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1st Nexus Roundtable in the MENA and wider Mediterranean

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Beirut, Lebanon***

Agenda

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DAY 1 – Monday, 26 November 2018	
13:30-14:30	Registration & networking coffee
14:30-17:00	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>High-level welcome panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Prof. Michael Scoullos, Chairperson, Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med)○ Ms. Yosra Albakkar, Regional Program Manager. MENA Unit, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)○ Mr. Lorenzo Paolo Galbiati, Projects Manager, UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan Coordinating Unit [<i>Written statement was read on his behalf</i>]○ Mr. Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Secretariat○ Dr. Fadi Comair, Director General of Hydraulic and Electric Resources, on behalf of H.E. César Abi Khalil, Minister, Ministry of Energy and Water, Republic of Lebanon <p>High-level discussion panel</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>Chair: H.E. Charafat Afaïal, International Expert on Climate and Water, former Minister of Water, Kingdom of Morocco</p> <p>Keynote on the Nexus approach by Prof. Michael Scoullos, Chairperson, GWP-Med</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ H.E. Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Co-Presidency of the Union for the Mediterranean○ H.E. Iakovos Gkanoulis, Special Secretary for Water, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Hellenic Republic○ Ms. Abir Abu Zeid, Undersecretary, International Coop. & Tech. Assistance, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency, Republic of Egypt –MedProgramme Focal Point○ Ms. Shermine Dajani, CEO, PANMED Energy <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
17:15 – 17:30	Coffee break



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

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DAY 2 – Tuesday, 27 November 2018

08:30 – 09:00	Registration & networking coffee
09:00 – 11:00	<p>Session I: Nexus in the Mediterranean & MENA - introduction, methodologies and tools 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> Eng. Mona Fakih, Director of Energy and Water, <u>Rapporteur/Facilitator:</u> Mr. Tassos Krommydas, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med</p> <p>Panel Interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Lucia de Strasser, UNECE Consultant [via skype videocall] ○ Prof. Rabi Mohtar, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences (FAFS), American University of Beirut ○ Dr. Martin Keulertz, MENARA Project ○ Dr. Khaled Abu Zeid, Senior Regional Programme Manager, CEDARE ○ Dr. Ali Karnib, Water Expert, Lebanese University <p>Discussion</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:30	<p>Session II: Nexus revisited: interlinkages & trade-offs for integrated policy making 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 Mr. Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director, UfM Secretariat <u>Rapporteur/Facilitator:</u> Dr. Sarra Touzi, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med</p> <p>Facilitated panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Abderrahman Oualli, Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia ○ Mr. Mohammed al-Dabbas, Minister's Advisor for Energy Affairs, Ministry of Energy & Mineral Resources, Jordan ○ Mr. Abdul Hadi Barakat, General Director of Projects Management, Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority ○ Mr. Najib Belmekki, Administrator, State Secretariat for Sustainable Development, Morocco – GEF Focal Point representative ○ Mr. Mustafa Soliman, GEF Operational Focal Point, Libya <p>Discussion</p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch



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14:30 – 16:00	<p>Session III: Experience on the Nexus – lessons learnt from the basin level Aim: to share experience on nexus application from specific cases at river basin</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> H.E. Shaddad Attili, Minister responsible for Water Negotiations, Palestine <u>Rapporteur/Facilitator:</u> Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med</p> <p>Targeted Interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. Rachid Taibi, Coordinator, North Western Sahara Aquifer System Coordination Mechanism (NWSAS)○ Mr. Boobjer El Houadi, Director, Hydraulic Basin Agency of Moulouya, Kingdom of Morocco○ Mr. Mojahed El sagheer, Regional Investment Manager, EcoPeace Middle East <p>Discussion</p>
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee Break
16:15 – 18:00	<p>Session IV: Gender & Youth objectives in designing and implementing Nexus approaches in the region 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> Prof. Moh Rejdali, Chairperson, COMPSUD, Member of the Moroccan Parliament <u>Rapporteur/Facilitator:</u> Dr. Anthi Brouma, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med</p> <p>Panel interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. Essam Nada, Executive Director, Arab Office for Youth and Environment (AOYE)○ Ms. Maya Atieh, World Youth Parliament for Water, Lebanese Chapter○ Dr. Sarra Touzi, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med <p>Facilitated discussion, including on the role of Parliamentarians, Media and Civil Society</p>
19:30 – 22:00	Dinner (Al-Sultan Brahim restaurant)



DAY 3 – Wednesday 28 November 2018

08:30 – 09:00	Registration & networking coffee
09:00 – 10:45	<p>Session V: Financing Nexus solutions Aim: to identify ways for implementing nexus solutions through innovative financial mechanisms</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> H.E. Ali Subah, Secretary General, MWI, Jordan <u>Rapporteur/Facilitator:</u> Mr. Fuad Bateh, Senior Advisor, GWP-Med</p> <p>Facilitated panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Carine Azkoul, Green Manager, Fransabank○ Mr. Koussai Quteishat, General Manager, Jordan River Consultancy Services○ Ms. Lillian Volat, Project leader, CEWAS Middle East○ Dr. Anthi Brouma, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med○ Dr. Mischa Lentz, Senior Banker, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) <p>Discussion</p>
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 13:00	<p>Session VI: Regional Nexus-related processes and initiatives 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>Rapporteur/Facilitator:</u> Mr. Vangelis Constantianos, 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">○ Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief, Energy Section, UN ESCWA○ Mr. Ali Hayajneh, Programme Manager, IUCN ROWA○ Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med○ Mr. Lorenzo Paolo Galbiati, Projects Manager, UN MAP [presentation made on his behalf by Mr. Tassos Krommydas, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med] – a three-minute video on the story of UNEP/MAP and the Barcelona Convention was also projected <p>Discussion</p>



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13:00 – 13:30	<p>Closing Session: Conclusions & opportunities for synergies</p> <p>Summary & take-away messages by Dr. Anthi Brouma, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med</p> <p>Concluding remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Fadi Comair, Director General of Hydraulic and Electric Resources, MEW○ Ms. Yosra Albakkar, Regional Program Manager. MENA Unit, Sida○ Mr. Vangelis Constantianos, Executive Secretary, GWP-Med
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch

**Meeting of the GEF Focal points and representatives of the GEF Focal Points on the MedProgram Child 2.2.
Project “Mediterranean coastal zones: Managing the Water Food Energy and Ecosystems Nexus”**

15:00-17:00	<p>Closed meeting held in the same premises, with the participation of nominated representatives of the GEF Focal Points from countries involved in the project</p> <p>Agenda was shared separately</p>
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