

Water Governance & Integrity under change in the MENA: how to boost up implementation efforts?

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Date: Sunday 19 March 2017, 13:30 - 15:00

Location/Hall; tbc

Draft Agenda

13:30 Opening remarks [10 mins]

- Ms. Yosra Albakkar, Regional Programme Manager. MENA Unit, Sida Water Cooperation, and Natural Resources Programs, Embassy of Sweden in Amman, Jordan
- Introducing the session's structure and objectives, GWP-Med

13:40 Setting the scene: the work of the Water Governance & Finance and the Water Integrity in MENA projects [20 mins]

Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector project: current status & key outcomes

- Anthi Brouma, Head of MENA Region, GWP-Med

Water Integrity Capacity Building Programme in the MENA project: current status & key outcomes

- James Leten, Programme Manager, Water Integrity Capacity Building Programme, UNDP-Water Governance Facility, SIWI

14:00 Facilitated Panel Discussion: learning points and reflections on the way forward [55 mins]

Panel members:

- Ali Subah, Secretary General Assistant, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
- Hazem Kittani, Technical Affairs, Director General, Palestinian Water Authority (PWA), Palestine
- Ali Kchouk, Director of the Hydraulic Planning Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fishery, Tunisia
- Hamza Al-Assad, Associate Banker, Country Office-Jordan, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Mohammed T. Obidallah, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, WEE Pros

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- Carol Chouchani Cherrane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
- Amr Abdel Meguid, Regional Programme Manager, Environmental Governance Programme, Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE)

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Issues for reflection:

- How has the project influenced the water governance framework in each country? Lessons learnt and replicable good practices
- Lessons learnt and replicable good practices on institutionalising integrity and improving transparency and accountability
- Why do challenges to Water Governance linger in the Region?
- Why Water Integrity is a cornerstone to good governance – challenges and gaps identified in the Region
- Finance-related challenges for water projects in the Region. The role of the private sector and IFIs
- Societal impacts of lack of Water Integrity
- How to make the most out of gender-sensitive and pro-poor stakeholder engagement
- Linkages and complementarity with regional and global processes

Open Q&A section

14:55 **Wrap-up and key messages**

[5 mins]