Sustainable Water Integrated Management (SWIM) - Support Mechanism

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Water Users Associations Regional Expert Workshop
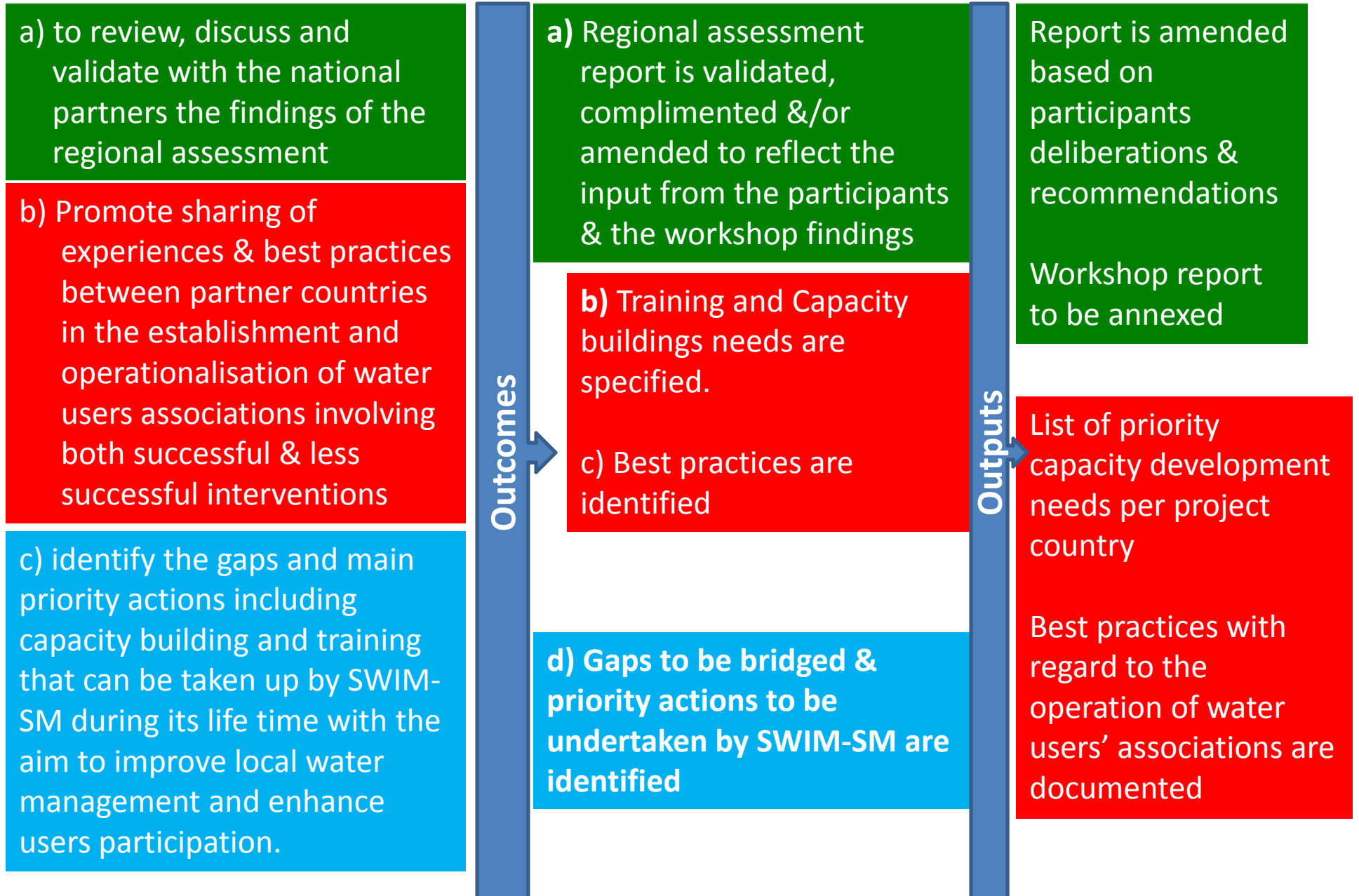
Athens-Greece
April 23-25, 2012

Workshop Background Objectives

Workshop Objectives & Expected Results

a) to review, discuss and validate with the national partners the findings of the regional assessment

b) Promote sharing of experiences & best practices between partner countries in the establishment and operationalisation of water users associations involving both successful & less successful interventions

c) identify the gaps and main priority actions including capacity building and training that can be taken up by SWIM-SM during its life time with the aim to improve local water management and enhance users participation.

