

GWP-Med contribution to the MSP

"Regional Dialogue and Twinning to Improve Transboundary Water Resources Governance in Africa"

2007-2010

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Components and Outputs



GWP-Med, MIO-ECSDE and their partners will mainly contribute in the following MSP Components and Outputs:

Component 1: Legal, policy and management reforms in transboundary waters management

Output 1.2. Inter-parliamentary dialogues

Output 1.4. Training of African journalists in water and environment

Component 2: Systems thinking approach to shared and transboundary water resources

Output 2.2. Thematic training of parliamentarians on groundwater management

Themes, Focus Area and Target Groups

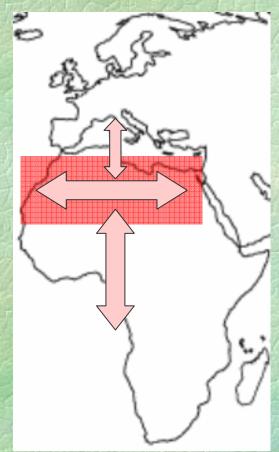


The MAIN THEMES of GWP-Med, MIO-ECSDE and partners activities are groundwater management and climate change, within the overall IWRM approach and considerations

The main FOCUS AREA of GWP-Med, MIO-ECSDE and partners activities is the North African countries

TARGET GROUPS for dialogue are Parliamentarians and Media from

- North African
- North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa
- Euro-Mediterranean context



Interaction among Parliamentarians, Media and key
Water Stakeholders will be facilitated within the dialogues

Key partners in implementation



- GWP-Med (Global Water Partnership Mediterranean)
 Regional multi-stakeholder platform of GWP, covering also North Africa
- MIO-ECSDE (Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development) Mediterranean NGO Federation, covering also North Africa
- COMPSUD
 (Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development)
 More than 70 Parliamentarians from 20 Mediterranean countries
- COMJESD
 (Circle of Mediterranean Journalist for Environment & Sustainable Development)
 More than 46 Journalists from 18 Mediterranean countries
- COMPSUD and COMJSD are facilitated by GWP-Med and MIO-ECSDE
- Close coordination with Outputs' partners / leaders and the PCU

Links with key regional processes / initiatives



- Euro Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly
- Arab Parliament (recently established)
- African Network of Environmental Journalists (ANEJ)
- North African Ministerial Council for Water (NAMCOW)
- Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative
- African Component of the EU Water Initiative
- GEF Strategic Partnership for Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystems
- Rabat Declaration Process on IWRM Planning in North Africa
- Petersberg Phase II / Athens Declaration Process
- European Neighborhood Policy Instrument and Horizon 2020 Initiative

Main activities / milestones foreseen



2007

- Planning of activities / establishment of agreements

2008

- Workshop of North African Journalists on Water Management Spring (March) 2008, Tunisia or Libya, in collaboration with ANEJ
- Training Course of Parliamentarians on IWRM Fall 2008, Egypt, in collaboration with UN ESCWA (possible special focus on groundwater)

2009 and 2010

- 2 Dialogues of Parliamentarians, Media and Water Stakeholders focus on groundwater and / or climate change
- Participation at the World Water Forum, Istanbul, 2009

Horizontal:

- Facilitation of North African / pan African interaction
- Eventual contribution to other Components / Outcomes

Possible links with more Outputs



Further to the collaborations for the implementation of activities under Outputs 1.2, 1.4 and 2.2, links and contributions may be explored with the Output leaders of:

- Output 1.3. Possible participation of a North African RBO eg. in Morocco or Algeria
- Output 1.2. Possible contribution / organisation of session at the UNESCO Groundwater Conference in Libya (April 2008)
- Output 2.3 and 2.4. Possible contribution to the thematic papers on groundwater management and on climate change
- Output 3.2. Possible transfer of experiences from Southeastern Europe
- Output 3.3. Possible testing of effectiveness of inter-ministry committees in a shared aquifer in North Africa



Thank you

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