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# ***1<sup>st</sup> Nexus Roundtable in the MENA and wider Mediterranean***

***26-28 November 2018  
Hilton Beirut Metropolitan Palace  
Beirut, Lebanon***

## ***Agenda***

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DAY 1 – Monday, 26 November 2018	
13:30-14:30	<b>Registration &amp; networking coffee</b>
14:30-17:00	<p><b>High-level welcome panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Dr. Fadi Comair</b>, Director General of Hydraulic and Electric Resources, Ministry of Energy and Water, Republic of Lebanon</li> <li>○ <b>Prof. Michael Scoulllos</b>, Chairperson, Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med)</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Yosra Albakkar</b>, Regional Program Manager. MENA Unit, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Lorenzo Paolo Galbiati</b>, Projects Manager, UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan Coordinating Unit</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Almotaz Abadi</b>, Managing Director, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Secretariat</li> <li>○ <b>H.E. César Abi Khalil</b>, Minister of Energy and Water, Republic of Lebanon</li> </ul> <p><b>High-level discussion panel</b></p> <p>Insights and perspectives on the importance of streamlining a Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus approach in the Region, steps taken so far and challenges ahead</p> <p><b>Chair: H.E. Charafat Afailal</b>, International Expert on Climate and Water, former Minister of Water, Kingdom of Morocco</p> <p>Keynote on the Nexus approach by <b>Prof. Michael Scoulllos</b>, Chairperson, GWP-Med</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>H.E. Ali Subah</b>, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Co-Presidency of the Union for the Mediterranean</li> <li>○ <b>H.E. Iakovos Gkanoulis</b>, Special Secretary for Water, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Hellenic Republic</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Abir Abu Zeid</b>, Undersecretary, International Coop. &amp; Tech. Assistance, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency, Republic of Egypt – GEF MedProgramme Focal Point</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Shermine Dajani</b>, CEO, PANMED Energy</li> <li>○ <b>H.E. Jameel Mtour</b>, Deputy Chairman, Environment Quality Authority, State of Palestine</li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Mohammed Jiddou</b>, Director of Hydraulics, Ministry of Hydraulics and Sanitation, Republic of Mauritania</li> </ul> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
17:15 – 17:30	<b>Coffee break</b>



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17:30 – 18:30	<b>Book presentation</b>  Presentation by the author of the book: <b>Dr. Fadi Comair</b> , 2018, <i>Hydrodiplomatie et Nexus</i>  Commentaries by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>H.E. Shaddad Attili</b>, Minister responsible for Water Negotiations, State of Palestine</li><li>- <b>Dr. Roula Majdalani</b>, Acting Deputy Executive for Programme Support, UN ESCWA</li><li>- <b>Prof. Michael Scoullos</b>, Chairperson, GWP-Med</li></ul> Discussion
18:30 - 20:30	<b>Welcoming Reception</b>

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## DAY 2 – Tuesday, 27 November 2018

08:30 – 09:00	Registration & networking coffee
09:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Session I: Nexus in the Mediterranean &amp; MENA - introduction, methodologies and tools</b></p> <p>Aim: to present available methodologies and tools for conducting Nexus Assessments and experiences from their application in the Mediterranean and MENA region</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Eng. Mona Fakih</b>, Director of Energy and Water, <u>Rapporteur/Facilitator:</u> <b>Mr. Tassos Krommydas</b>, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med</p> <p><b>Panel Interventions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ms. Lucia de Strasser</b>, UNECE Consultant (via skype)</li> <li>○ <b>Prof. Rabi Mohtar</b>, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences (FAFS), American University of Beirut</li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Martin Keulertz &amp; Dr. Musa McKee</b>, MENARA Project</li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Khaled Abu Zeid</b>, Senior Regional Programme Manager, CEDARE</li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Ali Karnib</b>, Water Expert, Lebanese University</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:30 – 13:30	<p><b>Session II: Nexus revisited: interlinkages &amp; trade-offs for integrated policy making</b></p> <p>Aim: to focus on the level of integration of the water, food, energy and environment sectors at government level</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Lebanon <b>Mr. Almotaz Abadi</b>, Managing Director, UfM Secretariat <u>Rapporteur/Facilitator:</u> <b>Ms. Sarra Touzi</b>, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med</p> <p>Facilitated panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Abderrahman Ouasli</b>, Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Fadi Abdel-Ghani</b>, General Director, West Bank Water Department Well Stations, Palestinian Water Authority</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Mohammed al-Dabbas</b>, Minister's Advisor for Energy Affairs, Ministry of Energy &amp; Mineral Resources, Jordan</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Abdul Hadi Barakat</b>, General Director of Projects Management, Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Najib Belmekki</b>, Administrator, State Secretariat for Sustainable Development, Morocco – GEF Focal Point representative</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Mustafa Soliman</b>, GEF Operational Focal Point, Libya</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>

