



INFORMATION NOTE
NATIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOP
REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
WASTEWATER STRATEGIES AND/OR ACTION PLANS - IN EGYPT

Intecontinental City Crystals, Omar Ibn El Khattab Street, Cairo, 11737

Within the scope of Work Package 1 (WP1) "Water governance and mainstreaming" - Activity 1.1.2, the **EU-funded Sustainable Water Integrated Management – Support Mechanism (SWIM-SM)** Project is providing technical assistance for the review and analysis of the development and implementation status of wastewater strategies and/or action plans in Egypt.

To this effect SWIM-SM has undertaken an assessment in Egypt that was based on existing studies/documents and a country mission that took place in November 2012. The assessment has (a) illustrated the status of development and implementation of wastewater strategies, plan of actions and associated policies; (b) identified achievements and success stories; (c) examined constraints and challenges; and (d) identified opportunities for advancing missing priority elements in the development and implementation efforts and (e) suggested recommendations and proposed policy options to enhance the development and integration of wastewater national strategies into national water plans.

This assessment is to be followed by a **one day national consultation workshop, planned in Cairo on the 11th of March 2013**, involving all stakeholders, to review and validate the findings and provide guidance to ensure that proposed priorities, policy options and recommendations address the country's current and future needs

The assessment will also be used as a background document to establish a national dialogue among high level officials from the relevant sectors to advance the strategy/policy/action plan formulation and implementation in Egypt.

The main objectives of the proposed consultation workshop are (a) to present, discuss and validate with the national partners and relevant stakeholders the findings of the assessment on the status of development and implementation of wastewater strategy and/or action plan in Egypt, (b) provide guidance to ensure that proposed priorities, policy options and recommendations address current and future needs in Egypt, with an emphasis on bridging the gaps to advance the country's wastewater strategy/policy/action plan development and/or implementation efforts, (c) establish a national dialogue among high level officials from the relevant sectors to advance the strategy/policy/action plan formulation and implementation in the country.

The targeted audience for the workshop is:

- Stakeholders identified during the assessment and/or the project mission of November 2012
- Relevant ministries (environment, water, interior, agriculture, finance, health, industry), government departments and agencies
- Regional and International partners and donors
- Other country stakeholders
- National experts
- Non-governmental Organisations



Provisional Agenda

- 9:00-9:30 Registration**
- 9:30-10:00 Session I: Workshop Opening**
- Welcome and opening statements:
 - H.E the Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation Facilities
 - Dr. Essam Khalifa; Sector Head, Minister's Office at the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (also SWIM Focal Point in Egypt)
 - Dr. Ahmed Bader; Water and Energy Sector Manager, EU delegation and
 - Professor Hosny Khordagui; SWIM team leader
 - Introduction and orientation by task leader (Key Expert SWIM-SM)
- 10:00-11:45 Session II: Country Assessment**
- Presentation of the Country's Assessment - Part 1 (30 mins) (NKE)
 - ✓ General overview of the status of development and implementation of wastewater strategies/action plans/ policies
 - ✓ Progress and achievements
 - ✓ Challenges, constraints and gaps
 - Comments and Discussion of the Findings – Thematic¹ Workgroups (45 mins)
 - Presentation of results (30 min)
- 11:45-12:10 Coffee Break (25 mins)**
- 12:10-13:40 Session III: Bridging the Gaps**
- Presentation of the Country's Assessment - Part 2 (30 mins) (NKE)
 - ✓ Opportunities for advancing missing priority elements in the Strategy development and implementation efforts
 - ✓ Proposed priorities, policy options and recommendations to address current and future needs
 - ✓ Comments and discussions (60 mins) – Six thematic¹ workgroups (priorities, policy options and recommendations)
- 13:40-14:40 Lunch**
- 14:40-15:40 Discussions (Continued):**
- Presentation of results (30 min)
 - Plenary Discussions (30 min)
- 15:40-16:00 Wrap up and closing remarks**

Proposed Location and Date

The workshop is planned to be held in Cairo, at the Intecontinental City Crystals, Omar Ibn El Khattab Street, Cairo, 11737 for 1 day on the 11th of March 2013.

¹ (a) Enabling Environment (2workgroups), (b) Governance and Institutional Framework (2workgroups), and (c) Management Instruments (2workgroups)