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Egyptian Centre of Excellence on Climate Change

Mission

The mission of the Centre of Excellence on Climate Change (CoE) is to help the national/local authorities, private sector and civil society within Egypt succeed at developing and implementing effective climate change responses for mitigation and adaptation.

A CoE can be defined as a team of people connecting the best Egyptian expertise that promote collaboration and use best practices around a specific focus area to reach results. It is seen as a vehicle to promote communication, innovation, ideas, motivation, partnerships and interdisciplinary work.

The CoE for Egypt is designed to embody the above mentioned elements and provide the coordination services for climate change relevant activities for both adaption and mitigation, relevant scientific information and analysis, as well as policy advice to decision makers in Egypt to drive results.

Vision

To be a leading service-oriented CoE in the Region, by developing effective solutions for policy-makers and decision-makersto the challenges of climate change.

Institutional framework

The CoE is an independent (autonomous) entity under the supervision of the Ministry of Environment and the guidance of the National Council on Climate Change.

During the start-up phase the CoE will be hosted by one of the network partner institutions providing logistic and administrative support

The CoEis constituted by a core team of experts interconnected with a network of internationally recognized Egyptian research and academic institutions.

CoE mandate

The CoE is organized around service-provision to fill the gap between:

- Scientists and political decision makers,providing appropriate information for the definition of policies apt to tackle climate change challenges;
- Research and academic partners, promoting a multidisciplinary approach conducive for low carbon development, climate resilience and sustainable development;
- Research and on the field stakeholders, providing effective technologies and knowledge to enhance local climate change adaptation measures.

Activities

The CoE's activities concerns:

- Multidisciplinary studies and assessments
- Validation of assessments and data/results analysis
- Foresight assessment to review current strategies
- Training needs assessment and provision of multidisciplinary training proposals including technology
- Data and documents sharing platform
- Project tutoring for financial support (green fund)
- Communication and sensitization

Working Modalities

The CoE is constituted by a core team (experts, administration) and by a network of partners institutions represented in the Board to mobilize the best expertise existing in Egypt

TheCoE team of is made by a core team of experts to respond to services demand and to manage activities by ad hoc task forces formed by personnel from the specialized partners institutions and eventually consultants

The CoE designs and implements activities directly or through partner institution(s) if the scope is within the specific field of specialization of such institution(s)

The CoE can receive request for services (study, consultancy, assessment, etc) from MoE as well as The national council for climate change or it could propose services to MoE, other national/local authorities, private sector and stakeholders

The CoE has the administrative capacity for fund raising

Management

The CoE management framework is made by

- Steering Committee: formed by members nominated by MoE as recognized high qualified experts from the administration and the stakeholders in the field of climate change (academic, NGO, local authorities, private sector) selected by the NCCC. The Steering Committee has the role to approve budget and workplan and provide guidance for the CoE activities.
- Board of Directors:formed by representatives of partners institutions to facilitate coordination, to provide advice on activities to be proposed or to be implemented and to monitor CoE activities in particular those transferred and implemented by partners institutions

- Director of CoE: has the technical and administrative responsibility for identification and implementation of CoE's services. She/he defines the strategies for CoE and coordinates activities as member of the Board of Directors

Staff

Staffing profiles for the CoE include:

- Director: 15 years' experience, terminal degree in physical or social science, experience with multiple aspects of climate change, ability to work with scientific and policy communities, ability to operate effectively within Egypt and internationally.
- Office manager: Bachelor's degree and at least 5 years' experience in administration. Responsible for organizing administrative activities to ensure optimal functioning of the Center; organize and manage meetings; organize and execute both internal and external CoE events.
- Climate changes advisor: at least 10 years' experience in climate change related areas. Advisor to the Director to ensure coherence of and coordination with the different projects and specific activities across the CoE.
- Project managers: at least 5 years' experience in climate change related areas. Provide scientific leadership and guidance as well as oversight of all elements of project cycle management (identification, formulation, implementation, monitoring and reporting), including ensuring scientific soundness of the final product. They are to be selected for their expertise on impact assessment, management and strategies definition having a background education in the fields of: economy, technology, climate, social sciences