13:30 – 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30 – 16:00	<p><b>Session III: Experience on the Nexus – lessons learnt from the basin level</b> Aim: to share experience on nexus application from specific cases at river basin</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>H.E. Shaddad Attili</b>, Minister responsible for Water Negotiations, Palestine <u>Rapporteur/Facilitator:</u> <b>Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos</b>, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med</p> <p>Targeted Interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Rachid Taibi</b>, Coordinator, North Western Sahara Aquifer System Coordination Mechanism (NWSAS)</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Biljana Rajic</b>, Expert Advisor on Water Resources, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Boobjer El Houadi</b>, Director, Hydraulic Basin Agency of Moulouya, Kingdom of Morocco</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Mojahed El sagheer</b>, Regional Investment Manager, EcoPeace Middle East</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:15 – 18:00	<p><b>Session IV: Gender &amp; Youth objectives in designing and implementing Nexus approaches in the region</b> Aim: to shed light on ways to better mainstream cross-cutting issues, with focus on youth and gender, within the nexus framework</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Mr. Moh Rejdali</b>, Chairperson, COMPSUD, Member of the Moroccan Parliament <u>Rapporteur/Facilitator:</u> <b>Dr. Anthi Brouma</b>, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med</p> <p>Panel interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Essam Nada</b>, Executive Director, Arab Office for Youth and Environment (AOYE)</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Maya Atieh</b>, World Youth Parliament for Water, Lebanese Chapter</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Rana Hammad</b>, Head of Gender Unit, Palestinian Water Authority</li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Sarra Touzi</b>, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med</li> </ul> <p>Facilitated discussion, including on the role of Parliamentarians, Media and Civil Society</p>
19:30 – 22:00	<b>Dinner (location to be announced)</b>

### DAY 3 – Wednesday 28 November 2018

08:30 – 09:00	Registration & networking coffee
09:00 – 10:45	<p><b>Session V: Financing Nexus solutions</b>  Aim: to identify ways for implementing nexus solutions through innovative financial mechanisms</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>H.E. Ali Subah</b>, Secretary General, MWI, Jordan  <u>Rapporteur/Facilitator:</u> <b>Mr. Fuad Bateh</b>, Senior Advisor, GWP-Med</p> <p>Facilitated panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ms. Carine Azkoul</b>, Green Manager, Fransabank</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Koussai Quteishat</b>, General Manager, Jordan River Consultancy Services</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Lillian Volat</b>, Project leader, CEWAS Middle East</li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Anthi Brouma</b>, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med</li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Mischa Lentz</b>, Senior Banker, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:15 – 13:00	<p><b>Session VI: Regional Nexus-related processes and initiatives</b>  Aim: to share background and framework of efforts at regional level in the Mediterranean towards integration of the water, food, energy and environment sectors</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Dr. Fadi Comair</b>, Director General of Hydraulic and Electric Resources, MEW, Lebanon  <u>Rapporteur/Facilitator:</u> <b>Mr. Vangelis Constantianos</b>, Executive Secretary, GWP-Med</p> <p>Representatives of regional institutions will present recent and ongoing Nexus-related initiatives in the Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Almotaz Abadi</b>, Managing Director, UfM Secretariat</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Lorenzo Paolo Galbiati</b>, Projects Manager, UN MAP</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Radia Sedaoui</b>, Chief, Energy Section, UN ESCWA</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Ali Hayajneh</b>, Programme Manager, IUCN ROWA</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos</b>, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>



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13:00 – 13:30	<p><b>Closing Session: Conclusions &amp; opportunities for synergies</b></p> <p>Take away messages and concluding remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Dr. Fadi Comair</b>, Director General of Hydraulic and Electric Resources, MEW</li><li>○ <b>Ms. Yosra Albakkar</b>, Regional Program Manager. MENA Unit, Sida</li><li>○ <b>Mr. Almotaz Abadi</b>, Managing Director, Water and Environment Division, UfM Secretariat</li><li>○ <b>Mr. Vangelis Constantianos</b>, Executive Secretary, GWP-Med</li></ul>
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>

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