

## Nature-sensitive Renewable Energy Deployment in MENA: Successes, Challenges & Opportunities

Join BirdLife International on 29 March 2022 for a virtual side event at the Middle East and North Africa Climate Week 2022 focusing on nature-sensitive renewable energy deployment and a green recovery

### Event Description:

Increasing deployment of renewable energy on a global scale has been identified as a key mechanism to reduce emissions and limit warming to 1.5°C. At the same time, threats to biodiversity are rapidly multiplying. Renewable energy can help revitalize the economy by generating green jobs, ensuring energy security, improving clean air and health benefits. However, incorrectly located and inadequately safeguarded developments can have significant detrimental impacts on wildlife, key areas for biodiversity and the wider contributions to people that nature provides.

Building on the momentum of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP26 in Glasgow, the handover of the UNFCCC COP Presidency to Egypt for COP27, and the upcoming Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP15, we must now act urgently to ensure positive outcomes for nature, climate, and people with strong leadership from the MENA region.

This webinar will showcase key mechanisms and innovative tools for the nature-sensitive deployment of renewable energy, including those established through the Convention on Migratory Species' Energy Task Force (CMS ETF), a leading global multi-stakeholder platform. Regional experts will share examples and highlight opportunities, barriers and challenges for the mainstreaming and scaling-up of nature-sensitive renewable energy deployment across the MENA Region.

### Speakers

- **Osama Al Nouri**, Project Manager, BirdLife International (moderator)
- **Amy Fraenkel**, Executive Secretary, Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)
- **Dr Ute Collier**, Deputy Director, Knowledge, Policy and Finance Centre, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- **Osama El-Gebaly**, Manager: Migratory Soaring Birds Project, Ministry of Environment, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA).

## Event Details and Virtual Access Links

<b>Event Name</b>	Nature-sensitive renewable energy deployment in MENA: Successes, challenges & opportunities
<b>Event Host</b>	<b>BirdLife International</b>
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	29 March 13:00 – 14:00 GST (10:00-11:00 BST)
<b>Event Duration</b>	1 hour
<b>Event Language</b>	English (Arabic interpretation TBC)
<b>Event Format</b>	Virtual (Zoom)
<b>Event Registration</b>	<a href="https://birdlife.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TKEKlhWDRti04h19-zYKTg">https://birdlife.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TKEKlhWDRti04h19-zYKTg</a>

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## Event Programme

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Time	Agenda Item	Person
13:00-13:05	Welcome and Introduction to event and to speakers	<b>Osama Al Nouri</b> , Project Manager, BirdLife International (moderator)
13:05-13:15	Overview of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), and the Energy Task Force. Promoting nature-sensitive renewable energy while protecting migratory species.	<b>Amy Fraenkel</b> , Executive Secretary, Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)
13:15-13:25	Showcasing IRENA's role in promoting nature-sensitive renewables in the MENA region and a forecast of barriers and opportunities, with a focus on finance and investment.	<b>Dr Ute Collier</b> , Deputy Director, Knowledge, Policy and Finance Centre, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
13:25-13:35	Showcasing the award-winning Migratory Soaring Birds (MSB) Project, which focusses on mainstreaming the conservation of migratory soaring birds within countries located along the Red Sea/Rift Valley Flyway. This project is supported by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), and the UN Development Program (UNDP).	<b>Osama Al Nouri</b> , Project Manager, BirdLife International
13:35-13:45	Showcasing the Egyptian Government's work to develop nature-sensitive renewable energy, and experience on implementation, challenges, and opportunities for a green recovery.	<b>Osama El-Gebaly</b> , Manager: Migratory Soaring Birds Project, Ministry of Environment, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA)
13:45-14:00	<b>Audience Q&amp;A</b>	All
<b>EVENT CLOSSES 14:00</b>		

