



Sustainable Water  
Integrated Management (SWIM) -  
Support Mechanism



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## **Introduction & Orientation**

**SWIM-SM Water Users Associations' Regional Expert  
Group Workshop, 23 & 24 April 2012, Athens, Greece**

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# BACKGROUND

Within Pillar IV of the Project; “Water Governance” SWIM-SM is performing several tasks with the aim to enhance knowledge on water governance at the local level and identify concrete actions for improving local water management and reinforcing users’ participation.

Two activities were foreseen during Year 1 Workplan:

1. Identify status of WUAs in the PCs;
2. Share experiences through organization of a regional experts group workshop;

# 1. Identify status of WUAs in the PCs

A regional assessment on the status of water users' participation in the PCs was carried out for SWIM-SM by CIHEAM/IAMB with case studies (Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon & Tunisia);

## OBJECTIVE:

- Illustrate the range of experiences in irrigation water users' participation
- Compile information on the status of WUAs
- Take stock of achieved progress & lessons learnt
- Identify measures and policy options to improve the efficiency of WUAs, including targeted activities to be implemented under the SWIM-SM project.

## 2. Organization of a Regional Experts Group Workshop

### OBJECTIVE:

- Review, discuss & validate with the national partners the findings of the regional assessment:
- Promote sharing of experiences & BPs between PCs in the establishment & operationalisation of WUAs involving both successful & less successful interventions
- Identify the gaps & main priority actions including capacity building & 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

# Workshop Methodology

- **Dynamic, interactive and participatory**
  - **Brief country presentations - exchange of experience**
  - **Workgroups sessions**
- **The workshop will be moderated by a professional facilitator with international experience**

# Expected Outcome

- The regional assessment report is validated, complimented and amended based on participants' deliberations and recommendations;
- Gaps to be bridged and priority actions to be undertaken by SWIM-SM are identified;
- Training & Capacity building needs specified.
- Best practices with regard to the operation of water users' associations are identified and documented.

# Who is Attending?

Target Audience	Attending
Representatives from national authorities dealing with or distributing irrigation water to water users or their associations	7 representatives from 7 PCs (DZ, IL, JO, LB, MO, oPt and TN)
Representatives from the national water users or their associations	2 (DZ & MO)
Donors involved in WUAs establishment and empowerment	2 (GIZ -JO & USAID - EG)
Regional and International Organisations working in the field in the region	2 (AWC and ARCADSAC)
National, regional and international experts renowned for their contribution in the establishment, management and operation of WUAs in water scarce countries.	5 (CIHEAM/IAMB x 2, 1 International Expert - DE, 1 National expert - TN, and 1 LB (also country representative))
NGOs and Civil Societies	2 (PARC & PHG)



# **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

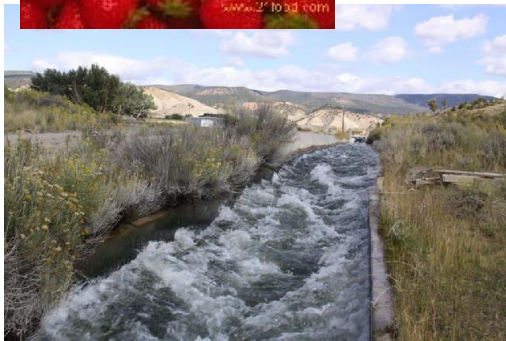


Day 1:		Details	Responsibility
From	To		
9:00	9:20	Opening and Introduction, Logistical Issues Approval of provisional agenda	Project Director & Task Leader
9:20	9:30	Workshop Outline: Objectives, Rules & Briefing on Methodology	Facilitator
9:30	11:00	Regional Assessment Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Introduction - Purpose of Collecting Feedback with respect to the report Presentation Style, Contents Coverage &amp; Quality and Key Findings <u>(15 Minutes)</u></li> <li>•Presentation of the Regional Assessment with examples from 4 selected PCs <u>(30 Minutes)</u></li> </ul>	Task Leader Suzan Taha CIHEAM/IAMB
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments &amp; Feedback by Participants <u>(45 Minutes)</u></li> </ul>	Mutaz Al Taher (Facilitator)
11:00	11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11:30	12:45	Countries Presentations - 1 (15 minutes each presentation & 15 Minutes over the session for questions of clarification) - (EG, IL, JO, oPt)	National Representatives Workgroup Facilitator
12:45	13:45	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
13:45	15:00	Countries Presentations - 2 (15 minutes each presentation & 15 Minutes over the session for questions of clarification) - (DZ, LB, MO)	National Representatives Workgroup Facilitator
15:00	15:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
15:30	17:30	challenges and constraints, and gap identification, to the development and operationalisation of WUAs	WG Facilitators
17:30	18:00	Summation & Conclusion of Day 1	Facilitator

Day 2:		Details	Responsibility
From	To		
9:00	9:20	Opening Remarks (Overview of Day 1, Presenting Tasks for Day 2, Organizational Issues)	Facilitator
9:20	10:20	BPs in the operationalisation of WUAs using successful & less successful examples & learning points (WG Discussions - 60 Minutes)	WG Facilitators
10.20	10.30	<b>Coffee Break taken in session (10 Minutes)</b>	
10:30	11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation &amp; Discussions of Groups Findings (60 Minutes)</li> </ul>	Facilitator & WG Facilitators
11:30	13:30	The way forward - A Regional Outlook; proposing a vision with a regional perspective to address the issues influencing the prospects of WUAs at the regional level (WG Discussions - 60 Minutes)	WG Facilitators
		Presentation & Discussions of Groups Findings (60 Minutes)	Facilitator & WG Facilitators
13:30	14:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14:30	15:30	Bridging the gaps (capacity development, training needs, etc.); opportunities & priorities for SWIM-SM Interventions (WG Discussions - 60 Minutes)	WG Facilitators
15:30	16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
16:00	17:00	Presentation & Discussions of Groups Findings (60 Minutes)	Facilitator & WG Facilitators
17:00	17:30	Workshop Evaluation by Participants	Facilitator
17:30	17:45	Wrap up closing remarks	Facilitator SWIM-SM

# Logistics and Organization Issues

- **B&B basis**
- **Lunch and Coffee Breaks Provided (23 & 24 April), Dinner provided 23 April**
- **Minibar**
- **Metro**
- **Taxis to the Airport**
- **Information and Assistance:**
  - ✓ **ENGLISH +30 694 973 3602**
  - ✓ **FRENCH +30 698 167 7548**
- **Per Diems**
- **Reimbursements**



**Thanks for your attention  
& wishing you a successful  
and fruitful workshop**

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