

Dispatch of Green Industry Project Support Group to Three Middle Eastern Countries

- Expanding cooperation with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates in water, resource circulation, and clean energy
- Strengthening climate response and green infrastructure cooperation, leading to overseas project opportunities for Korean companies

The Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment (MCEE, Minister Kim Sunghwan) announced that, from November 22 to 29, it will dispatch a “Green Industry Project Support Group” to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates.

This dispatch aims to strengthen intergovernmental cooperation and exchanges in the Middle East, where climate-change response and energy transition are accelerating, and to support overseas project bids by Korean green-industry companies. The support group will visit local governments and public procurement agencies to hold cooperation meetings, and will accompany Korean environmental and energy companies seeking to enter Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates to conduct technical consultations and present project proposals as part of practical bid-winning activities.

In Saudi Arabia, the support group will meet with officials from the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (MEWA), the National Water Company (NWC), and the Saudi Water Partnership Company (SWPC) to discuss cooperation measures in water management and wastewater treatment

that will support the implementation of “Vision 2030,” the country’s core national strategy.

“Vision 2030” is the Saudi government’s future blueprint aimed at moving away from an oil-dependent economic structure toward industrial diversification and sustainable growth.

The MCEE plans to strengthen institutional and diplomatic support so that Korean companies can secure competitive advantages in bidding for major new green-infrastructure projects linked to this strategy.

In addition, on November 23, a “Korea-Saudi Water Industry Cooperation Seminar” will be held with key local procurement agencies participating, where the two countries will share water-industry policies and innovative technologies, and conduct one-on-one business consultations.

In Kuwait, the “8th Korea-Kuwait Smart City Forum” will be held on November 26, hosted by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Kuwait.

The MCEE will co-host this event in cooperation with the overseas mission, introducing the technological capabilities and project-execution experience of Korean companies in connection with environmental infrastructure cooperation projects between the Kuwaiti government and the Korean government.

This event serves as an opportunity to advance concrete environmental-infrastructure cooperation between the two countries in relation to the Kuwait Abdullah New City construction project, and cooperation meetings with the Public Authority for Housing Welfare (PAHW) and the Environment Public Authority (EPA) of Kuwait will also take place on the same day.

At this meeting, the two governments will discuss the business conditions and cooperation measures for environmental infrastructure in the new city, such as wastewater treatment plants and waste-to-energy facilities, and will hold early-stage commercialization consultations aimed at moving toward practical project implementation in the future.

In the United Arab Emirates, the support group will strengthen the foundation for intergovernmental cooperation in the clean energy sector by holding meetings with major institutions such as the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA).

The MCEE plans to provide diplomatic cooperation and support through official channels to ensure smooth progress in discussions on new green-hydrogen projects proactively proposed by Korean companies.

This round of consultations serves as a model for collaborative overseas project acquisition that combines governmental diplomatic support with private-sector technological capabilities, and is expected to reinforce the practical foundation for clean-energy cooperation between Korea and the United Arab Emirates.

Jung Eun-hae, Director General for International Cooperation Bureau at the MCEE, stated, “This Middle East dispatch is a representative example of policy-driven bid support that combines our companies’ green technologies with the government’s diplomatic capabilities,” adding, “In particular, the government-to-government (G2G) cooperation discussions with Kuwait and the clean-energy cooperation support with the United Arab Emirates are meaningful steps, as they link government-level cooperation to overseas project acquisitions for Korean companies.”

She added, “The government will continue to strengthen field-oriented

support and international cooperation to ensure that Korean companies can steadily expand their green-industry exports.”