



Agenda

SWIM-SM Evaluation Workshop of the Pilot Implementation for the M&E System to Monitor and Evaluate the Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) and Irrigation Management Transfer (IMT) Process Amman (Jordan) 15-16 September 2014

Introduction

SWIM is a Regional Technical Support Program that includes the following Partner Countries (PCs): Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine territory, Syria¹ and Tunisia. The Program is funded by the European Neighbourhood 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 three relevant EC funded Programs, namely the Mediterranean Hot Spots Investment Program - Project Preparation and Implementation Facility (MeHSIPPIF), the Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Program (CB/MEP) and the ENPI Shared Environmental Information System (ENPI/SEIS).

SWIM overall objective is to promote actively the extensive dissemination of 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.

The specific objectives of the SWIM-SM are to: (1) Raise the awareness of decision-makers and stakeholders in the Partner Countries on existing and upcoming threats on water resources, on the necessity to switch to more viable water consumption models as well as on possible solutions to face the challenges; (2) to support the Partner Countries in designing and implementing sustainable water management policies at the national and local levels, in liaison with on-going relevant international initiatives; and (3) Contribute to institutional strengthening, to the development of the necessary planning and management skills and to the transfer of know-how.

Background

Within the scope of Work Package 1 (WP1), the EU-funded “Sustainable Water Integrated Management – Support Mechanism” (SWIM-SM) Project is performing several tasks to promote best practices in support of priority areas for the successful establishment and operationalization of Water Users Associations (WUAs) in the PCs.

Based on the request of the project countries during the first year of the project implementation, SWIM-SM engaged in the development of a proposal for a regional M&E system to monitor and evaluate the Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) and the Irrigation Management Transfer (IMT) process throughout its different phases. **The system was first vetted with the project countries during a three-day experts group meeting held in Athens between 2 and 4 September 2013**, and subsequently refined to reflect the results and recommendations of the invited experts in the said meeting.

The M&E system consists of four modules as per the objectives listed below:

- 1) Module A: assesses the degree of political commitment towards the PIM/IMT process and the adequacy of the existing institutional arrangements in support of the establishment of the WUAs
- 2) Module B: assesses the performance of the responsible irrigation agencies in the implementation of the PIM/IMT program

¹The situation is that cooperation with Syria is temporarily suspended until further notice from the EU



- 3) Module C: Assesses the institutional, financial and technical performance of Water Users Associations
- 4) Module D: Assesses the impact of WUAs' establishment

The specific objective of this activity is to:

- 1) Design and implement a user-friendly regional M&E system for the monitoring and evaluation of the PIM/IMT and customize it to suit the national and local conditions in the pilot areas.
- 2) Enable national and local authorities in addition to WUAs in two pilot areas to examine and explore the applicability of the M&E system with due consideration to the country's particular context / local specificities,
- 3) Document the approach and the lessons learnt during implementation for potential replication within the same and/or in other countries.

As of August 2014, SWIM-SM has converted the regional M&E system into an application to enable monitoring and evaluation of the PIM/IMT process. The system is being tested in Jordan and Tunisia where it has been installed in two selected pilot areas (WUAs) in Jordan and three in Tunisia, in addition to the concerned government offices; dealing with the WUAs at the regional and central levels. Training of the concerned users has been carried out and data entered at national, regional and local levels. The system has the capacity to generate two levels of reporting; (1) evaluation reports and (b) statistical and graphical reports for each of the mentioned levels which will be the main subject of discussion during the Workshop.

