

Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector project

Third Workshop of the GWP-Med / OECD Policy Dialogue on Governance of PPPs in the Water Sector of Jordan

Official Launch of the National Report *Water Governance in Jordan: Overcoming the Challenges to Private Sector Participation*

4 June 2014, 10h00 – 13h30

Amman, Jordan (Landmark Amman Hotel & Conference Center)

Agenda

This Third Workshop will mark the conclusion of the Policy Dialogue in Jordan and the official launch of the National Report *Water Governance in Jordan: Overcoming the Challenges to Private Sector Participation*.

The Jordan Dialogue, conducted in the framework of the Union for the Mediterranean labelled project on *Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector*, has been jointly led by the Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in close co-operation with the Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) and with the support of the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

The National Report is the outcome of the multi-stakeholder policy dialogue conducted by the OECD and GWP-Med in 2013-2014 and provides a diagnostic analysis of the key governance bottlenecks to private sector participation in water supply and sanitation services of Jordan, a series of concrete policy recommendations and an action plan based on the country's context and international good practices. The Policy Dialogue engaged some 80 stakeholders from the government, utilities, donor community, civil society and the private sector. In addition to a series of bilateral meetings and interviews, the stakeholders were involved in two policy workshops held in Amman in October 2013 and in February 2014.

10h00 – 10h15: Welcoming Remarks by the Ministry of Water and Irrigation of Jordan

- Ministry of Water and Irrigation, *H.E. Basem Telfah, Secretary General*

10h15 – 11h00: Remarks by the institutional partners of the project on *Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector*

- Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Co-Presidency representative, *Mr. Ashraf Khasawneh, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
- Embassy of Sweden in Jordan, *Dr. Anders Jägerskog, Counsellor, Regional Development Cooperation, Water Resources*
- European Investment Bank (EIB), *Dr. Thomas van Gilst, Senior Water Sector Specialist, Water and Waste management Division, Projects Directorate*
- Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med), *Dr. Anthi Brouma, GWP-Med Project Leader, Head of Middle East and North Africa Region*
- Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), *Dr. Nick Malyshev, Head of Division, Regulatory Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development*

11h00 – 11h30: Main highlights from the Report

- *Dr. Céline Kauffmann, OECD Project Leader, Deputy Head of Regulatory Policy Division, OECD Public Governance and Territorial Development*
- *Dr. Aziza Akhmouch, Head, Water Governance Programme, OECD Public Governance and Territorial Development*

11h30 – 12h15: Brainstorming on ways forward

12h15 – 12h30: Closing & next steps

12h30 – 13h30: Lunch

The project on *Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector* is a joint undertaking of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med). It aims to diagnose key governance bottlenecks to mobilizing financing through public private partnerships (PPP) for the Mediterranean water sector and to support the development of consensual action plans based on international good practices. The three year project (mid 2013- mid 2016), labelled by the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), was officially launched in May 2013. The project involves work at national and regional level. The process draws on established OECD methodology and expertise in water, regulatory policy, multi-level governance and budget, GWP-Med's solid background on IWRM, water governance and consultative policy dialogues as well as previous work undertaken jointly by GWP-Med and the OECD in Egypt and Lebanon. It involves evidence-based policy dialogues, fact-finding missions, analytical reports, bilateral and multilateral interviews, questionnaires, case studies and peer-reviews. Strategic partnerships with the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) have been instrumental in setting the project in motion. The steady support of the GEF MAP/UNEP MedPartnership and the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (MED EUWI) has been catalytic for concretising the project's line of work.