring regional adherence to the Paris Agreement
- Monitoring EMME CCI institution efficacy and its projects and services

Financing

Primarily for:

- projects and services for EMME climate change mitigation and adaptation



Funding sources

- The participating countries
- International banks and other funding agencies
- Institutional, Governmental, and private donors



Co-funding

From the Paris Agreement: Tier A (donor) and Tier B (recipient) countries

In EMME: both types of countries; the Initiative will follow the Paris Agreement distinction

- Transparent, credible, and reliable dispensing and monitoring mechanisms
- Will assure donors that resources will be well spent and according to the contracts agreed.

Regional funding

- The need for regional funding is internationally acknowledged
- Climate change impacts do not respect national boundaries
- Few established conduits for transnational funding serve the Climate Change requirements
- The EMME CC Initiative aspires to address this need





Thank you