
Training Course: Water Integrity for MENA Region

Promoting Integrated Water Resources Management in the Arab Region
Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, 09-10 May 2015 (2 days)

INTRODUCTION

Promoting water integrity and fighting corruption in the water sector has the potential to create dramatic and lasting improvement for human dignity, health and equitable access to water. Additionally, it helps create a fertile ground for socio-economic development and investments in water.

Since 2014 the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Water Governance Facility at the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) is implementing a Water Integrity Capacity Building Programme in the Middle East and North Africa (WI MENA) in collaboration with regional and local partners. The programme already conducted water integrity risk assessments and mapped capacity needs of the main stakeholders in water resources management in five pilot countries, namely Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, and Tunisia. Existing training material on water integrity has been adapted to fit the needs as identified, and a pool of water integrity trainers has been created to deliver the water integrity trainings on the ground.

WI MENA offers also regional training courses. For this purpose the UNDP Water Governance Facility at SIWI is cooperating with AWARENET, the Arab Integrated Water Resources Management Network, a Cap-Net UNDP affiliated regional network on capacity development in sustainable water management for the Arab region hosted by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA), the International Union for Conservation of Nature - Regional Office for West Asia (IUCN-ROWA), and the Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean (GWP-Med). This training is the 2nd training course “Water Integrity for MENA Region” specifically tailored for the Middle East and North Africa region. It will be held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, 09-10 May 2015, in connection with the IUCN-ROWA regional conference RKNOW “Water and Nature Conservation - Knowledge Sharing in MENA Region” (11-14 May 2015).

OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of the regional Water Integrity Training is to develop capacities of various water sector stakeholders for water integrity in the MENA region, thereby improving transparency and accountability practices in water resources management. This training in particular aims at reaching out to the wider MENA region, beyond the five pilot countries and the specific target groups of the WI MENA programme.

PARTICIPANTS - TARGET GROUP

This course is open to participants of the IUCN-ROWA regional conference, water managers, government officials, researchers and representatives from universities, water utilities and non-governmental organizations involved in water management in Arab countries as well as others who may wish to deepen their knowledge about water integrity promotion in the MENA region. Preference is given to participants of the IUCN-ROWA regional conference and to members of AWARENET and its Working Group on Water Governance (WG-WG), esp. from countries other than the five WI MENA pilot countries for which separate national training courses are offered. The total number of participants is limited to 25.

Note: This training is independent from the IUCN-ROWA conference and requires separate registration.

FACILITATION

The training will be delivered by regional and international facilitators drawn from the network of partner organizations combining regional and contextual knowledge with international best practices in the area of water integrity: Ms. Alice Jaraiseh, SIWI Manager, Water Integrity Capacity Building Programme in the MENA region, Mr. Ralf Klingbeil, AWARENET Network Coordinator, Ms. Anthi Brouma, GWP-Med Senior Programme Manager and the Water Integrity Trainer Eng. Mufleh Abbadi, IUCN-ROWA. Additionally Mr Mohammad Naeem Shinwari, -SIWI Co-Manager, WI MENA will be in charge of monitoring and evaluation as well as documentation and knowledge capture.

DURATION AND VENUE

The two days training course will be organized in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, 09-10 May 2015, in connection and directly before the IUCN-ROWA coordinated RKNOW regional conference.

PRELIMINARY TRAINING COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: 09 May 2015

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:30 Knowing each other and brief about the objectives of the training workshop and agenda

09:30 - 10:00 Introduction about Water Integrity and main risks in MENA region

10:00 - 10:30 Links between Water Integrity and Water Governance

11:00 - 12:30 Water stakeholders analysis, group exercise on stakeholder analysis

12:30 - 13:00 Why do we need to identify water integrity risks?

14:00 - 16:30 Problem tree analysis tool use for integrity risks assessment and data collection, group work

16:30 - 17:00 How to reduce water integrity risks

17:00 – 17:30 Conclusion and evaluation of day one

Day 2: 10 May 2015

09:00 - 09:30 Reviewing day one

09:30 - 11:40 Developing solutions, proposal for reducing water integrity risks, group exercise

11:40 - 12:10 Building Trust and Trustworthiness between Public Officials and Civil Society

12:10 - 13:00 Change management exercise

14:00 - 15:10 Working groups in developing SMART objective

15:10 - 15:40 Strengthening ethical competence, recognising when you face an integrity or ethical challenge

15:40 - 16:10 Accountability, Responsibilities of the “duty-bearer” and the “rights-holder”

16:10 - 16:45 Follow up action

16:45 - 17:30 Conclusion and wrap up, evaluation and certificates distribution

LANGUAGE

The language of the course will be English only. Some training material will also be available in Arabic. There will be no simultaneous translation. Some trainers and facilitators also speak Arabic and can assist with limited translation.

VISA

Confirmed participants may require a visa to Egypt. IUCN-ROWA will be happy to assist in the visa application process with the respective authorities in Egypt.

CERTIFICATES

After successful completion and full attendance of the course registered participants will receive a **Certificate of Successful Participation**.

COSTS

Participation in the training will be free of charge (no course fees).

Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements and cover all respective costs. For some participants from outside Egypt limited financial support can be made available to partially contribute to costs of participation. A need for financial support shall be clearly explained on the “Expression of Interest” form and will need to be accepted by the organizers.

SELECTION AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Registration will be through filling and signing the enclosed “Expression of Interest” form and submitting it together with a short explanation of motivation by email to watergovernance@siwi.org and awarenet-escwa@un.org latest by 27 March 2015.

In case of more than 25 Expressions of Interest the organizers will select from the submissions, based on criteria such as AWARENET membership, date of submission, motivation, possibilities to apply acquired knowledge in further activities at regional or national level, gender, geographic diversity, etc. Confirmed participants will be notified by the AWARENET Secretariat latest by 03 April 2015.

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