

EGYPT'S COUNTRY PLATFORM FOR NWFE نُوْفِي PROGRAM



JOINT STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

The Government of Egypt, representatives from multilateral development banks, financial institutions, UN agencies, Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero, and bilateral partners convened in Cairo during the Egypt – International Cooperation Forum (Egypt – ICF) and Meeting of African Ministers on September 7 to discuss Egypt's Country Platform, for the Nexus of Water, Food and Energy (NWFE) Program- نُوْفِي, which was launched in July 2022.

The NWFE نُوْفِي Program, the Arabic translation of the phrase “Fulfilling Pledges”, aims to accelerate the national climate agenda and provides opportunities for mobilizing climate finance and private investments to support Egypt's green transition reflecting the interlinkages and complementarity between climate action and development efforts. It was developed on the back of the announcement of Egypt's 2050 Country Climate Strategy, and the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).

Mobilizing finance for the three pillars of the NWFE نُوْفِي Program follows a multi-stakeholder approach that ensures the alignment and coherence among all actors. Leveraging on Egypt's partnerships with multiple stakeholders, Egypt is leading efforts to mobilize finance, avail technical assistance, and catalyze private investment, through innovative financing modalities including blended finance, for NWFE نُوْفِي projects.

NWFE نُوْفِي integrates a set of high priority projects for adaptation and mitigation, bundled around the nexus of the three main pillars of Water, Food, and Energy and selected through a prioritization process led by the Government of Egypt. These climate action projects are to be implemented under a programmatic approach, and include projects that would replace existing inefficient thermal power plants with renewable energy, enhance small farmers' adaptation to climate risks, increase crop yields and irrigation efficiency, build resilience of vulnerable regions, develop water desalination capacity, establish early warning systems, and modernize on-farm practices.

Therefore, we applaud Egypt's efforts in inaugurating the Country Platform for the NWFE نُوْفِي Program, and collectively:

- 
1. **Acknowledge that (NWFE - نُؤْفِيّ) Program offers a unique opportunity for the international community to show solid support to the climate agenda**, as defined by the Paris Agreement, as it presents a practical demonstration for country ownership that can be replicated in other regions worldwide to strengthen climate action.
 2. **Reaffirm our commitment to scaling up partnerships** that leverage the comparative advantage of various stakeholders to accelerate the implementation of the Water, Food, and Energy pillars of NWFE نُؤْفِيّ Program through resource efficient, low emissions and socially just climate action agenda that bolsters sustainable, inclusive, resilient and green economy, balancing the needs of people and planet.
 3. **Underscore the importance of continuing to improve access to climate finance**, to support an ambitious, realistic and actionable climate agenda as a key enabler to accelerate Egypt's transition to low-carbon, resilient and inclusive development model.
 4. **Stress the indispensable role of private sector** as a strategic partner contributing to the success of the Program, and thus recognize the need to promote investments in climate adaptation and mitigation projects through the promotion of sustainable corporate practices and impact investment.
 5. **Reinforce our cooperation towards a just green transition** based on shared ambition to instigate low- emissions, climate-neutral and climate-resilient future through promoting investment in renewable energy.
 6. **Reaffirm our support to scale financing and investments to adaptation projects** that improve the Egypt's water resource management, sustainable agriculture, with the ultimate objective of achieving water and food security.
 7. **Underscore the importance of strengthening national capacities** to enhance institutional and technical skills that are compatible with the ambitious program of **NWFE نُؤْفِيّ** through the enhancement of knowledge sharing, and exchange of experience and scientific know-how that ultimately contributes to measurable and sustainable results.

Egypt and the Parties will join efforts to maintain successful implementation of the (Country platform for NWFE - نُؤْفِيّ) program to ensure ambitious outcomes at COP27 and beyond.

Let's نُؤْفِيّ Together!

List of Development Partners & Stakeholders

	Abu Dhabi Fund for Development	 صندوق أبوظبي للتنمية ABU DHABI FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT
	Africa 50	
	African Development Bank	
	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank	
	Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development	
	Citi Bank	
	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	
	European Investment Bank	
	Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ)	

	HSBC - Egypt	
	Industrial Renewable Energy Agency	
	International fund for Agricultural Development	
	Islamic Development Bank	
	Japan International Cooperation Agency	
	Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	
	OPEC Fund	
	United Nations	
	USA	