

Preliminary agenda

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Workshop on Regional- National Water Information Systems in Arab region 20-21 December 2010, Damascus (Syria)

1st day: Monday 20th, December 2010

09:00- 09:30 Registration

09:30-10:00 Welcome message - Workshop introduction

- HE. Dr. Hossin Makhoul, Syrian Ministry of Irrigation – Syria
- Ebtisam Salah, Water Authority – Jordan
- Chahra KSIA, Arab Water Security Center (Arab league)

10:00- 11:30 European Experience

Moderator: Fouad Gardelli- IT expert
Rapporteur : Représentant of Jordan

10:00- 10:20 Approach for harmonized National Water Information Systems (European Experience)

Eric MINO, EMWIS Technical Unit

10:20-10:40 Presentation of the Spanish National Water Information System

Eduardo GARCÍA, ADASA SISTEMAS

10:40- 11:00 Results of the feasibility study on the National water information systems in Mediterranean Countries

Jauad EL KHARRAZ, EMWIS Technical Unit

11:00- 11:30 Discussion

11:30-12:00 Break coffee

12:00-14:00 The Arab database for shared water resources

Moderator: Chahra KSIA
Rapporteur : Représentant of Libya

12:00-12:20 Approach for Arab database for shared water resources

Walid SALEH, UNU-INWEH

12:20-12:40 Structure & implementation of the Arab Shared Water resources Database

Abdelkarim SOBHI, Souter Group

12:40-13:00 Approach for Arab network for shared water resources

Fouad Gardelli

13:00- 13:20 Model of regional Water Information System

Mohamed Alhamdy - ESCWA

13:20- 13:40 Geographical model of Water Information System

Eduardo GARCÍA, ADASA SISTEMAS

13:40- 14:00 Discussion

14:00- 15:30 Lunch

15:30-17:30 Syrian experience

Moderator: Eric MINO
Rapporteur : Jauad El Kharraz

15:30-15:50 Session Introduction, Brief on EMWIS activities
Jauad EL KHARRAZ, EMWIS Technical Unit

15:50- 17:10 Round table discussion on Syrian experience
Experts panel: representatives from Syrian
**ministries/agencies of Irrigation, Housing, Environment,
Agriculture, Health, Statistics**

- Main data responsibility/availability/needs for the water sector
- Overview of data flows between institutions
- Status of information systems in national agencies
- Legal basis for data exchange and public information

17:10-17:30 Conclusions & recommendations
Eric MINO, EMWIS Technical Unit

2nd day: Tuesday 21st, December 2010

09:00- 11.00 Status of water information systems in the Arab Countries

Moderator: Chahra KSIA
Rapporteur: Représentant of Iraq

09:00- 10.00 Arab countries representatives presentations on national experience on NWIS

10.00- 10.30 Discussion on Arab experiences on NWIS:
Strategies, implications at the institutional and legislative level, the organization of access and the management of the data, the added value of data and information on water and production of useful information

10:30-1100 Discussion of Arab Survey sheet on Shared Water Resources

11:00-11.30 Coffee break

11:30-13.30 Round table discussion on Arab Shared Water resources Database project (steps forward, approach, countries visits, survey, Focal Points, networking , Annual meetings)
Experts panel: Walid SALEH & GHALEB Saad & jauad El Kharrez & Fouad Gardelli

13:30-14.00 Conclusions
Chahra KSIA, Arab Water Security Center (Arab League)