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Water

While representing a critical basis for everyday water and food intake, as well as being of fundamental importance for the biosphere, ecosystems and agriculture, water resources are currently managed in an unsustainable manner. Their rapid depletion is associated with social strains, high economic costs and political risks.

Renewable Energies

The renewable energy, mostly solar power and wind, with its particular regional climatic advantage in the Middle East could play a significant role as a cost competitive alternative to conventional fossil fuels, by exploring ways of raising the effectiveness of energy exploration, production and distribution.

NCDs

Non-Communicable Disease (NCDs) are recognized as one of the major challenges for sustainable development in the 21st century and represents a challenge for the population residing across much of the Middle East, while also spreading fast internationally.

Urban Issues

More than half of humanity now lives in cities, which have become the epi-centre of the ongoing struggle to achieve sustainability. There is a "new" kind of effort around, which is associated with "smart" cities and also the introduction of Nature-Based-Solutions (NBS).

