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- I. Estimating Loss and Damage due to Sea Level Rise in Alexandria, Egypt
- II. Advance evidence-based policymaking: Joint measures for combatting sand and dust storms in the Mashreq
- III. Building Science-Policy Interface through RICCAR Regional Climate Model results for the Mashreq Domain for the ensemble of six SSP5-8.5 projections
- IV. ESCWA's Arab Risk Monitor









Cost Estimate of Loss and Damage due to Sea Level Rise

- Loss and damage costs are presented for three different scenarios in the case of Alexandria, Egypt: 30% total inundation and destruction of the sector assets in question, 50% inundation, and 100% inundation. 100% inundation assumes total loss of assets, which would require complete reconstruction, if possible.
- The housing, transportation, and agriculture sectors were chosen as the focus of the costing exercise given their contributions to the economy of Alexandria and data availability.
- Agriculture contributed 16% to Alexandria's GDP in 2021, real estate ownership 7%, and transportation 6%, according to data from the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development of Egypt. These 3 sectors contribute a combined 29% of GDP, indicating that the L&D estimates presented here represent a lower bound of potential costs.
- Going forward, new assumptions will be incorporated to estimate economic impacts in a context of long-term economic growth. A discount rate will also be applied for future losses, given that the losses associated with sea level rise will occur over 40 years.
- The estimates herein are thus a lower bound.







Land projected to be below annual flood level due to 30 cm sea level rise(light green), Mediterranean Coast, Egypt









Close Up of Projected SLR Impact Area (Alexandria, Egypt)









Transportation Sector Damages

- Damages were calculated by multiplying the length of the transportation type in the projected inundated area by the estimated per unit new construction costs for the type of transport in question.
- A total of 1,150 kilometers of rail, motorways, motorway links, primary, secondary, and tertiary roadways and links, and trunk links were identified in the projected area of inundation. The cost per km construction of four roadway projects in Egypt from 2007-2020 (inflation-adjusted) was averaged to obtain a per unit cost of new construction of \$1.08 million per km.
- Per table 1, the cost of damage to the roadway network associated with sea level rise in Alexandria is estimated between \$505 million to \$1.7 billion.
- Table 1 Estimated damage to the Alexandria Transport Network due to Sea Level Rise

| Damage scenarios | 30% | 50% | 100% (Total damage) |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1,251 km * cost per km (\$1.08 mn USD) | \$505,050,048 | \$841,750,080 | \$1,683,500,160 |









Combating SDS in the Mashreq domain

Combating SDS Demands Regional & Inter-regional Assessments

- Understanding Transboundary Dimensions
- Identifying Required Actions Across Sectors

Key Initiatives by ESCWA, ESCAP & WMO

- Co-Leading the UN Coalition on Combating Sand and Dust Storms' Working Group on Regional Cooperation and Mediation
- Joint Inter-regional Webinar (7 July 2021)
- Presentation of Technical Work by ESCAP and ESCWA
- Participation of Technical Experts, International Partners, and Government Representatives
- Convened the 11th Arab Climate Outlook Forum (ArabCOF-11), The 8th GCC Climate Outlook Forum (GCC-COF-8), The 19th PRESANORD Session on 05 June 2023
- Keynote Presentation at the International Conference on Combating Sand and Dust Storms in Tehran, September 2023
- Webinar on Sand and Dust Storms organized by WMO (25 Sept 2023)













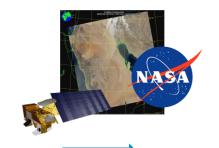
Major Sand and Dust Storms Events Over the Arabian Peninsula

SDS Mapping using remote sensing data (NASA MODIS MYD021KM Products)

