

Water Integrity Capacity Building Programme

*Middle East
North Africa*

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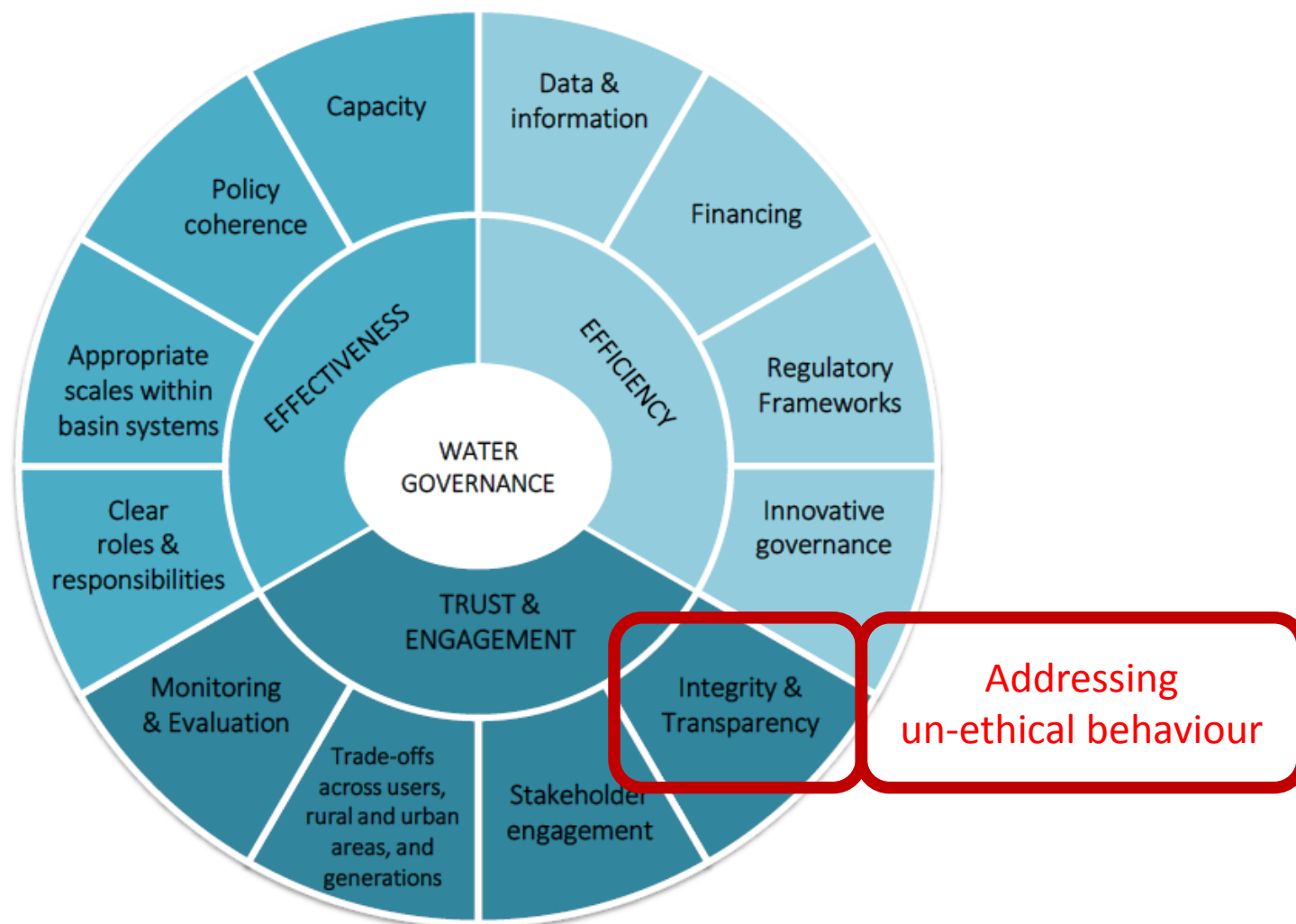


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Water Integrity – Cornerstone to good governance



