Sustainable Water Integrated Management (SWIM) -Support Mechanism



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# Water is too Precious to waste Session I: Overview of progress of the SWIM program during 2013

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# **OBJECTIVES OF PRESENTATION**

- To present an overall account of SWIM-SM project second year of implementation including:
  - 1. Brief reminder of project objectives
  - 2. Achievements & statistics during 2013
  - 3. Challenges & constraints
  - 4. Highlighted achievements & tangible results
  - 5. Way forward beyond 2014

## **I- BRIEF REMINDER OF SWIM-SM**

#### **Overall objective**

• To promote the extensive dissemination of sustainable water management policies & practices in the context of increasing water scarcity, combined pressure on water resources from a wide range of users & in connection with CC.

#### **Specific objectives**

- 1. Raise awareness among the decision-makers & stakeholders
- 2. Support PCs in designing & implementing IWRM policies
- 3. Contribute to ensuring institutional reinforcement & the development of the necessary planning & management skills.

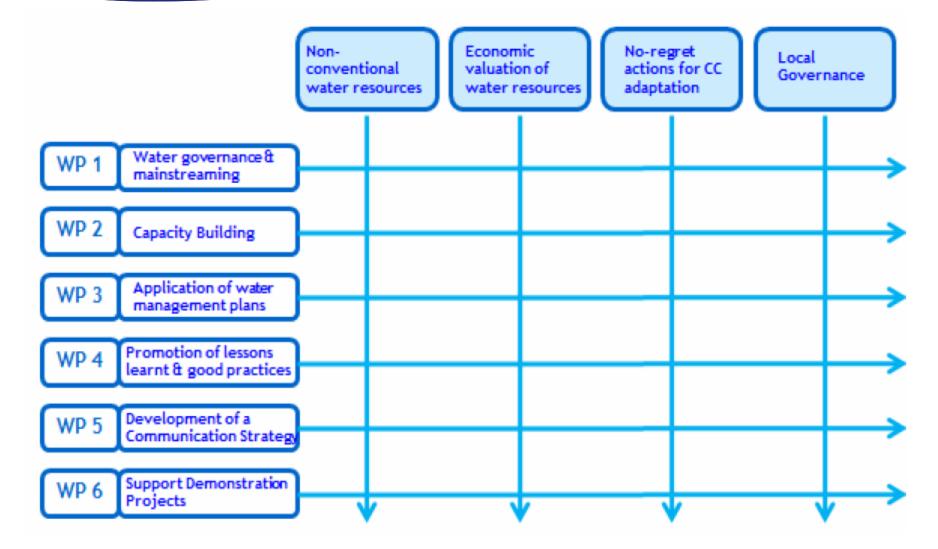
### **PROJECT SYNOPSIS**

- **Project start date:** 13 December 2010
- **Project duration:** 48 months ending 12 December 2014
- Input: Technical assistance inputs include
  - Team Leader:
  - Key Expert 2:
  - Key Expert 3
  - Key Expert 4:
  - Non-Key Experts:
  - Total Budget:

- 220 man-days/year
- Water Expert : 220 man-days/year
- Environmental Expert : 220 man-days/year
- Communications Expert: 150 man-days/year
  - 1480 man-days for the duration of project

#### 6.7 Million Euro

#### FOUR PILLARS CROSS CUTTING WORK PACKAGES



#### CHALLENGES FACED DURING 2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION

## **CHALLENGES**:

- 1. Political instability in the Region.
- 2. Frequent changes in governments and water sector leaderships.
- 3. Occasional lack of safety and security in some countries.
- 4. Occasional reluctance in disclosing water & environment data & information.
- 5. Multi-disciplinary character of the project, involving socioeconomic, financing, legislative & environmental aspects of IWRM.
- 6. Multi-activity character of the project, which are concurrently implemented, possibly beyond the project's capacity for timely delivery.
- 7. Request for additional activities by beneficiaries without availability or allocation of additional resources.

#### **IMPACTS ON PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:**

- 1. Delay in the implementation of some activities.
- 2. Delay in the identification & mobilisation of NKEs.
- 3. Over-utilization of the NKEs' man-days.
- 4. Debate about the merits of Regional versus National activities affecting the timeliness of the implementation process.

# STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF 2013 WORK PLAN

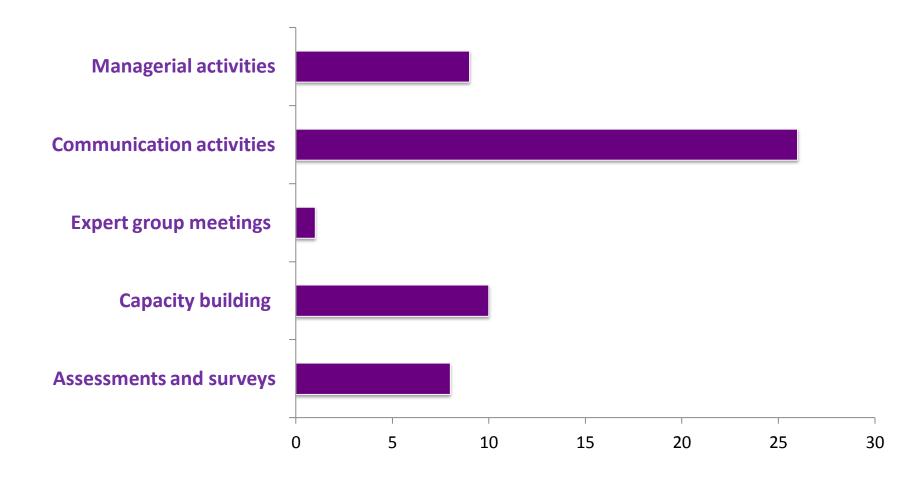
## **IMPLEMENTATION STATISTICS**

TOTAL NUMBER OF LISTED ACTIVITIES	60
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES	6
ACTIVITIES TO BE CANCELLED	4
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTUAL ACTIVITIES	62
TOTAL NUMBER OF LISTED ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED BY 100%	32
TOTAL NUMBER OF LISTED ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED BY >50%	8
TOTAL NUMBER OF LISTED ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED BY 5% TO 50%	20
% DELIVERY BASED ON LISTED – CANCELLED ACTIVITIES	73%
EXPECTED % DELIVERY BY END 2013	95%

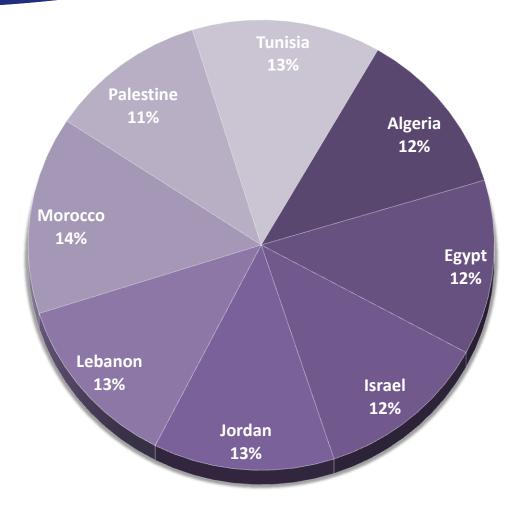
# **OUTPUTS STATISTICS**

TOTAL NO OF STUDIES, ASSESSMENTS	8
TOTAL NO OF MEETING REPORTS INCLUDING THOSE FROM MANAGEMENT MEETINGS	16
TOTAL NO OF EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS	1
TOTAL NO OF TRAINING / WORKSHOPS	6
TOTAL NO OF STUDY TOURS	4
TOTAL NO OF NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS	5
TOTAL NO OF PARTICIPANTS IN TRAINING WORKSHOPS & STUDY TOURS	137
TOTAL NO OF PARTICIPANTS IN NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS	206
TOTAL NO OF NKES ENGAGED DURING THE SECOND YEAR	55

