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TITLE: **Development of an Interdisciplinary Programme on Climate Change and Sustainability Policy**

DESCRIPTION: Higher Education plays a critical role in making a healthy, just, climate-neutral and sustainable society. It prepares most of the professionals who develop, lead, manage, teach, work in, and influence society's institutions. HEIs in Middle East, while recognising that their region's contribution to the damage of the global climate is less when compared to developed regions, they do recognise the urgency for meeting the challenge as Middle East is one of the most vulnerable regions to climate change.

Tackling the urgency of the regional climate change impacts, HEIs necessitate to develop interdisciplinary learning, curricula and teaching. The wider objectives are to transform current unsustainable practices with respect to interdisciplinary collaboration and promote interdisciplinary climate change curricula in the partners' countries universities. Specific objectives are to:

1. develop capacity-building workshops for building interdisciplinary and multi-stakeholder driven climate change curricula responsive to societal needs;
2. develop an undergraduate interdisciplinary program on climate change and sustainability policy (CLIMASP) in each partner country university;
3. integrate, implement and assess the CLIMASP program as an integral part to existing undergraduate academic degrees and
4. contextualise the Europass supplement diploma in the partner universities and the region.

Besides the integration of CLIMASP into various academic disciplines, other key outcomes include:

- development of a Center for Integrative and Interdisciplinary Studies with an ICT Laboratory in each of the 10 partner Universities to support CLIMASP; and
- promote interdisciplinary curricula as well as the establishment of an International Network of CLIMASP Studies.

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- Lebanese American University, LB
- Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development, EG
- Suez Canal University, EG
- Aswan University, EG
- Port Said University, EG
- Education for Employment Foundation|Egypt, EG
- Egyptian Business Women Association, EG
- Hashemite University, JO
- University of Jordan, JO
- American University of Madaba, JO
- Jerash Private University, JO
- Jordan Environment Society, JO
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PROJECT SUMMARY

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