



Sustainable Water Integrated Management - Support Mechanism (SWIM-SM)

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**Minutes of SWIM Program Launching Workshop
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Preamble: The SWIM Launching Workshop took place on 7-8 December 2011, in Centre Albert Borchette in Brussels. The main objectives were to (1) present SWIM-Support Mechanism's (SWIM-SM) objectives, inception findings and the main lines of activities (2) present the recently approved SWIM demo projects (SWIM-DP) (3) review synergies with relevant on-going projects and initiatives; (4) facilitate outreach and dissemination of information related to activities and outcomes of SWIM-SM and SWIM-DP.

Sessions I and II: Opening Session and Introduction to the SWIM Program

- Opening Remarks: Mr. Marcus Cornaro, Director, Neighborhood, DG Development and Cooperation, European Commission
- Purpose and structure of the Launching Workshop: Mr. Stavros Damianidis, Project Director, SWIM-SM
- The SWIM-SM Project: Dr. Sherif Arif, Team Leader, SWIM-SM

Main Outcomes of Discussions:

- SWIM-SM prioritization and suggested activities respond to the needs of the SWIM Partner Countries (PCs) and would contribute in advancing sustainable water resources management in the region.
- Trans-boundary water issues are very sensitive and highly political. SWIM-SM will not focus on trans-boundary water issues at the current stage (first year of implementation). It has also been noted that another EU funded Project - the MED EUWI Service Contract – is already dealing with trans-boundary water issues in the region, while this agenda is in the focus of the wider MED EUWI activities.
- SWIM-SM will not be directly involved in water information collection, management and/or monitoring because there are other substantial on-going efforts (such as the ENPI SEIS projects) that address these issues.
- SWIM-SM is already in contact and coordinating with relevant regional projects, initiatives and donors active in the water sector and will further explore all possible options of coordination and operational synergy with them;
- Developments in Regional Cooperation in the Neighborhood need to be appropriately taken into consideration. In the light of this, Libya's presence as observer in the SWIM Launching Workshop was welcomed.

Main Recommendations:

- Promote leverage of interventions and avoid overlapping through active coordination between EU and non-EU regional and bilateral cooperation efforts;

- SWIM should enhance South-South, in addition to North-South, cooperation and exchange taking into consideration different countries specificities, priorities and needs;
- It is important to fruitfully exchange with activities supported by other major donors in the region, including those active in Water Sector Groups that exist in most of the PCs, with the view of increasing cooperation and coordination, where appropriate;
- Lebanon and the occupied Palestinian territory recommended more involvement in specific themes in the SWIM-SM Work Plans for the coming years including Technical Assistance (TA) and Capacity Building (CB) in rural sanitation, water conservation, awareness on climate change, private sector participation, wastewater reuse and rainwater harvesting.

Sessions III: The SWIM-SM Thematic Pillars

Non-Conventional Water Resources Management

Main Outcomes of Discussions:

- Exhausting water demand management options can go in parallel with desalination provided that it is based on cost/benefit and/or opportunity cost analysis of alternative options.
- MAP requested and SWIM-SM is open to provide support for the update of MAP guidelines on desalination during year 2 of the project.
- SWIM-SM will follow up with MED EUWI and related initiatives and programs (e.g. UNEP/MAP MEDPOL, Med-Partnership, UNESCO/IHP, MEDPOL/WHO, etc.) and will seek relevant input from the EC Delegations in the partner countries.

Main Recommendations:

- Decision on the type of NCWR to be used should take into consideration among other things the reliability of the source given the use type, and the point of use, especially when transfer is involved as these affect cost.
- There is also a need to consider other issues related to disposal problems, social aspects including farmers' acceptance, purchasing property, and environmental impacts.
- It was suggested that SWIM supports with expertise the undertaking of an update of the assessment of desalination activities with a particular emphasis on their environmental impact in the marine and coastal eco-system. Findings could be used to also update MAP guidelines on desalination for consideration by the appropriate decision making bodies of MAP.

