

## | BACKGROUND

This event will focus on a financing approach to mobilizing resources for climate and health

The impacts of climate change on health are significant and growing. At the same time the health sector is a non-trivial contributor to national greenhouse gas emissions. More resources clearly need to be secured to tackle these climate-related health risks and to decouple the climate impact of delivering healthcare. Resources are needed from both the adaptation and mitigation perspectives. There are already interventions and policies that can be integrated into health programming and scaled to realize the co-benefits when the right financing conditions are put in place. This event will focus on two topical examples, one with more of a mitigation focus energy and health – and its role in sustainable cooling and solarization, and one with an adaptation and resilience focus – Pandemic Prevention Preparedness and Response.

## | OBJECTIVES

- Describe financing (including climate financing) opportunities to enable action at the intersection of climate and health
- Discuss examples of where implementation on the ground has been facilitated by availability of sufficiently **timely** and **substantial** financing





## Keynote

## Mai Farid

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Mai Farid – Acting CEO of the Universal Health Insurance Authority, Assistant Minister of Finance for Economic Justice, and Universal Health Insurance Authority Board's Advisor for Strategic Affairs and the UHIS Project Management Unit Manager where she leads the UHIS projects with the development partners. She is also assigned as Subject Matter Expert for Social Protection, and for Universal Health Insurance.

Ms. Mai is responsible for developing a strategic framework for the Social Protection and Subsidy reform programs that ensure the social and financial impact of implementing these policies. She has been a key actor in many studies that aim to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of social spending and analyze how social protection programs contribute to alleviating poverty and reducing inequality. She is also a member in many technical committees that are responsible for putting the roadmap for the social protection system in Egypt and for suggesting exceptional safety net packages in times of crises. Ms. Mai is one of the main actors in the Universal Health Insurance System as she was a member of the National Committee for drafting the UHIS Law along with her responsibility for the actuarial study that evaluates and ensures the financial sustainability of the system.

Ms. Farid holds a M.Sc. Degree in Applied Actuarial Science (Kent University, UK) and prior to joining the government she has worked in the private insurance sector and taught Insurance and Statistics at the American University in Cairo.