



Regional Meeting for the "Regional Knowledge Network on Systemic Approaches to Water Resources Management Project (RWKN)

Introduction:

Current and past approaches of water resources management (WRM) have proven inadequate for the global water challenges. These approaches are mostly sectoral management, where each sector (domestic use, agriculture, industry, environmental protection, etc.) has been managed separately, with limited coordination between sectors. These approach lead to fragmented and uncoordinated development of water resources. Water is by nature a flowing resource, which crosses sector boundaries. Many uses of water have spillover effects on other uses, and water development projects have unintended social and environmental consequences.

Many accumulative experiences have been implemented in the in all around the world, specific examples are existing in Arab region for the best water management .These experiences and knowledge are not well known by others in the world and even in the region .IUCN in cooperation with water partners including ISESCO will launch regional initiative on Systemic Approaches to Water Resources Management. The initiative aspires to create a Regional Water Knowledge Network (RWKN) that will assist in strengthening the application of systematic approaches to water management in 5 countries (Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Morocco and Egypt). The RWKN will be structured in four sub-networks around the following thematic areas on water management :

- Water Governance.
- Water, Food and Energy.
- Sustainable Water Technologies.
- Water and Climate Change.

AIM of the Workshop

The aim of this workshop is to promote systemic approaches to integrated water resource management throughout the region; among researchers, experts, practitioners and other stakeholders with an interest in this domain. This network will make use of already existing national and regional networks and integrate these networks into a well organized cluster with the specific objective to extract and disseminate shared knowledge, lessons learnt and experience.



Objectives:

- 1) Define deeply the four water management thematic areas (water governance , water and food security , sustainable water and technologies and water and climate change).
- 2) Review the focus and mandate of each water thematic areas
- 3) Agree on the establishment of learning website for the RWKN
- 4) Identify experience of each participating organizations on water management
- 5) Identify the knowledge node for each thematic area on water management.
- 6) Develop term of references of each knowledge node
- 7) Develop monitoring system for the exchange of the knowledge among the beneficiaries
- 8) Sharing experience, insights and knowledge on water management .
- 9) Enhancing networking and exchange between different organizations
- 10) Agree on the structure and logo of the website of the project

Expected Outputs

- 1) Final agreement on the water management thematic areas .
- 2) The knowledge node of each thematic area
- 3) Term of reference of each knowledge node
- 4) Final structure of the website and its contents
- 5) Approaches and methods for cooperation between the participating organization
- 6) Suggestion for the monitoring plan of the RWKN
- 7) Suggestions for the most appropriate demonstration sites for each thematic areas

Participants

- ISESCO
- Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE) in Egypt.
- Arab Women Organization in Jordan
- Palestine Hydrological Team (PHG) in Ramallah, Palestine
- Society for the Protection on Nature in Lebanon (SPNL) in Lebanon.
- Abdelmalek Essaadi / Tetouan University in Morocco.
- IUCN Regional Office for West Asia (IUCN ROWA) in Jordan.
- IUCN Global Water Programme, Switzerland.
- EMWIS Technical Unit (Euro-Mediterranean Information System on the know-how in the Water sector)

Inputs

- o Presentation and analysis of the situation
- o Open discussion
- o working groups
- o Role play
- o Case studies from the region



Venue and date :

- Location : AMMAN (Crownplaza Hotel)
- Proposed date: 7-9 Oct. 2013

Tentative Agenda :

Monday 7th

Date	Topic	Notes
9:30 – 10:30	Introduction and recap	Introduction and recap about the initiative and inception workshop
10:30– 11:00	Review thematic areas and cross cutting issues	Review thematic areas chosen in the inception workshop
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:30	Development of terms of reference for each thematic area	Group work
12:30 – 1:30	Group presentations & discussion	Presentations and finalization for each
1:30	Lunch	
2:30 -3:30	Overview of each organization strength & experience to thematic areas	Identifying each organizations strength and its relationship to the thematic areas
3:30	Coffee break	
3:45 – 4:30	Finalize Knowledge nodes – organization presentation & discussion	Identify final knowledge nodes and TOR

Tuesday 8th

Date	Topic	Notes
9:30 – 10:00	Recap on day 1	Final conclusions
10:00 -11:00	Monitoring plan	Agree on a monitoring work plan
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:00	Finalization of monitoring matrix	Final identification of indicators and responsible parties
12:00 – 1:00	Introduction about the website structure and database	Clear objectives for each component and what the database should include
1:00 – 1:30	Finalization of the logo	Final discussions about top 3 voted for logos and changes
1:30	Lunch	
2:30 – 3:30	Procurement issues	Presentation on how procurement issues should be dealt with and Q&A
3:30	Coffee break	
3:45 -4:30	Financial issues	Presentation of all financial aspects and procedures and Q&A

Wednesday 9th

Date	Topic	Notes
9:30 – 10:00	Recap on day 2	Final conclusions
10:00 – 11:00	Identification of relevant demonstration sites for each thematic area	Potential identification of sites as per thematic area
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:30	RWKN work plan	Formulation of a 1 year work plan and detailed 6 month work plan
12:30 – 1:30	Final recommendations and wrap up	
1:30	Lunch	