Outcomes

a) Regional assessment report is validated, complimented &/or amended to reflect the input from the participants & the workshop findings

b) Training and Capacity buildings needs are specified.

c) Best practices are identified

d) Gaps to be bridged & priority actions to be undertaken by SWIM-SM are identified

Outputs

Report is amended based on participants deliberations & recommendations

Workshop report to be annexed

List of priority capacity development needs per project country

Best practices with regard to the operation of water users' associations are documented

Workshop Programme

From	To	Details: Day 1	Responsibility
9:00	**9:20**	**Opening Remarks** • **Welcoming Participants** • **Introduction and orientation by task leader (Water Expert SWIM-SM)** • **Logistical Issues** • **Approval of provisional agenda**	Project Director – SWIM-SM (Stavros Damianidis) Task Leader (Suzan Taha)
9:20	**9:30**	**Workshop Outline: Objectives, Rules & Briefing on Methodology**	Mutaz Al Taher (Facilitator)
9:30	**11:00**	**Countries Presentations** • **Egypt** • **Israel** • **Jordan** • **Occupied Palestinian**	National Representatives **Workgroup Facilitator**
		• **Comments & Feedback by Participants (45 Minutes)**	**Mutaz Al Taher (Facilitator)**
11:00	**11:30**	**Coffee Break**	
11:30	**12:45**	**Countries Presentations (15 Minutes each) & 15 Minutes over the session for questions of clarification** • **Algeria** • **Lebanon** • **Morocco**	National Representatives **Workgroup Facilitator**
12:45	**13:45**	**Lunch Break**	

Workshop Programme

From	To	Details: Day 1	Responsibility
13:45	**15:00**	**Regional Assessment Report: Final Conclusions**	Task Leader Suzan Taha Consultant CIHEAM =IAMB
15:00	**15:30**	**Evaluation**	
15:30	**16:00**	**Break**	**CIHEAM =IAMB** **WG Facilitators**

Workshop Programme

From	To	Details: Day 2	Responsibility
9:00	9:20	**Opening Remarks** • Overview of Day 1 • Presenting Tasks for Day 2 • Organizational Issues	**Mutaz Al Taher (Facilitator)**
9:20	9:40	**Presentation of the Regional Assessment findings with respect to challenges and linkages with group work & Presentation on BPs (20 Minutes) :Part 2**	CIHEAM =IAMB
9.40	10:00	**Discussion - Plenary**	**Facilitator**
10::00	11:00	**Best practices in the operationalization of WUAs using successful and less successful examples and learning points - WG Discussions (60 Minutes)**	**WG Facilitators National Representatives**
11:00	11:30	**Coffee Break**	
11:30	12:00	**Presentation of groups Findings in Plenary**	**Facilitator**
11:30	11:50	**Presentation of the Regional Assessment >>>>**	**National Representatives** **Work group Facilitator**
		What is next?	**Mu'taz Taher**
12:45	13:45	**Lunch Break**	

How will the workshop flow?

Facilitated Sessions: Presentations & Discussions:

Participants

Materials & tools

Facilitators

DESCRIPTION

This technique can be used as **a facilitation method** for groups and as **a communication model**, in which opinions are developed, a common understanding is built and objectives, recommendations and action plans are formulated to focus on a problem and its possible solutions.

Communication tools used, include:
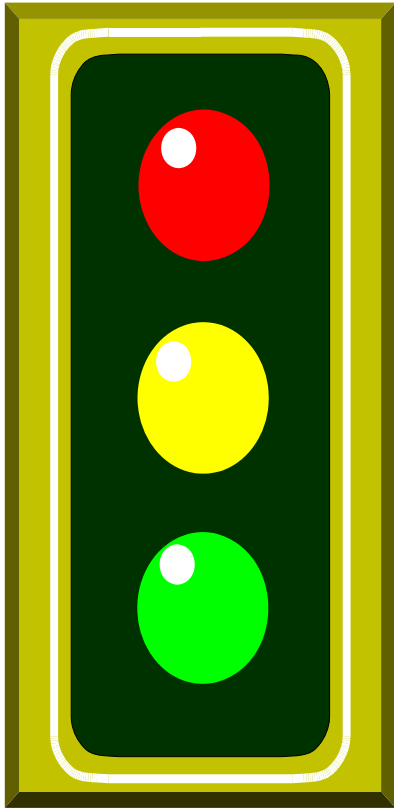
Physical Materials

- Flash Cards (standard oval, cloud-shaped and rectangular cards of various colors).