- It was suggested to add to the Work Plan references to MAP MEDPOL with a view to close coordination and to coordinate with MED EUWI regarding the development of wastewater strategy in Egypt and, possibly, in Morocco.
- Tunisia requested to be included with Egypt and Morocco in the targeted TA for the elaboration of a wastewater strategy and/or action plan. In this regard, Tunisia also needs TA in policy dialogue with partners and civil society particularly in relation to the development of the new National Water Strategy 2050.
- SWIM-SM should consider the development and implementation of national awareness raising campaigns as opposed to campaigns at the basin level to help create the enabling environment in a broader base including social acceptance.
- It is recommended that the cost of treated wastewater and desalination should include all processes, and consider potential benefits resulting from sludge management such as the value added from the use of biogas generation from the sludge.
- Cooperation with UNESCO/IHE is recommended as they are presently developing technical guidelines on aquifer recharge to contribute as non-regret action for Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and against sea water intrusion.
- SWIM-SM should help promote advanced programs in academic institutions in the fields of nonconventional water resources involving among others senior students.
- SWIM is recommended to assist the Network of Mediterranean Universities for sustainable development in the preparation of education material on water. The said network is also preparing education material on more horizontal issues of sustainable development targeting educators.

Economic Valuation of Water Pollution

Main Outcomes of Discussions:

- SWIM-SM plans to develop curricula/course materials on the economic analysis of various pollution abatement investment options taking into consideration social and environmental costs and benefits, for use by the regional and/or national training institutions and universities;
- Sharing economic costs of environmental degradation results in public debates is a sensitive issue. However SWIM-SM will seek to involve all relevant stakeholders to present and discuss the results of this pillar. It is up to the responsible authorities in the PCs to take the necessary actions according to their respective mandates;
- SWIM-SM will help promote capacity of academicians (such as environmental economists) and engineers on the methodology for economic valuation. The so built capacities could become very useful to Ministries of water and environment.

Main Recommendations:

- SWIM-SM should build on the results of the work done by the EC within the project on Social and Economic Benefits of Enhanced Environmental Protection covering 17 ENPI countries. A robust methodology was prepared to guide the country teams to carry out economic evaluation (mostly in the form of benefits assessment).
- It is recommended for SWIM-SM to involve the public, according to actual capacities of the project, to provide opportunities for public debate.
- SWIM-SM needs to discuss with the EIB the need to ensure broader economic, technical and social analysis for desalination projects they are funding, that takes into account cumulative environmental impacts of desalination while options of alternative energy resources should be also explored.
- SWIM-SM should consider the work carried by the EEA on land and ecosystem accounts some of which are already in place and try to integrate the cost of ecosystems degradation in the economic valuation of water pollution.
- This pillar should contribute along with other projects, including MEHSHIP, to act as a tool for the PCs to prioritize the selection of water related projects identified in the National Action Plans (NAP) adopted in the framework of the LBS Protocol.

Session IV: The SWIM-SM Thematic Pillars

No-Regret Actions for Climate Change Adaptation

Main Outcomes of Discussions:

- The SWIM-SM Team will revise the present thematic Pillar with a view to focusing on concrete and practical non-regret activities that could be offered to PCs and emphasize, where countries have specifically asked for it, on drought and flood management and risk communication particularly to vulnerable communities;
- Overlap will be avoided with existing projects and initiatives, synergies will be searched. Among others, DG RTD supports a variety of projects on climate change;

Main Recommendations:

- It is recommended to focus more practical non-regret actions and, where requested, to cover issues related mainly to extreme events (droughts and floods);
- Procedure manuals showing how to best manage extreme events need to be considered. This will provide an added value to the work of PCs towards Climate Change Adaptation;
- Best practices existing in the region, including at the River Basin level, and applications implying the successful use of traditional knowledge, indigenous technologies and local

communities involvement to achieve adaptation should be valorized and widely diffused;

- The outputs of several EU funded Research projects and other initiatives on Climate Change (implemented in the framework of UNEP/MAP, including the GEF Med-Partnership) that are relevant to SWIM-SM activities should be considered. Technical Guidance Documents (on floods, droughts and adaptation to Climate Change) produced to facilitate the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive could prove useful to SWIM PCs;
- SWIM will link up with other regional project, like PPPRD South (civil protection), which have also covered the development of contingency plans and public mobilization modalities in case of extreme events.

