



Second Consultation Workshop of the Policy Dialogue in Palestine

Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector

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The Second Consultation Workshop of the Palestinian Policy Dialogue, within the *Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector* project, is organised under the patronage of H.E. Mazen Ghuneim, Minister and Chairman of the Palestinian Water Authority (PWA), in Ramallah, on 6 May 2015.

Aim of the Workshop

The Workshop represents the concrete second step of the Policy Dialogue and aims to convene the key stakeholders helping to build a common understanding on the main governance-related obstacles to Private Sector Participation (PSP) in Palestine's water sector and identify practical tools that can help overcome them.

Methodology

The setting of the Workshop comprises a mix of interventions and open, inclusive discussions, both focusing on the key findings of the technical work as diagnosed and presented in the draft outline of the Report. This document –to be shared with the participants prior to the meeting– outlines the key governance challenges to PSP in the water services; and most importantly, identifies recommendations in critical areas. Discussions will help confirm the diagnostic part of the draft Report, refine the recommendations and set the foundations for the development of a roadmap of actions. Following the Workshop, the draft Report will be revised and shared with the stakeholders for further comments.

Background

The Workshop follows up and builds on bilateral meetings with different stakeholders, held in Ramallah in February 2015, and on the outcomes of the Dialogue's First Consultation Workshop (13 November 2014, Ramallah). The First Workshop brought together 40 key stakeholders from the government; private companies and banks; research institutes and Academia; media as well as the Civil Society, marking the official launch of the Policy Dialogue. At the Workshop, participants reflected on the governance obstacles relating to PSP in the water sector, whereas representatives from PWA informed the audience on the ongoing reform process and the prospects for PSP in the water sector.

The Palestinian Policy Dialogue (2014-2015) is conducted by the Global Water Partnership- Mediterranean (GWP-Med) in close collaboration with the Palestinian Water Authority (PWA) and within the framework of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) labelled project 'Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector' with the financial support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and the GEF – UNEP/MAP MedPartnership programme. The Dialogue allows building a shared consensus among key stakeholders on the main bottlenecks to sustainable financing, including from the private sector, in Palestine's water sector and on actions to address those. These actions –based on best practices and internationally recognised tools– will be included in an analytical country Report, based on technical work conducted by GWP-Med with the assistance of PWA.

The overall project 'Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector' has been designed by GWP-Med and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Strategic partnerships with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), the FEMIP Trust Fund (FTF) of the European Investment Bank (EIB), the GEF – UNEP/MAP MedPartnership programme and the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (MED EUWI) have been instrumental in setting the project in motion and under effective implementation.



Provisional Agenda Wednesday, 6 May 2015

08:30 – 09:00	Registration & Coffee
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>H.E. Mazen Ghuneim, Minister/Chairman, Palestinian Water Authority (PWA)</i></p> <p>The Palestinian Policy Dialogue within the ‘Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector’ project: Overview, scope & current status</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dr. Anthi Brouma, Head, MENA Region, GWP-Med & Project Coordinator</i> <i>Mr. Ahmad Hindi, Director General for National Water Council Unit, PWA & Focal Point</i> <i>H.E. Koussai Quteishat, Former Secretary General at the Jordanian Ministry of Water and Irrigation & Lead expert</i></p>
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Diagnostic analysis of the Palestinian water sector (Part I)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Status of the sector: Key findings from the analysis, including socio-economic and financial aspects</i></p> <p>Interventions & Open Discussion</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Diagnostic analysis of the Palestinian water sector (Part II)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>What’s the role of key stakeholders?</i> <i>Engaging stakeholders in the governance-financing nexus</i></p> <p>Interventions & Open Discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Ways to move forward (Part I)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mainstreaming gender & rights in water</i> <i>What role could CSR/private sector could play?</i></p> <p>Interventions & Open Discussion</p>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Ways to move forward (Part II)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Drafting an Action Plan based on international tools and best practices</i></p> <p>Interventions & Open Discussion</p>
17:00 – 17:15	Conclusions & Recap on Next Steps in the Palestinian Dialogue