

FACT SHEET

Nexus Regional Dialogues Programme Phase II

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Partners	League of Arab States (LAS), Niger Basin Authority (NBA), Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL)
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The Five Nexus Regional Dialogues



Challenge

Why is the Water, Energy and Food Nexus important?

Access to natural resources and healthy ecosystems is essential for human wellbeing, dignity and sustaining livelihoods. Sustainable natural resource management is, however, highly complex and today's water, food, and energy availability and accessibility challenges are multifaceted. Climate change, the exploitation and degradation of scarce natural resources and the environment as well as population growth and socio-economic dynamics are putting at risk the ability to provide water, energy and food security for all, while staying within the ecological and planetary boundaries.

The **Water-Energy-Food security Nexus (WEF NEXUS)** provides a holistic and integrated approach in order to secure access to water, energy and food in the long term. It represents a paradigm shift in the international development agenda, from sectoral development interventions towards an integrated resource-use approach within the framework of a green economy. The approach works towards achieving the following SDGs:



Solution

The Nexus Regional Dialogues Programme

The Nexus Regional Dialogues Programme Phase II (2020-2023) resulted from a joint effort between the European

Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). It builds on Phase I (2016-2020) of the project, during which the five Nexus Regional Dialogues (NRD) developed policy recommendations endorsed by high-level policy makers at regional and national level. In addition, the NRD regions in cooperation with the Global Nexus Secretariat (GNS) supported the regional stakeholders by conducting capacity building workshops and by organising WEF NEXUS dialogue events and forums.

Goals and approaches

Anchoring the WEF NEXUS approach in policy making, investment decisions and capacity building

The overall objective of Phase II is to institutionalise the WEF NEXUS approach in national and regional governance structures and to leverage the interest of public and private investors for projects, that incorporate the WEF NEXUS approach. The target groups include civil society; the public sector (WEF NEXUS-related ministries and other public entities, regional organisations), academia as well as the private sector and the financial institutions. Similar to Phase I, the partners and implementing agencies of the NRD Programme will be the following:



Region	Partner	Implementation Agency
Central Asia	National Partners in Central Asia	Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)
Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)	GIZ
Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA)	League of Arab States (LAS)	GIZ
Niger Basin (West Africa)	Niger Basin Authority (NBA)	GIZ
Southern Africa	Southern African Development Community (SADC)	Global Water Partnership (GWP)

Key Focal Points to mainstream the WEF NEXUS

Increased Investors' Awareness

The project seeks to increase the interest from public and private investors, by preparing and promoting relevant multisectoral NEXUS project proposals and investment forums an investment initiative is needed to tap the full potential for combining water, energy agriculture and climate action.

Capacity Building

The action aims at strengthening the capacity of the WEF NEXUS stakeholders to further increase the application of the WEF NEXUS approach in project planning and policy making processes as well as in investment decisions at all levels. All training modules can be adapted to specific

regional needs to demonstrate the regional or local relevance of the approach. The action uses specific case studies to showcase the WEF NEXUS approach, which results in a learning process and a deeper understanding of the concept.



Demonstration projects

The implementation of concrete projects is needed to demonstrate the WEF NEXUS value-added. Success stories and best practices of WEF NEXUS projects, that include the quantification of economic, social and environmental benefits, will be key success factors for achieving political buy-in, WEF NEXUS project financing and acceptance by all stakeholders

Knowledge Management

The communication of results is essential for mainstreaming and promoting the WEF NEXUS approach in the regions and beyond. Via the NEXUS Resource Platform (www.water-energy-food.org) best practices, new WEF NEXUS insights and successes are presented to the community and the general public. It enables practitioners, researchers and policymakers to think beyond sectors to ensure access to water, energy and food for all.

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