- Felt tipped pens.

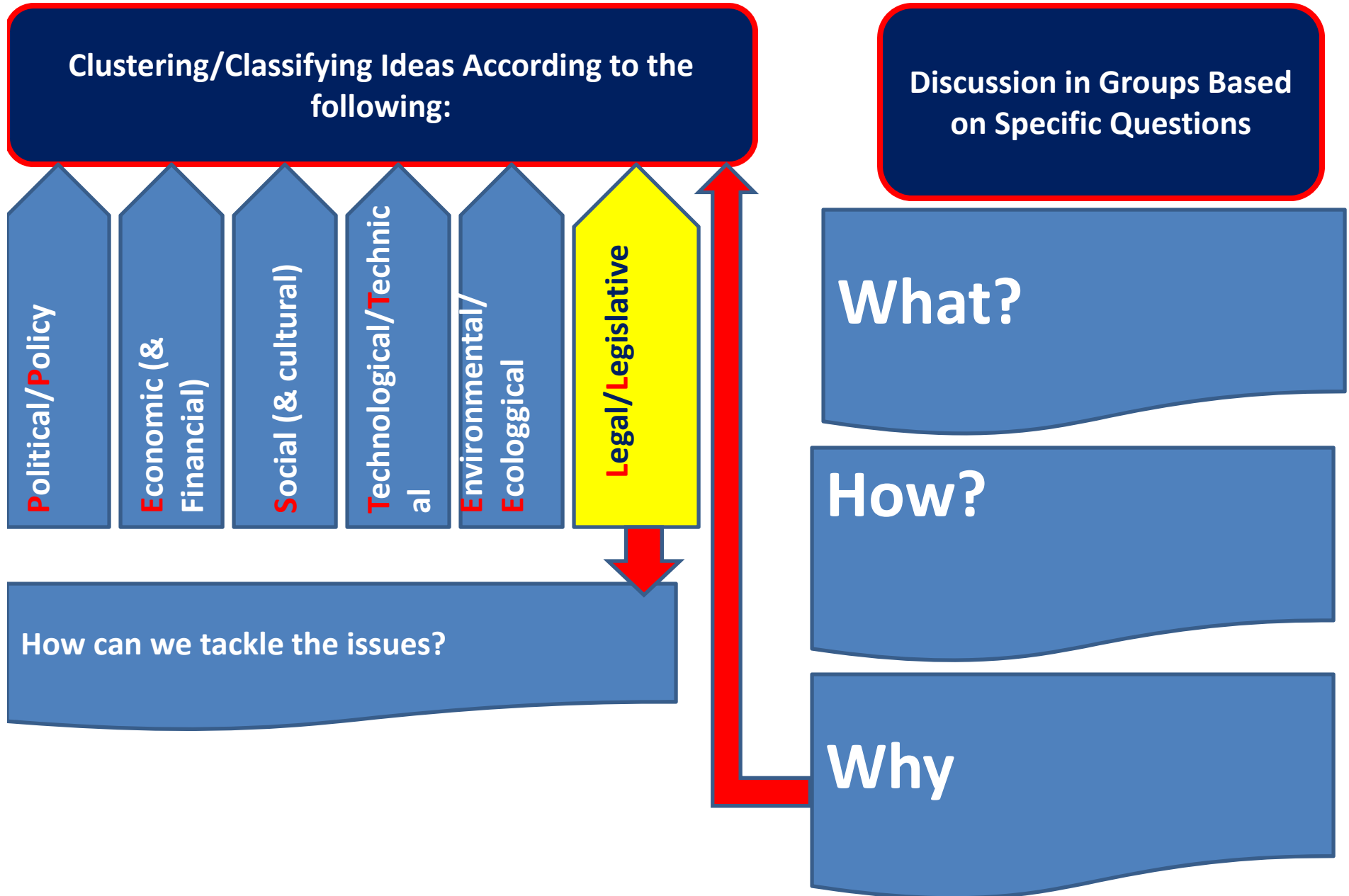- Display boards, etc.

1 Idea/Card

3 Lines / Idea/Card

Write Clearly (Form and Content)

Workshop Rules

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Introduction to Group Work

Clustering/Classifying Ideas According to the following:

Discussion in Groups Based on Specific Questions

Political/Policy

Economic (& Financial)

Social (& cultural)

Technological/Technical

Environmental/Ecological

Legal/Legislative

How can we tackle the issues?

What?

How?

Why

Countries