Local Water Governance

Main Outcomes of Discussions:

- In the first year of implementation SWIM-SM will focus on activities directed to Water Users Associations (WUAs) but might expand its scope later to include other local stakeholders, e.g. municipalities, water utilities, river basin organizations, etc. as appropriate;
- This Pillars' activities will give emphasis to capacity development and enhancing ownership of farmers and users at the local level;

Main Recommendations:

- Centralized (planning/allocation of resources) and decentralized (management) efforts need to be harmonized and combined to achieve sustainable management of resources;
- The long and valuable experiences of some PCs in the operation of WUAs e.g. in the promotion of groundwater preservation through aquifers' contracts, in decentralized River Basin management, in water allocation and use, etc., should serve in outlining successful local water governance methodologies that can be applied by other countries;
- Gender mainstreaming, including the important role of women in local water governance, should be taken appropriately into consideration;
- It is recommended to broaden the focus of this thematic pillar on WUAs to consider also the important role played by other stakeholders (e.g. municipalities, etc.) in local water governance and community's involvement.

Session V: SWIM-SM Communication and Awareness Raising Activities

Main Outcomes of Discussions:

- SWIM-SM is available to contribute to the development of the Replication Strategy/Methodology under UNEP/MAP and GEF Med-partnership once the modalities will become clearer;
- SWIM-SM and the Demonstration Projects will be in close communication and join forces to promote a more effective overall outcome of SWIM and overcome possible difficulties;
- Awareness raising and visibility efforts under SWIM-SM will be mainly tailored to support outcomes achieved under the four thematic pillars and their credibility;
- In order to make best use of available resources, communication, awareness raising and visibility activities will target a specific set of stakeholders, with focus on decision makers and institutions, Parliamentarians and media.
- SWIM-SM will also support the Demonstration Projects in achieving wide diffusion, visibility and replication of their results;

Main Recommendations:

- Awareness Raising directed to farmers should stress on water losses in agriculture and on convincing them to re-use adequately treated wastewater as applicable;
- Lessons from past and on-going awareness raising campaigns should be gathered in order to identify methodologies for the successful and long-term promotion campaigns for integrated water resources management;
- In order to enhance the sustainability of efforts undertaken under SWIM-SM it is recommended to focus, within the project's capacity, on awareness raising activities directed to the community, schools and young people, as well as to Parliamentarians in PCs;
- Particular emphasis should be given to promoting the visibility of good water governance schemes to all actors and users;
- Media campaigns and ads on TV are recommended as tools to achieve 'quick wins' for the Project, in terms of visibility and awareness raising. However, it is to be checked if the related high costs can be met or need to be scaled down given the limited resource;
- SWIM-SM should join forces with on-going initiatives promoting Education for Sustainable Development (e.g. the Mediterranean Strategy for ESD) and promote integration of relevant issues in the National Strategies of PCs;
- Knowledge about existing instruments promoting the access of the public to environmental information (e.g. the Aarhus Convention, the ICZM Protocol developed

under MAP, Arab Media Forum for Environment and development (AMFED), etc.) should be explored for potential application.

Session VI: The SWIM Demonstration Projects Approved by EC:

1. Adaptation to Climate Change of the Mediterranean Agricultural Systems (ACLIMAS).
2. Innovative Means to Protect Water Resources in the Mediterranean Coastal Areas Through Re-Injection of Treated Water (IMPROWARE)
3. Sustain Water MED: Network of Demonstration Activities for Sustainable Integrated Wastewater Treatment and Reuse in the Mediterranean.
4. All Across the Jordan: Trans-boundary Master Planning of the Lower Jordan River Basin
5. Water harvesting and Agricultural techniques in Dry lands: an Integrated and Sustainable model in Maghreb Regions (WADIS-MAR)

Main Outcomes of Discussions:

- The outputs produced under the demo projects will be available to governments of PCs for their possible use and replication, if considered appropriate;
- Dissemination and visibility activities will focus on showing the advancements produced by the demo projects, in particular by comparing the situation in the PCs before and after the project's implementation;
- The demo projects will use the results and experiences developed by other projects (research, etc.) to promote implementation on the field;
- The SWIM-SM will assist demo projects in their visibility and replication efforts and re-orient its activities accordingly. The replication component is being jointly carried out with the Med-Partnership.