#### TYPE OF ACTIVITIES HELD DURING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

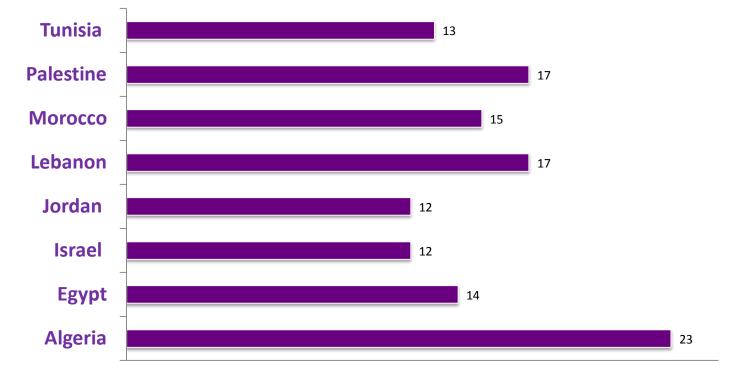


#### PERCENT GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



#### Note: The figure concerns the whole spectrum of conducted activities

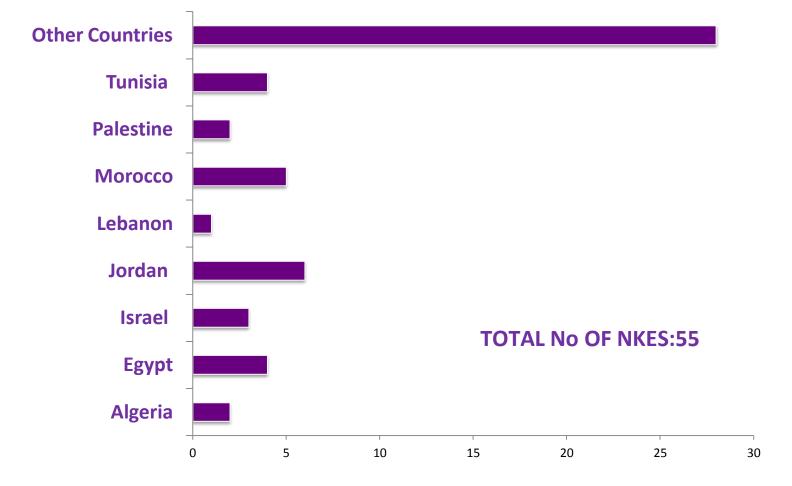
# TOTAL NO OF TRAINEES PER COUNTRY FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



#### **TOTAL NO OF TRAINEES: 137**

TOTAL NO OF TRAINING SESSIONS, STUDY TOURS & FIELD VISITS: 10

#### **GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF NKE ENGAGED DURING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**



## HIGHLIGHTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1. Mainstreaming water issues in other sectors has been recognized as a priority & a precondition for the sustainable management of water resources.
- 2. Awareness raised & capacity of multiplicity of actors/stakeholders strengthened on a range of issues pertaining to IWRM.
- 3. Good water governance, particularly rule of law, was recognized as one of the foundations for implementation of IWRM plans & should be addressed as such by PCs.
- 4. Environmental, financing & economic aspects of developing NCWRs (WWT & reuse + Desalination) are currently given adequate consideration by PCs, partner organizations & programs.

### HIGHLIGHTED ACHIEVEMENTS (continued)

- 5. Solid collaboration achieved among countries of the region through effective exchange of knowledge, good/bad experiences, success stories & best practices during regional dialogue, consultation events, study tours and capacity building activities.
- 6. Synergetic action with other organizations, programs & initiatives in the region, strengthened & materialized through concrete joint activities.

# **SELECTED TANGIBLE RESULTS (1)**

- 1. PCs have at their disposal clear guidelines and a training manual to improve their compliance with water & environment legislations.
- 2. 29 prosecutors, water, environment officials from PCs are now trained on policies & best practices for the enforcement of water and environment legislations.
- 3. PCs have validated Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) system for Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) and Irrigation Management Transfer (IMT) process.
- 4. 20 water & environment officials are aware of the necessity of mainstreaming water in other sectors & are better qualified to utilise IWRM principles & tools for sustainable management of their water resources.

# **SELECTED TANGIBLE RESULTS (2)**

- 5. 22 water & environment officials were trained on the interlinkages between ICZM and IWRM with training material at their disposal.
- Capacity of water officials was developed on WWT and reuse best practices through training & study tour in European Countries renown for their advancement in these fields.
- 7. The capacity of 20 participants from the public and private sector has been developed on resources mobilization for depollution through IFIs and the private sector through PPPs.
- 8. 21 water professionals & environmental practitioners from 7 SWIM-PCs are trained on modelling the cost of desalination.
- 9. Decision makers for the Seybouse River Basin in Algeria & Litani River Basin in Lebanon are aware of the cost of water resources degradation and the economic benefits derived from its halting.

#### THE WAY FORWARD (1)

In preparation for the 2014 work plan, the SWIM-SM team held a 2day brainstorming session in Athens followed by one day meeting with the EC sponsoring team in Brussels concentrating on issues & requests raised during the second year of implementation & assessed the needs & issues to be addressed.

- 1. The merits of study tours during 2013 were quite evident & are considered in the proposed 2014 work-plan for the following reasons:
  - To further expose young water professionals in PCs to the best water resources management practices in Europe,
  - To establish the dialogue among national & regional water relevant sectors to support mainstreaming.
  - To witness the EU water directive in practice,
  - To provide the opportunity for the replication of BPs, and
  - To establish a North-South dialogue among water & environment practitioners.

### THE WAY FORWARD (2)

- SWIM-SM will address the identified priority water issues intensively rather than extensively, capitalise on the outcomes of completed activities, up-scale their outreach and impact & utilise them as building blocks for initiating policy changes.
- 3. In order to ensure sustainability, special focus will be given to issues & activities that prompt the interest of PCs. These issues can be handedover to relevant water & environment programs in the Region to carry them over beyond 2014.

Thank you for your kind attention

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