



## SWIM-SM Fourth Steering Committee Meeting and Fourth SWIM-Demos Coordination Meeting

15-16 December 2014, Barcelona, Spain

Sessions will be held at Gran Hotel Princesa Sofia

*The meetings will be chaired by the European Commission*

### AGENDA

#### Monday, 15 December 2014

08:30 Registration

09:00-09:15 Welcoming remarks

Mr. Stephane Halgand, EuropeAid F4-Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South, DG Development and Cooperation, European Commission

Mr. Naser TAHBOUB, Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) or Ms Alessandra Sensi, Programme Manager, Water and Environment Department, UfM (tbc)

09:15-10:00 Session I: Overview of the 3rd implementation year of SWIM-SM Project (20')

*Keynote Speaker: Prof. Hosny Khordagui, Team Leader, SWIM-SM*

*Rapporteur: Mr. Vangelis Constantianos, SWIM-SM Technical Director, Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med)*

**Scope:** To provide an account of SWIM-SM progress from November 2013 to November 2014, including a brief overview of activities undertaken supported by related statistics; highlight achievements & tangible results; outline challenges & constraints and provide a linkage of work done with the way forward beyond 2014.

*Questions and answers (25')*

10:00 - 11:15 Session II: Development and application of M&E systems for Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) and Irrigation Management Transfer (IMT) processes in Jordan and Tunisia

*Facilitator: Eng. Ali Subah, Secretary General Assistant for Technical Affairs, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan*





**Rapporteur:** Mr. Charbel Rizk, Environmental Expert, SWIM-SM

**Keynote Speaker:** Ms. Suzan Taha, Water Expert, SWIM-SM (15')

**Scope:** To provide an overview of the M&E system developed to monitor PIM/IMT and its application in two pilot areas (Tunisia and Jordan); achievements and benefits; constraints and challenges; lessons learnt with a view to replication within the same country or in other project countries.

**Speakers from the SWIM beneficiary countries**

**Reflections on the related SWIM-SM activity (10' each)**

Discussion (40')

**11:15-11:45 Coffee Break**

**11:45 - 13:00 Session III: Enforcing Water Legislations**

**Facilitator:** Mr. Abdelkader Benomar, Water Research and Planning Director, Water Dept., Ministry of Energy, Mining, Water and the Environment, Morocco.

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Barbara Tomassini, Communications Expert, SWIM-SM

**Keynote Speaker:** Prof Hosny Khordagui, Team Leader, SWIM-SM (15')

**Scope:** To review activities undertaken during 2014 towards improving compliance with water and aquatic environment regulations as well as to identify the technical and judiciary capacity needed to enforce water legislation in SWIM-SM PCs; highlight lessons learned with a view towards replication.

**Speakers from the beneficiary countries**

**Reflections on the related SWIM-SM activity (10' each)**

Discussion (40')

**13:00-14:00 Lunch Break**

**14:00 - 15:45 Session IV: 4th SWIM Demos coordination meeting**

**DEMO projects' achievements and way forward**

**Facilitator:** Mr. Tahar Aichaoui, Director in charge of Water-related Project Studies and Infrastructure, Ministry of Water Resources, Algeria

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Suzan Taha, Water Expert, SWIM-SM

**Scope:** To briefly present the demo projects' achieved results, lessons learnt, and possible ways forward, including potential replication. Each project presentation will be supplemented by the SWIM video related part.

SWIM-ACLIMAS (10' presentation and 5' projection of SWIM Video)



SWIM-ALL ACROSS THE JORDAN (10'presentation and 5' projection of SWIM Video)

SWIM-IMPROWARE (10'presentation and 5' projection of SWIM Video)

SWIM-SUSTAIN WATER MED (10'presentation and 5' projection of SWIM Video)

SWIM-WADIS-MAR (10'presentation and 5' projection of SWIM Video)

Open discussion about the achievements of the demonstration projects based on a set of guiding questions (30')

**15:45- 16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00 - 16:30 Session V: Overview of the SWIM-SM communication activities.**

**Facilitator:** Mr. Abderrazek Souissi, General Director, Water Planning and Water Resources Balance Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Tunisia

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Charbel Rizk, Environment Expert, SWIM-SM

**Keynote Speaker:** Ms Barbara Tomassini, Communications Expert, SWIM-SM (15')

**Scope:** To provide insights on streamlining the overall SWIM Programme communication and visibility efforts with a view to enhance the potential for their uptake and replication in the South Mediterranean Region

Discussion (15')

**16:30 – 17:00 Session VI: Overview of the SWIM Activity “Success stories of water resources management in the SWIM region”**

**Facilitator:** Eng. Almotaz Abadi, Adviser to the Minister, Palestinian Water Authority

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Barbara Tomassini, Communication Expert, SWIM-SM

**Keynote Speaker:** Mr Charbel Rizk, Environment Expert, SWIM-SM (15')

**Scope:** To review the activity implementation process from beginning till date and depict the main results and challenges. To showcase some collected success stories and gather the opinion of the participants on the future planning of the activity.