Main Recommendations:

- It is necessary to involve all relevant stakeholders throughout the demo projects planning and implementation;
- It is recommended to promote a close communication with the SWIM-SM Focal Points so that these can facilitate the implementation and also inform the grantees about other relevant initiatives, projects, experiences etc. in the countries, to avoid overlapping and repetitions and promote synergies, when applicable;
- It is emphasized that demo projects should not focus on research but on implementation in the field, in order to deal with real life problems of the countries;

Session VII: EU-supported activities on water and environment in the Mediterranean include:

1. The Horizon 2020 Initiative
 - The Capacity Building Component (H2020 CB/MEP),
 - The Mediterranean Hot Spots Investment Program – Project Preparation and Implementation Facility (MeHSIP-PPIF),
 - The Shared Environment Information System, Mediterranean Area Cooperation, European Environment Agency (ENPI SEIS)
2. The Mediterranean Component of the EUWI (MED EUWI)

Main Outcomes on the possible synergies with SWIM-SM:

- Interlinks and collaboration has already been established with the Capacity Building Component of Horizon 2020 and is concretized in a set of joint CB activities planned for 2011-2012 on topics of joint interest: PPP in water Infrastructure (19-21 December 2011, Amman - Jordan), Training of government officials and other stakeholders on the preparation of national water plans/strategies (March 2012, Lebanon – activity jointly implemented with MED EUWI), Training on the inter-linkages between integrated water resources management (IWRM) and integrated coastal zone management (ICZM) (April 2012, Algeria), Training on innovative and adaptable technologies for treated wastewater reuse, including the recharge of aquifers and sustainable desalination (May 2012, Tunisia);
- Possible areas for synergies between SWIM-SM and MeHSIP might include Climate Change and Non-conventional water resources management interventions through the integration of SWIM activities and outputs with MeHSIP-PPIF services and tools;
- Potential synergies between SWIM and the ENPI SEIS Project can also be anticipated, especially that SEIS has expanded the Horizon 2020 focus to cover all water issues related information and data. Although SWIM will not produce new water data fruitful exchange might happen on collected data relevant to specific SWIM activities;
- Operational synergies with the MED EUWI have been built starting from the design of SWIM-SM (at the stage of the Tender and ToR) and are now further concretized in the Project's Work Plan;
- Further complementarities and synergies potential with the activities of the MED EUWI Service Contract currently under implementation, are identified and relate particularly to: i) complementing IWRM Planning in Lebanon through the provision of Technical Assistance if needed, as well as through pertinent Regional Capacity Building activities; ii) strengthening the National Policy Dialogue on non-conventional water resources in Egypt (mainly on wastewater issues) by providing Technical Assistance if needed and also undertaking Regional Capacity Building on WW reuse and dissemination of good

practices as well as producing Regional Guidelines; iii) developing further the transboundary aspects on the Jordan River (through the specific Demonstration project).

First Meeting of SWIM-SM Project Steering Committee

Main Outcomes of Discussions:

- Demo projects should try to accommodate possible concerns and adapt, as appropriate, to national conditions and sensitivities in the countries they will be implemented;
- Although demo projects do not need to be endorsed by the countries, the EC will try to integrate PCs' comments received as appropriate;
- The Support Mechanism will assist Demo Projects in their communication, visibility and replication potential;
- SWIM-SM will revise the activities proposed under the two thematic Pillars "No-Regret Actions for Climate Change Adaptation" and "Local Water Governance" so as to integrate the feedback received by countries and regional organizations.

Main Recommendations:

- An effective cooperation mechanism should be established between the Support Mechanism and the Demo Projects to make sure that their implementation is successful and responds to countries' needs and expectations;
- Effective Water Governance, including bottom-up approaches, is a key issue and should be reflected in all the demonstration projects;
- It is recommended to target planned activities primarily to decision makers and water stakeholders before moving to other beneficiary groups;
- SWIM technical assistance could also be tailored to strengthen the outputs of activities implemented in the framework of other EU funded project (e.g. Horizon 2020 CB/MEP, MeHSIP, etc.)

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