



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

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## **INFORMATION NOTE**

### **TRAINING OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THE PREPARATION OF WATER PLANS IN ATHENS**

10-11 September 2012



## **I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

SWIM is a Regional Technical Support Program that includes the following Partners Countries (PCs): Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, the occupied Palestinian territory, Syria and Tunisia. The Program is funded by the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) South/Environment. The project complements and adds value to the Horizon 2020 Initiative to de-pollute the Mediterranean Sea by addressing in particular water issues, in synergy with other relevant EC funded Programs.

SWIM-SM overall objective is to promote sustainable water management policies and practices in the region given the context of increasing water scarcity, combined pressure on water resources from a wide range of users and desertification processes, in connection with climate change.

Within the scope of Work Package 2 (WP2) – "Capacity building activities" Activity 2.2.1 and in connection to Work Package 1 (WP1) – "Water governance and Mainstreaming", SWIM-SM Project is performing several tasks with the aim of developing mechanisms and building capacity of SWIM-PCs on sustainable water resources management policies and practices.

In this connection, SWIM-SM is planning to convene a training workshop entitled "Training of Government Officials on the Preparation of Water Plans/Strategies" in Athens, Greece on the 10 and 11 of September 2012.

## **II. AIM, OBJECTIVE(S) & EXPECTED RESULTS:**

The overarching objective of the workshop is to expand the capacity of water and environment stakeholders in PCs in developing IWRM plans and strategies. The specific objectives of the training is to introduce mainstreaming and participation as basic measures in planning and implementation of IWRM. This activity will be carried out in Athens in synergy with H2020 CB-MAP. This would be through informing and training government water officials and stakeholders from PCs on the following:

- 1- Best practices and success stories from countries of the region with emphasis on reasons behind success and achievement of target objectives,
- 2- Main constraints and challenges hindering proper planning and failure in implementing sustainable water resources management within IWRM context,
- 3- Common gaps encountered in PCs and the appropriate measures to bridge them,
- 4- Available opportunities and means to improve these prospects for the advancement of water resources planning and management,

## **III- APPROACH TO MEET WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES**

The targeted participants to this dialogue are middle level national water and/or environment managers in addition to middle level officials from relevant sectors such as agriculture, water and wastewater sectors. A limited number of NGOs will be invited to the event. In order to achieve the workshop objectives, a highly dynamic, interactive, facilitated and participatory approach will be adopted, including the following:

- Power point presentations by instructors to stimulate discussions.
- Review and discussion of selected case studies from PCs.
- Brief interventions from participants on their national experience in achieving objectives, meeting challenges, resolving constraints, making use of available opportunities and suggested policies for effective planning and implementation of IWRM.



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- Facilitated discussions to identify techno-economically and socially sensitive policy options to ensure mainstreaming of water management in non-water sectors.
- Presentations and interventions from invited speakers, including SWIM-SM consortium members, to bring regional experience into perspective.

### IV- EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Capacity of 25-30 water and water related officials is developed for better water resources planning with special emphasis on mainstreaming water management in non-water sectors;
- Experience is exchanged on success stories and best practices in planning water resources within IWRM context and mainstreaming during implementation among participants from SWIM-SM PCs.
- A dialogue is established between national policy makers on water, environment, agriculture, water supply and sanitation, NGOs, etc.

### V- LOCATION AND DATE

The workshop is planned to be held in Athens for two days on 10 & 11 of September 2012. Planned arrival in Athens for trainees and SWIM consortium members is 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2012. Departure of trainees on 12<sup>th</sup> of September and departure of Consortium members is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

### **Provisional Agenda**

DAY 1	
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opening remarks – Mr. Stavros Damianides, <i>Project Director, SWIM-SM</i></li> <li>- Opening remarks – Prof. Michael Scoullos, <i>Team Leader, H2020 CB MEP</i></li> <li>- Introductory remarks – Mr. Vangelis Constantianos, <i>Technical Director, SWIM-SM</i></li> <li>- Orientation and purpose of the training – Dr. Hosny Khordagui, <i>Team Leader, SWIM-SM</i></li> </ul>
09:30-11:30	<b>Session I: IWRM planning &amp; current status in SWIM PCs\</b>
	<b>The philosophy of integration – IWRM concepts and principles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prof. Michael Scoullos, <i>Team Leader, H2020 CB MEP</i> (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)</li> </ul>
	<b>The Planning Cycle and key elements of an IWRM Strategy/Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Suzan Taha, <i>Water Expert, SWIM-SM</i> (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)</li> </ul>
	<b>Status of water resources planning and management in SWIM countries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Anthi Brouma, <i>Non-Key-Expert, SWIM-SM</i> (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)</li> </ul>



