



6TH WORLD WATER FORUM, MARSEILLE (12-17 MARCH 2012)

MEDITERRANEAN CROSS-CONTINENTAL PROCESS

SESSION MED 3.1

DECIPHERING WATER GOVERNANCE: IWRM PLANS AND WATER EFFICIENCY STRATEGIES IN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES - ADDRESSING COMPLEXITIES AND PROMOTING REPLICABLE SOLUTIONS

15 MARCH 2012, 11:00-13:00

PC 4 - PATIO 2/ PALAIS DES CONGRES (REZ DE JARDIN LEVEL)

Mediterranean Target 3.1

In the medium term (by 2020), every Mediterranean country - supported by multi-stakeholder national dialogues and in view of achieving cross-sectoral water resources management - has in place operational and applicable national IWRM Plans and Water Efficiency Strategies and has developed and/or substantially advanced river basin management plans, all of which are linked/align with National Development Strategies, National and/or Sectoral Financing Strategies, National Adaptation Plans and, where applicable, National Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plans and International Agreements regarding the protection of transboundary water bodies

[Short title: By 2020, every Med country has in place operational and applicable IWRM Plans and Water Efficiency Strategies, with due consideration to participatory approaches, cross-sectoral elements and transboundary concerns]

Session's description

The central role of governance in the management of water resources in the Mediterranean region is difficult to contest. Severe scarcity conditions the region encounters, coupled with intense demographic changes, potential climate change implications and a rich constellation of geopolitical particularities place water governance firmly and high in the policy agenda. Furthermore, it is the planning and implementation of water plans and much needed governance reforms that render the overall endeavour necessary, though highly challenging.

The session's objective is to take stock of on-going country efforts with regard to IWRM design and implementation -with due consideration to the complexity of the IWRM framework/approach, share lessons learnt and identify concrete and successful solutions with replicability potential within and outside the region. In this process, complementarities with existing initiatives and programmes e.g. MED EUWI, Sustainable Water Integrated Management (SWIM), GEF MedPartnership, UNDP WGP-AS, OECD, etc will be identified and utilised so as so as to advance positive impacts.

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SESSION'S OUTLINE	
5 min	<p>INTRODUCTION OF THE SESSION: CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES</p> <p>Co-Chairs: Rafiq Husseini, <i>UfM Secretariat</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Michael Scoullos <i>GWP-Med/MED EUWI</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Jacques Plantey, <i>IME</i></p>
10 min	<p>PRESENTATION OF 3.1 TARGET REPORT</p> <p>Presentation of content and findings of Target Report 3.1 by Target Coordinator</p> <p>Anthi Brouma <i>GWP-Med/MED EUWI</i></p>
15 min	<p>INPUT FROM CORE GOVERNANCE GROUP</p> <p>Contributions from some Governance Core Group Members on proposed solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fethi Lebdi, <i>Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture</i> - Eric Mino, <i>EMWIS/SEMIDE</i> - Laith el Moghrabi, <i>Wetlands International</i>
25 min	<p>INPUT FROM REGIONAL PROCESSES, INITIATIVES & PROJECTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maria Peppas, <i>MED EUWI/Greece</i> - Rene Bosman, <i>DG DEVCO, European Commission</i> - Chris Severin, <i>GEF Secretariat</i> - Peter Koefoed Bjørnsen, <i>UNEP UCC/UN Water</i> - Nathalie Abu Ata, <i>SustainableMed, World Bank</i>
30 min	<p>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON IDENTIFIED AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS</p> <p>All participants</p> <p>Targeted interventions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tahar Aichaoui, <i>Algerian Ministry of Water Resources (tbc)</i> - Ali Subah, <i>Jordanian Ministry of Water and Irrigation</i> - Abdelkader Benomar, <i>Moroccan State Secretariat for Energy and Water</i> - Rebhi Alsheikh, <i>Palestinian Water Authority</i>

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	<p>- Angela Klauschen, <i>WWF MedPO</i></p> <p>- Morgan Mozas, <i>IPEMED</i></p>
30 min	<p>DISCUSSION ON RECOMMENDATIONS & COMMITMENTS</p> <p>Interventions primarily by governments, regional intergovernmental institutions and agencies, donors</p>
5 min	<p>CONCLUDING REMARKS</p> <p>Co-Chairs</p>