Open discussion (15')

**17:00 – 18:30 Cocktail**

**End of Day 1**

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**Tuesday, 16 December 2014**

**09:00-11:00 Session VII: Final Evaluation of the SWIM programme**

**Facilitator:** Mr. Stephane Halgand, EuropeAid F4-Regional Programmes  
Neighbourhood South, DG Development and Cooperation, EC

**Rapporteur:** Prof Hosny Khordagui, SWIM-SM Team Leader and Mr. Stavros  
Damianidis, SWIM-SM Project Director, LDK Consultants

**Speakers:** Mr Patrick Trolliet, Team Leader of the Evaluation Team and Mr Georges  
Kamar, Expert II of the Evaluation Team

**Findings of Final Evaluation of SWIM (30')**

**Scope:** To present and discuss the key findings of the SWIM-SM programme  
evaluation, including recommendations on SWIM's extension in 2015 and for the  
SWIM II programme.

Discussion (90')

**11:00-11:15 Coffee Break**

**11:15-13:00 Session VIII: Looking ahead: some elements to be factored in**

**Facilitator:** Mr. Ahmad Al Qatarneh, Secretary General, Ministry of Environment,  
Jordan

**Rapporteur:** Mr Giorgos Lourmas, Senior WRM Consultant, LDK Consultants

**Scope:** To present and discuss forward-looking perspectives of selected IWRM issues  
in the Mediterranean and in the EU and possible interactions with regional water  
initiatives.

**Speaker:** Ms. Esther Pozo-Vera, European Commission, DG Environment

**The founding principles of the EU water policy: how relevant to the Mediterranean  
region? (15')**

The EU has developed an extensive "acquis communautaire" on water management;  
those main features and future developments are described in the EU Water  
Blueprint issued in 2012. In parallel, the EU has decided in 2013 to intensify its water  
diplomacy.

**Speaker:** Mr. Adriano García-Loygorri, Technical Advisor, General Directorate of  
Water, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Spain

**The 5+5 initiative for a Western Med Water Strategy: state-of-play and next steps  
(10')**

Spain and Algeria jointly took the initiative of developing a 5+5 water strategy,  
officially announcing it at the UNGA in September 2013. Several preparatory



meetings have since taken place to draft the strategy, its adoption being scheduled in January 2015.

**Speaker:** *Mr. Giovanni Bidoglio, Head of Unit, Water Resources, Institute for Environment and Sustainability, Joint Research Centre / European Commission (Ispra, Italy)*

**The Water-Food-Energy Nexus: building the evidence base in the Mediterranean (10').**

Addressing the science basis of the Nexus assessment requires improving our ability to carry out scenario and trade-off analyses focusing on water demand and allocation across different sectors taking into account of e.g. structural reasons for scarcity, increased urbanization, adaptation to climate change, occurrence of extreme events, loads of pollutants to the sea. Analyses need to be integrated with water governance, cooperation initiatives on shared waters and priorities of National Action Plans.

**Speaker:** *Ms Marina Markovic, NAP sustainability expert, MED POL, UNEP/MAP*

**The revision process of the National Action Plans (NAPs) of the Barcelona Convention with emphasis on Water Objectives (10')**

Focus on nap update process in the framework of LBS protocol of the Barcelona Convention, operational targets and programmes of measures, timetable and coordination with other policy and governance frameworks including water sector on priority basis

**Speaker:** *Vangelis Constantianos, Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean*

**Tackling upcoming themes (SDGs, Nexus, ICZM/IWRM, etc): the role of regional processes including the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (10')**

New conceptual approaches as well as key policy processes aiming at sustainable natural resources management have developed over the last years at global level, building on further enhancing integration of sectoral modes. Their adaptation to regional contents and their assimilation into on-going regional processes should add value towards water security

*Facilitated discussion (50')*

**13:00-14:00 Lunch Break**

**14:00-15:30 Session IX: SWIM-SM Workplan for 2015 and capitalizing on SWIM achievements**

**Facilitator:** *Mr. Stephane Halgand, EuropeAid F4-Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South, DG Development and Cooperation, EC*

**Rapporteur:** *Ms. Anthi Brouma, Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean*

**Scope:** To present suggested contents of SWIM-SM extension for 2015, and ideas for utilizing achievements including paving the road for the next phase of the SWIM Programme





**Speakers:** Prof. Hosny Khordagui, Ms Suzan Taha, Mr Charbel Rizk, Ms Barbara Tomassini, SWIM-SM Key Expert Team

**Main activities during the 2015 extension period of SWIM-SM**

**(4 presentations of 10' each followed by questions and suggestions)**

**15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00-17:30 Session X: SWIM phase II**

**Facilitator:** Ms. Esther Pozo-Vera, DG Environment, European Commission,

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Giorgos Lourmas, Senior WRM Consultant, LDK Consultants

**Scope:** To solicit the opinion of SWIM-SM PCs representatives on their inspiration, vision, interest and priorities for the SWIM II programme based on experience and lessons learnt from SWIM I.

**Keynote Speaker:** Mr Stephane Halgand, EuropeAid F4-Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South, DG Development and Cooperation, European Commission

**SWIM phase II: Main features and questions to be answered on priority topics and methodology (10')**

Discussion: (80')

**17.30 Presentation of meeting conclusions and closing remarks (EC)**

**Facilitator:** Mr Stephane Halgand

**Presentation and endorsement of main Action Points from the 2 day proceedings of the SWIM Steering Committee Meeting**

**End of Day 2**

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