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	<b>Facilitated discussion</b> (30 minutes)
11:30-12:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12:00-13:30	<b>Session II: Action Plans &amp; ways to overcome challenges and constraints in planning and implementing IWRM Strategies</b>
	<b>Formulation of plans of action for IWRM Strategies and capacity needed for implementation</b> - Ms. Suzan Taha, <i>Water Expert, SWIM-SM</i> (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)
	<b>Main constraints and challenges in planning and implementing IWRM in SWIM PCs</b> - Dr. Hosny Khordagui, <i>Team Leader, SWIM-SM</i> (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)
	<b>Measures and policies to bridge the gaps and enhance implementation of water plans in SWIM PCs</b> - Ms. Anthi Brouma, <i>Non-Key-Expert, SWIM-SM</i> (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)
13:30-14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30-16:00	<b>Session III: Water Governance for better IWRM Planning and Implementation</b>
	<b>Transparency, accountability and rule of law in IWRM: integrity in the water sector</b> - Mr. Charbel Rizk, <i>Environment Expert, SWIM-SM</i> (20 minutes)
	<b>Stakeholder participation in planning and implementation IWRM</b> - <i>RAED</i> (consortium partner) (20 minutes)
	<b>Gender Balance and mainstreaming in IWRM</b> - <i>MIO-ECSDE</i> (20 minutes)
	<b>A National Strategy in the making – Eau 2050: Commentary</b> - Ministry of Agriculture, Tunisia (consortium partner) (10 minutes)
	<b>Discussion</b> (20 minutes)
16:00-16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:30-17:45	<b>Session IV: The Economics of IWRM</b>
	<b>Financing IWRM and creating the enabling environment for public private partnerships</b> - <i>DHV</i> (consortium partner) (25 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)
	<b>Integrating water and wastewater strategies in IWRM Plans</b> - <i>ACWUA</i> (consortium member) (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)
	<b>Closing remarks</b> (10 minutes)



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DAY 2	
09:00-10:45	<b>Session V: Management Instruments for operationalising IWRM approaches</b>
	<b>The use of indicators and monitoring mechanisms in IWRM</b> - Dr. Hosny Khordagui, <i>Team Leader, SWIM-SM</i> (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)
	<b>Information for IWRM planning and implementation</b> - <i>Environment Agency, Austria</i> (consortium partner) (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)
	<b>Utilising Innovation: best available technologies for non-conventional water resources</b> - Mr. Charbel Rizk, <i>Environment Expert, SWIM-SM</i> (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)
	<b>Discussion</b> (15 minutes)
10:45-11:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:15-13:00	<b>Session VI: Management approaches towards IWRM</b>
	<b>The European experience: the Water Framework Directive and related acquis</b> - Mr. Andrew Murphy or Mr. Michail Papadoyiannakis, <i>DG Environment, European Commission</i> (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)
	<b>Managing water at the basin level</b> - Dr. Fadi Comair, <i>MEW</i> (consortium partner) or Mr. Theodore Estrella, <i>MENBO</i> (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)
	<b>Managing water at the lowest level (subsidiarity principle): the role of Water Users Associations</b> - Ms. Suzan Taha, <i>Water Expert, SWIM-SM</i> (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)
	<b>Discussion</b> (15 minutes)
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00-15:00	<b>Session VII: IWRM in the new water and environmental agenda</b>
	<b>IWRM as a means towards climate change adaptation and towards green growth</b> - <i>Hellenic Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change</i> (consortium partner) (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)
	<b>Environmental considerations in IWRM</b> - Mr. Charbel Rizk, <i>Environment Expert, SWIM-SM</i> (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)



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15:00-16:30	<b>Session VIII: Working Groups – National practices undertaken to plan and implement IWRM</b>
	<p>The participants will be divided into three working groups to discuss national practices undertaken to plan and implement IWRM (45 minutes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Institutional and legislative reforms undertaken in their countries to implement IWRM.</li><li>ii. National policies for mainstreaming water in other sectors.</li><li>iii. Integrating environment in IWRM.</li></ul> <p>Plenary session to discuss outcomes of the three working groups with interactive discussions (45 minutes)</p> <p>Coffee to be served inside the room</p>
16:30-17:30	<b>Closing Session: Lessons learnt and the way forward</b>
	<p><b>Identify the key lessons learnt as well as the capacity building needs towards IWRM implementation</b></p> <p>Facilitated discussion by Dr. Hosny Khordagui, <i>Team Leader, SWIM-SM</i> (50 discussions)</p>
	<p><b>Wrap up and closing of the training</b> (10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. Vangelis Constantianos, <i>Technical Director, SWIM-SM</i></li><li>- Prof. Michael Scoullou, <i>Team Leader, H2020 CB MEP</i></li><li>- Dr. Hosny Khordagui, <i>Team Leader, SWIM-SM</i></li></ul>