Overview of OECD Principles on Water Governance



Definition of Water Integrity



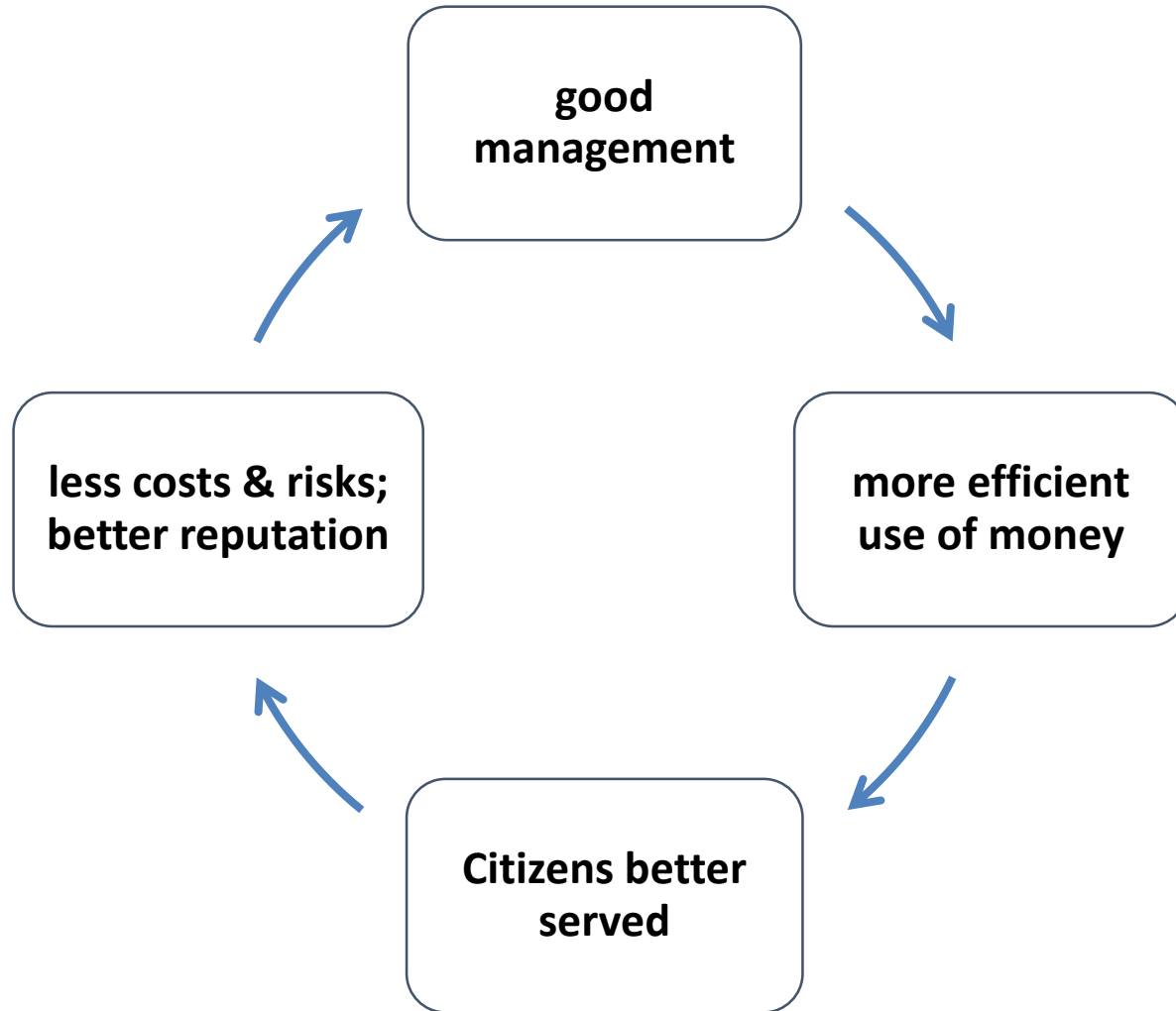
The adherence of stakeholders and institutions in WRM / WSP to

governance principles of

Transparency,
Accountability, and
Participation,

based on core values of
honesty,
equity and
professionalism.

A virtuous cycle



Capacity Building Programme on Water Integrity in MENA 2014 - 2017



Pilot Countries

- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Morocco
- Palestine
- Tunisia

PARTNERS

National partners



Implementing partners



Development partner



Supporting partner



Union for the Mediterranean
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Water Integrity risk assessment in MENA



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- Arab Spring ar participation
- **No baseline d** suggests that
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- **Poor interna**
- Governance ruling elites
- Excessive r



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Capacity Building:

- 450 persons
- 103 action plan under mentoring



POLICY BRIEF

Water integrity risks in the MENA Region – Priorities for action

National assessments conducted in Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Morocco clearly show that each face integrity risks and share a number of common challenges. This brief offers insights for policy makers on the priority areas to support capacity development to enhance integrity and improve water governance in the Middle East North Africa (MENA) Region.



Water scarcity in the MENA region is not only a result of a physical shortage, but is also linked to lack of good governance structures, high demand, and low levels of trust between different parties sharing the same resource. Institutional integrity — the adherence to governance principles of transparency, accountability, and participation, based on core values of honesty, equity and professionalism — is critical to ensure effective governance of water, but is often lacking in MENA countries. This poses risks to human dignity and health, stunts economic growth and slows needed investments going into the water sector. Targeted actions to reduce water integrity risks are needed across the region, the following recommendations point out where to start.

Key recommendations

1. Evaluate water governance processes at the national level to identify inefficiencies, excessive bureaucracy and accountability gaps.
2. Propose measures to streamline bureaucracy to improve efficiency, reduce accountability gaps and improve definition of roles between authorities based upon the evaluations proposed above.
3. Form independent agencies to regulate, monitor and oversee integrity, transparency and accountability in water institutions.
4. Harmonize legal frameworks to clearly delineate roles and mandates of the different agencies, ministries and government bodies in the implementation of laws to avoid overlap and clarify any confusion over responsibilities.
5. Carry out comprehensive accountability assessments periodically to provide the basis for action plans at the local

6. Invest in capacity building with the proper institutions to establish and oversee fair, transparent and robust tendering procedures in the water sector. This includes special training courses for jurists and legislators on water related integrity risks.
7. Invest in Corporate Governance development of water managing institutions. Integrity Management Plans aiming at ensuring impartiality as a core value in all management processes should be enacted inline with capacity development interventions. Impartiality and fair treatment should be implemented (e.g. with water users and service providers) (e.g. recruitment

National decision makers
 In countries
 Regional decision makers
 UfM - Union for the Mediterranean
 LAS - League of Arab States



Conclusions



- A solution to **Non-Revenue Water**
 - Key to **Sustainable Development and Good Governance** (ex. NRW)
 - No national agendas on water governance
 - Strong commitment from individuals
 - Increasing **requests** from institutions
- > potential: Nat. COLLECTIVE Action

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