RGB Truecolor images

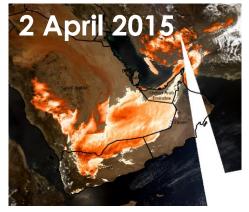


Analytical Framework



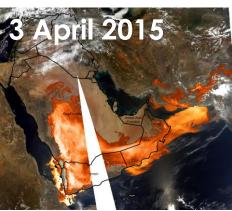


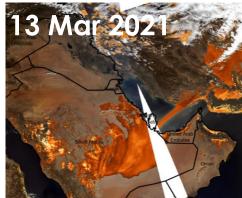
Storm Extent



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Dust coverage

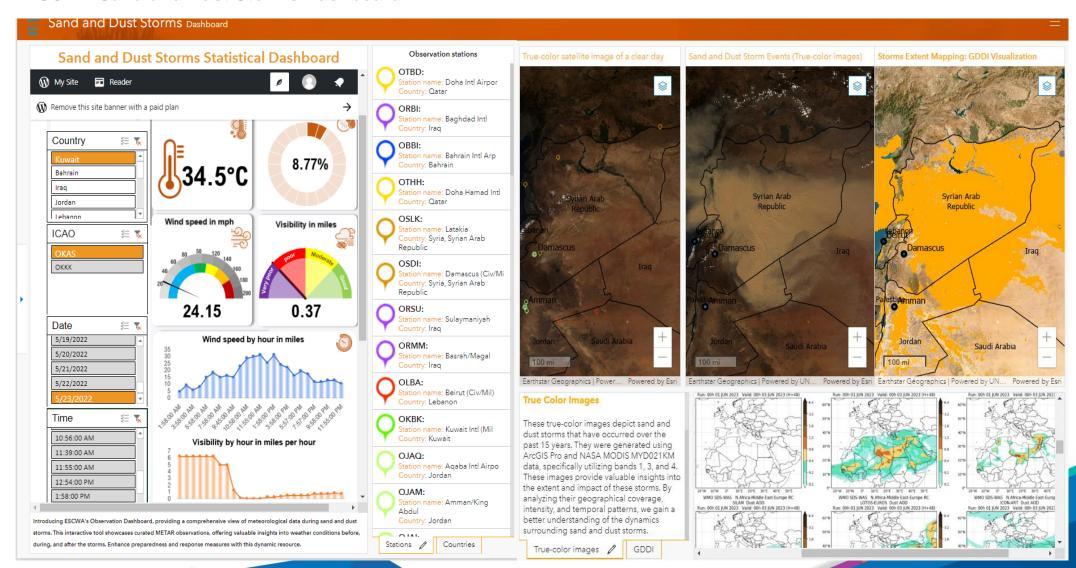






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ESCWA Sand and Dust Storms Dashboard



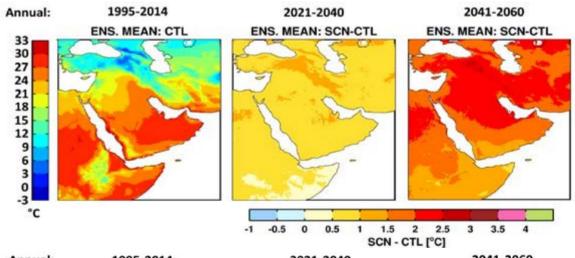






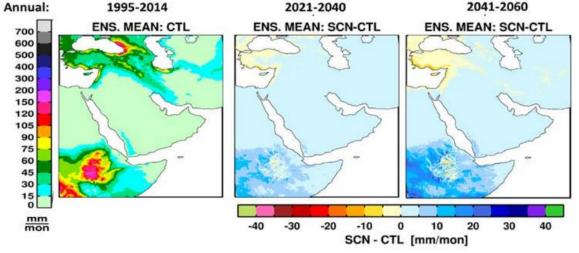
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Mean temperature change (°C)

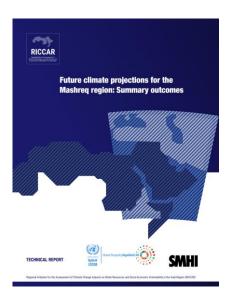


Mean precipitation change (mm/month)





Source riccar.org



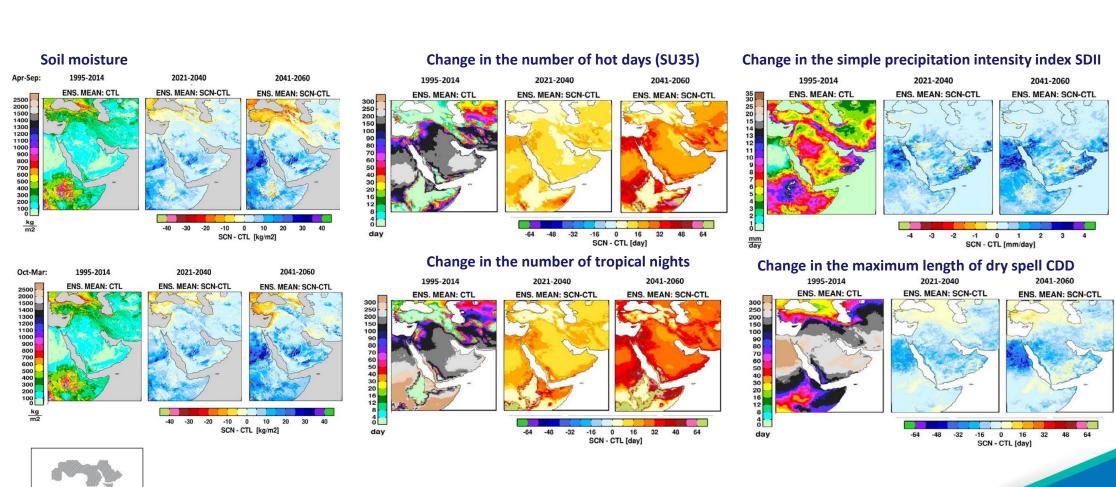
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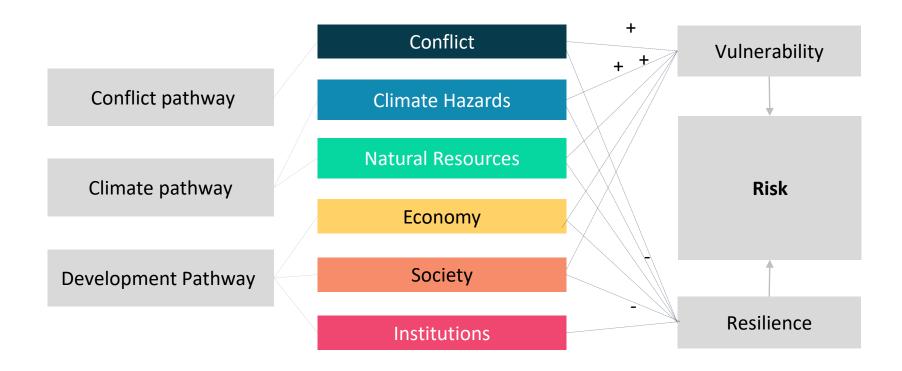








