



**Workshop on
Sustainable Use of Non-Conventional Water Resources
16 September 2011
Hilton Hotel, Athens, Greece**

AGENDA

- 8:30** **Registration**
- 9:00-9:30** **Session I: Opening Session**
- Welcome Address
Ms Maria Peppas, Head of International and EU Affairs, Hellenic Ministry for Environment, Energy and Climate Change – MED EUWI Lead Country
 - Opening Remarks on behalf of the European Commission (10 min)
Ms. Liselotte Isaksson, Head of Sector for Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Transport, EuropeAid F4-Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South, DG Development and Cooperation, European Commission
 - Purpose and structure of the Meeting (10 min)
Mr. Stavros Damianidis, Project Director, SWIM-SM
- 9:30-11:00** **Session II: The SWIM Project**
- Co-Chair:** *Dr. Shaddad Attili, Head, Palestinian Water Authority*
Co-Chair: *Ms. Liselotte Isaksson, Head of Sector for Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Transport, EuropeAid F4-Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South, DG Development and Cooperation, European Commission*
Rapporteur: *Ms. Barbara Tomassini, Communications Expert, SWIM-SM*
- 9:30 - The SWIM-SM Project (30 min)
Presentation: Dr. Sherif Arif, Team Leader, SWIM-SM
- 10:00 Question and Answers (60 min)
- 11:00-11:30** **Coffee Break**

**11:30-13:00 Session III: Non-Conventional Water Resources Management in SWIM-SM:
Wastewater Reuse in the Mediterranean**

Co-Chair: Dr. Fethi Lebdi, Water Director, Ministry of Agriculture & Environment, Tunisia

Co-Chair: Dr. Sherif Arif, Team Leader, SWIM-SM

Rapporteur: Dr. Hosny Khordagui, Environmental Expert, SWIM-SM

11:30 - Wastewater Reuse in the Mediterranean:
SWIM-SM suggested priorities and key activities (30 min)
Presentation: Ms. Suzan Taha, Water Expert, SWIM-SM

12:00 Facilitated Discussion (60 min)

Key questions for the discussion

- 1) Do SWIM-SM priorities on the subject respond to the needs and priorities of the Partners Countries?
- 2) What additional activities should be considered by SWIM-SM?
- 3) With which initiatives and programmes should SWIM-SM synergize?

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

**14:00-15:30 Session IV: Non-Conventional Water Resources Management in SWIM-SM:
Sustainable Desalination, including the formation of an Expert Group within SWIM**

Co-Chair: Prof. Michael Scoullos, Team Leader, H2020 Capacity Building MEP

Co-Chair: Dr. Koussai Quteishat, NCWRM Expert

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

14:00 - Water Scarcity and Droughts Policy in the EU
*Presentation: Ms. Andrea Nam, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Environment
Protection of Water Environment (D1)*

- Sustainable Desalination in the Mediterranean: SWIM-SM suggested priorities and key activities (30 min)

Presentation: Dr. Hosny Khordagui, Environment Expert, SWIM-SM

14:30 Facilitated Discussion (60 min)

Key questions for the discussion

- 1) Do SWIM-SM priorities on the subject respond to the regional needs and priorities of the Partners Countries?
- 2) What additional activities should be considered by SWIM-SM?
- 3) With which initiatives and programmes should SWIM-SM synergize?
- 4) Should SWIM-SM organize a Regional Expert Panel on Sustainable Desalination to act as a think-tank for advancing the related agenda in the Mediterranean and assist in SWIM activities? What should the Panel's agenda and synthesis be?

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

**15:45-17.15 Session V: Looking Forward:
Promoting Synergies amongst Regional Initiatives and Programmes**

Panel Discussion

Chair: Ms. Liselotte Isaksson, Head of Sector for Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Transport, EuropeAid F4-Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South, DG Development and Cooperation, European Commission

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

Members of the Panel:

- Ms. Maria Luiza Silva Mejias, Executive Secretary and Coordinator, Mediterranean Action Plan / United Nations Environment Programme
- Dr. Fuad Bateh, Senior Advisor, Union for the Mediterranean
- Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, SDPD, UN Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (UN ESCWA)
- Mr. Nicolas Kotschoubey, Sustainable Med Programme, WorldBank
- Mr. Vasilis Nikitas, Project Coordinator, Mediterranean Hot Spots Investment Programme- Project Preparation and Implementation Facility, Horizon 2020 Initiative
- Ms. Christine Haffner-Sifakis, GEF MedPartnership
- Dr. Manzoor Qadir, Marginal Water Specialist, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)

Key questions for the Panelists:

- 1) Should we think and act “out of the box” when addressing Non Conventional Water Resources issue in the SWIM Partners Countries and how?
- 2) What is the on-going and planned contribution of the existing regional initiatives and programmes towards that objective?
- 3) What would be the added value of SWIM in that agenda?
- 4) How could SWIM synergize effectively with other regional initiatives and programmes?

17:15-17.30 Session VI: Concluding Remarks
Dr. Sherif Arif, Team Leader, SWIM-SM
Mr. Vangelis Constantianos, Technical Director, SWIM-SM