Objectives of the Workshop

The objectives of the workshop are:

Conduct in each pilot area, a 2-day self-evaluation workshop involving the stakeholders with the objective of:

- (a) Analysing the monitoring and evaluation results of the PIM/IMT process as a result of applying the system in the pilot country.
- (b) Based on the M&E results Identify actions needed to improve the PIM/IMT planning and implementation
- (c) Identify lessons learnt and recommendations for system refinement

Target Group

- All the staff that has been involved in the pilot implementation of the M&E system at the national and the regional level including **Information and Technology (IT)** specialists who attended the training of June 2014
- The leaders and water officials of the WUAs that were selected to participate in the pilot implementation of the M&E system
- Donors' representatives who are active in the field of PIM/IMT



Proposed Agenda

Day 1 (15 September 2014)

Time.	Description	Speaker
8:30 – 9.00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:15	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <p>Presentation of agenda</p>	<p>Eng. Saad Abu Hammour: JVA Secretary General</p> <p>Eng. Omar Abu Eid: Representative of EU delegation to Jordan</p> <p>Suzan Taha: SWIM-SM Key water expert</p>
9:15 - 9:30	Short presentation about evaluation in the context of M&E systems	Juan A. Sagardoy; Senior Water Management Consultant, SWIM-SM non-key expert
9:30 - 10:15	<p>Presentation of the evaluation results at the national level</p> <p>First level Evaluation (15 minutes)</p> <p>Second level Evaluation (15 minutes)</p>	<p>Anwar Adwan</p> <p>Roula Khadra</p>
	Open discussion on the evaluation results at the national level (15 minutes)	All participants
10:15-10:30 Coffee Break		
10:30 – 12:30	<p>Presentation of the evaluation results at the regional I level</p> <p><u>Region 1</u></p> <p>First Level Evaluation: 20 minutes</p> <p>Second level Evaluation 20 minutes</p> <p>Open Discussion 20 minutes</p> <p><u>Region 2</u></p> <p>First Level Evaluation: 20 minutes</p> <p>Second level Evaluation 20 minutes</p> <p>Open Discussion 20 minutes</p>	<p>Hadi Udwan & Fadi Abu Sahyoon (N. Directorate)</p> <p>Roula Khadra</p> <p>Mamoon Kharabsheh (Karameh directorate)</p> <p>Roula Khadra</p>
12:30–13:30 Lunch Break		
13:30 – 13:45	Guidelines for the preparation of the action plans (National and Regional levels)	Suzan Taha
13:45 – 14:45	Preparation of action plans at the National and Regional levels	All participants organized in two working groups Facilitators: Roula Khadra (CIHEAM M&E Specialist) and Suzan Taha
14.45–5:00 Coffee Break		
15:00 – 16:00	<p>Presentation of the action plans at the national and regional level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation National Level (15 minutes + 15 minutes discussion) - Presentation Regional Level: (15 minutes + 15 minutes discussion) 	Nominated persons by the working groups
19:00 Dinner at a restaurant in Amman. Restaurant will be announced on the workshop day		



Day 2 (16 September 2014)

Time.	Description	Speaker
9:00 – 10:00	Lessons learnt and proposal for refinements at the national and regional levels (categorized according to structure, reporting, indicators criteria, communication, etc.)	All participants
10:00 – 11:00	Presentation of the evaluation results by the WUAs Pump 41 WUA First Level Evaluation: 20 minutes Second level Evaluation 20 minutes Open Discussion 20 minutes	Representative of Pump 41 WUA Roula Khadra
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 -12:00	Presentation of the evaluation results by the WUAs (Continued) Pump 91 WUA First Level Evaluation: 20 minutes Second level Evaluation 20 minutes Open Discussion 20 minutes	Representative of Pump 91 WUA Roula Khadra
12:00 – 12:15	Guidelines for the preparation of the action plans (Local level)	S. Taha
12:15 – 13:15	Preparation of action plans at the local level	All participants organized in two working groups, Facilitators: Roula Khadra and Suzan Taha
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch Break	
14:15 – 15:15	Presentation of the action plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump 41 WUA (15 minutes + 15 minutes discussion) • Pump 91 WUA (15 minutes + 15 minutes discussion) 	Nominated persons by the working groups
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30 – 16:30	Lessons learnt and proposals for refinements at the local level (categorized according to structure, reporting, indicators criteria, communication, etc.)	All participants

Proposed Location and Date

The workshop is planned to be held in Amman for two days on **Monday and Tuesday 15 and 16 September 2014 at Bristol Hotel.**