Arab Risk Monitor

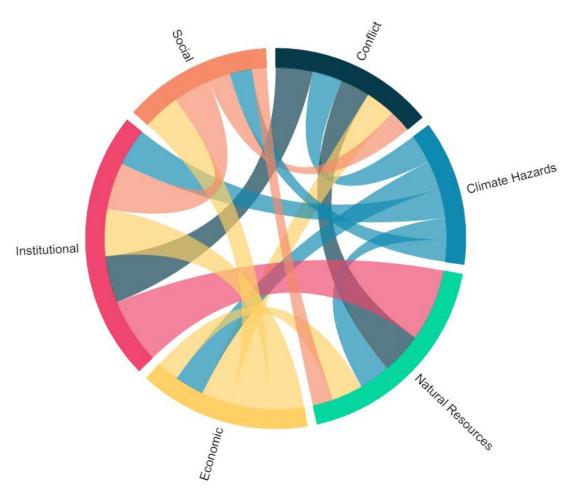








Risks are interconnected

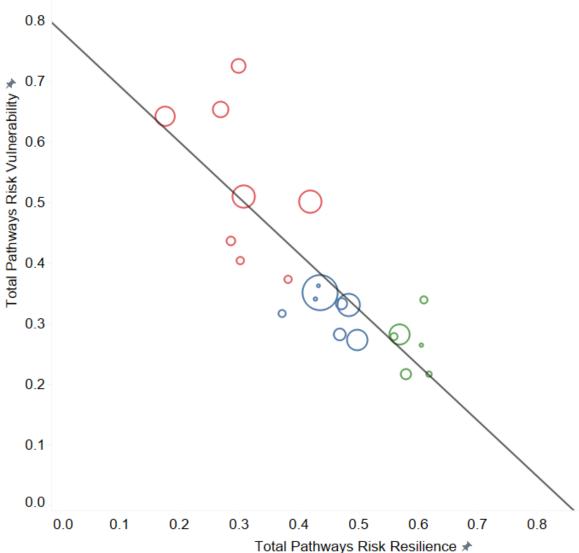


Conflicts do not happen in a vacuum and their drivers are interlinked.

Conflicts is interconnected with the climate hazards and natural resources management.



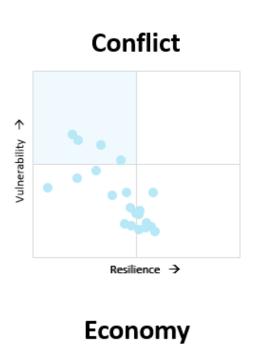


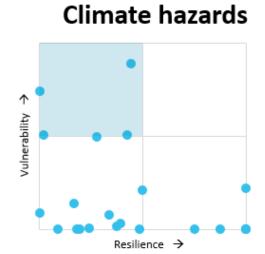


Country Classification

- Fragile and conflict-affected situations
- Gulf Cooperation Council countries
- Other Arab countries

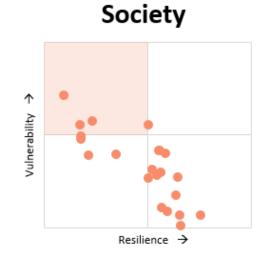


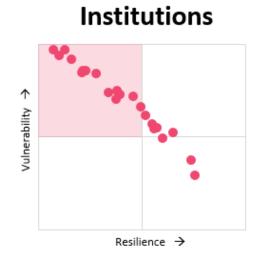






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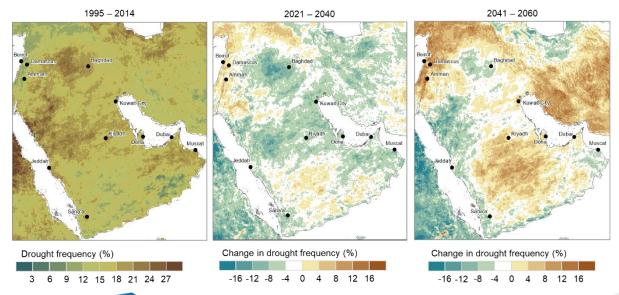






Regional Assessment Report 2024

- ESCWA is a contributing author to chapters:
 - 1 Risk landscape in Arab states
 - 3 The impact of changing climate on drought and comprehensive risk management to tackle climate change
- Calculate drought frequency and intensity based on 12-month Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI-12) using Mashreq Domain data SSP5-8.5 scenario







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