

DATE:	12 May 2009 - 9h30 – 16h
VENUE:	Novotel - Monaco
SUBJECT:	EMWIS Steering Committee - Meeting n°13 ANNEX
	Collaboration with international initiatives



1. Collaboration with international initiatives

In the table below, we summarize the current agreements¹:

Organisation	Agreement date	Partnership type
EEA	2007-10-16	Action plan aiming at: Interfacing WISE and the “Mediterranean Water observatory mechanism/ information system” & Stimulating the production and sharing of data by Med Partner Countries
INBO-MENBO	2005-05-23	Partnership notably works towards the exchange of knowledge on water management at river basin level and in particular the application of the European Union Water Framework Directive (WFD).
GWP (GWP-Med)	2008-12-10	EMWIS Technical Unit became member of GWP (obviously of GWP-Med as well), which will allow to EMWIS TU participate in GWP meetings and coordinate some activities with.
MED-EUWI	2006-07-24	Memorandum of Understanding focusing on promoting and disseminating MED-EUWI activities (Joint Process Working Groups) through EMWIS website, etc.
IME	2003-06-30	Partnership focusing in particular on trans-national cooperation in sharing information on Mediterranean water management.
WWC	2008-12-16	Partnership to collaborate for improving the collection and dissemination of information and documentation on observation, monitoring and evaluation processes related to the water sector
BALWOIS	2007-07-05	Collaboration to support national information systems in Balkan countries (Balkan Water Observation and Information System)
SMAP-RMSU	2005-06-30	Memorandum of Understanding aiming at improving the collection and dissemination of the information and documentation on integrated water resources management

Moreover, many other international and national organisations are in contact with EMWIS Technical Unit for various types of cooperation, either through a formal partnership agreement or a Memorandum of understanding, or informal cooperation that targets to participate together in project proposals, tendering, common working groups, in pilot activities, etc.

Hereafter the main ones:

- The Group on Earth Observations (GEO), which is coordinating efforts to build a Global Earth Observation System of Systems, or GEOSS: Information on that network is provided in the annex.
- The Regional Water Governance Benchmarking (ReWAB) project, funded by the USAID: an informal proposal was sent by EMWIS Technical Unit to ask this project to formalize our cooperation and eventually undertake some of their tasks, but we did not receive yet any response.
- The West Asia - North Africa (WANA) Forum launched in April in Jordan to bring people from WANA region to discuss environmental, economic and social issues. A Water panel has been launched, and a working plan (2009-2010) is to be defined soon.
- Badia Research and Development Centre (BRDC) from Jordan: asked to collaborate on desertification and climate change studies
- The Arab Young Scientists Network (Water WG): asked to collaborate in water quality and quantity assessment studies and be part of EMWIS working groups.

¹ The agreements texts are available online at : www.emwis.net/partners



- The French Research Institute for Development (IRD): asked to collaborate with EMWIS in water research programmes
- USAID: asked EMWIS to think about some action plans on water governance and water information dissemination through the Net, as well as the possibility of launching technical solutions through forums or e-learning for capacity building in close cooperation with the Arab Water Academy
- INWEH-UNU: the regional coordinator in the UAE asked to collaborate with EMWIS in disseminating and/or implementing capacity building and training programmes
- Middle East Desalination Research Center (MEDRC): asked to collaborate on desalination issues (capacity building, training and information dissemination)
- The National Office for drinking water supply in Morocco (ONEP): collaboration on the Mediterranean Water Centre of resources (Hub), mainly in training & capacity building activities, as well in implementing national water information system in Morocco.
- CMU and RMEI: The community of Mediterranean Universities and the network of Mediterranean engineering schools asked many times EMWIS to collaborate with them in order that Mediterranean universities and engineering schools take part in EMWIS activities in general as well as considering and dissemination their research results. A Mediterranean water master was also mentioned as a possible project.
- African Water Facility: is seeking to collaborate with EMWIS in implementing water information systems in North Africa countries (Morocco, Mauritania, Algeria, Tunisia & Egypt). The AWF has also invited EMWIS Technical Unit to take part in the workshop that took place in June 2008 with the aim to discuss the launch of "A North Africa Water MDGs Monitoring and Evaluation Programme". In this workshop, it was agreed that EMWIS NFPs in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia & Egypt can play a role of national coordination under this programme.
- WHO / JMP: EMWIS could play a role in disseminating information and data on access to drinking water & sanitation in the Euro Mediterranean region.
- MEDA-Water projects: even if MEDA-Water programme has ended practically, some of its projects asked EMWIS to keep disseminating their outputs and main deliverables.
- [Water Foot Print Network](#): innovative approach useful for awareness raising as well as for decision making
- [Projet MELIA](#) 'Mediterranean dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management': dissemination of results and potential launch of new projects around knowledge management and dissemination of research results.

In the table below, we summarize the possible near future agreements:

Organisation	Potential date	Partnership type
Water Foot Print network	Sept/oct. 2009	Becoming a member to use this approach with interested Mediterranean countries
GEO	Sep/Oct. 2009	To be member in such huge network, in order to work with many other international organisations under this network on water issues (data and information collection, etc).
WHO / JMP	2009	Partnership notably to make their data on access to drinking water and sanitation available through EMWIS
African Water Facility	2009	Partnership notably to assist through EMWIS Technical Unit and EMWIS NFPs the programme "A North Africa Water MDGs Monitoring and Evaluation Programme"

Issues for discussion/decisions:

- Mandate to the President and Technical Unit to join GEO and the water foot print network as well as to prepare agreements with WHO/JMP and AWF
- Potential process for other future partnerships: evaluation by President and vice-presidents based on analysis provided by EMWIS Technical Unit



