CONTEXT

The UAE faces a complex set of challenges in pursuit of Green Growth. First, it is a hydrocarbon-based economy that must accelerate the speed of economic diversification to mitigate risks from highly volatile oil & gas prices. Second, the country lies in a hyper-arid climate, is highly water-scarce and consumes large amounts of energy for cooling and desalination. Third, it has a rapidly growing population and high dependence on expatriate labor forces. Fourth, its governance structure is highly decentralized (a federal system) and there is an increasing gap in development between Abu Dhabi /Dubai and other emirates.

To address such challenges, the UAE developed its UAE Vision 2021 and Green Economy for Sustainable Development Vision to ensure long-term sustainable development. To achieve the goals outlined in these national plans it has been identified that the lack of a cohesive national framework that incorporates all sectors and emirates needs to be addressed.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

• Support the UAE’s full transition into green economy realizing its vision of UAE Vision 2021 and Green Economy for Sustainable Development Vision,

• Assist the UAE government in the implementation of the Green Agenda 2030, a national cross-sector green growth framework, to achieve its desired objectives of improved environmental performance, climate resilience, economic diversification and enhanced monitoring capabilities.

HIGHLIGHTS

• Adoption of the National Climate Change Plan 2017-2050 by the UAE Cabinet.
### RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2017

#### OUTCOME 1

**STATUS** | **ON TRACK**
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**OUTPUT 1.1** | Implementation Support Mechanism for the government (“G-support”) made operational; implementation support packages on the priority, catalytic actions in the Master Plan delivered through “G-support”.

GGGI has supported the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MoCCAE) develop the National Climate Change Plan, which was formally approved during the Cabinet meeting presided by the Prime Minister in June 2017. GGGI is now assisting the UAE government with the implementation of the projects and programs contained in the Green Agenda 2015-2030 based on the national priorities. The three main public policy projects under implementation are: national air emissions monitoring, green jobs and national program for climate change adaptation.

This output is on track with its intended timeline for completion by the end of 2018.

#### OUTPUT 1.2

**STATUS** | **ACHIEVED**
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**Green Business Council set-up and operation.**

A Green Business Council has been established and is in operation.

#### OUTCOME 2

**STATUS** | **ON TRACK**
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**OUTPUT 2.1** | Implementation Capacity Enhanced.

Completed a tailored training program for the youth in cooperation with the Korean Embassy. This output is on track with its intended timeline for completion by the end of 2018.

#### OUTPUT 2.2

**STATUS** | **ACHIEVED**
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**Online interface and outreach activities delivered (G-Support online, GGMN, WFES).**

GGGI is in the process of finalizing the development of a Green Growth MENA Network (GGMN) to provide an online platform for interactive discussions, networking and knowledge sharing for green growth practitioners in the MENA region. GGGI has actively engaged in the World Future Energy Summit (WFES) 2017 to host multiple bilateral meetings with local and international counterparts, as well as the regional dialogue (under Output 2.3). GGGI continues to support engaging the youth via the Green Growth Youth Program. This output is on track with its intended timeline for completion by the end of 2018.

#### OUTPUT 2.3

**STATUS** | **ON TRACK**
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**Middle East and (North) Africa Ministerial Dialogue and regional knowledge sharing activities.**

2nd Middle East Africa Policy Dialogue at the World Green Economy Summit was a successful continuation of previous knowledge sharing activities and was a vehicle to raise GGGI’s profile at an international event in 2017. GGGI plans to host another regional dialogue/knowledge sharing in 2018.

### ADDITIONAL RESULTS

- The GGGI developed Country Planning Framework 2018-2022 was approved, and will guide GGGI and UAE’s green growth interventions moving forward.
- The Host Country Agreement was signed on 24 October at a ceremony during the World Green Economy Summit.
## PARTNERS

### LOCAL
- Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MoCCAE)
- Ministry of Energy (MoENR)

### INTERNATIONAL
- World Green Economy Organization (W GEO)