

First Invitation to the Third Water, Growth and Stability Conference (WGS3)

The [Regional Environmental Center \(REC\)](#) is pleased to announce and invite you to the [WGS Third Conference](#) (WGS3).

We invite you to express your interest in participating by submitting the online registration form available online: wgsini.rec.org/wgs3-registration

Theme

Transboundary Water Cooperation for Sustainable Growth and Stability in MENA

Date

April 2017

Venue

Dead Sea, Jordan

Background

“Water, Growth and Stability 2017” Conference is closing event of of the REC project “**Sustainable Use of Transboundary Water Resources and Water Security Management** in the MENA region (**WaterSUM**)”, which is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (**Sida**). WaterSUM. Conference is also milestone activity of Water, Growth and Stability initiative ([WGSIni](#)) which is launched within the framework on WaterSUM project at 1st Water, Growth and Stability conference, co-organised on April 26-28, 2016, in Szentendre, Hungary, by **REC** and the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary** as a pre-event to **the Budapest Water Summit 2016**.

Objectives

1. Objective 1: Boost WGSIni, review achieved results and discuss future steps
2. Objective 2: Set up platform for policy dialogue
3. Objective 3: Present key results of the REC project “**Sustainable Use of Transboundary Water Resources and Water Security Management** in the MENA region (**WaterSUM**)” and set up platform for knowledge exchange
4. Objective 4: Open new horizons for future activities

Conference main topics

In order to reach Objective 1: Boost WGSIni, review achieved results and discuss future steps

1. Topic 1: Water, Growth and Stability Initiative
 - 1.1. Sub-topic 1.1: Municipality forum
 - 1.2. Sub-topic 1.2: Civil society forum
 - 1.3. Sub-topic 1.3: Women Forum
 - 1.4. Sub-topic 1.4: Academia Forum
 - 1.5. Sub-topic 1.5: Business Forum
 - 1.6. Sub-topic 1.6: WGSIni network

In order to reach Objective 2: Set up platform for policy dialogue

2. Topic 2: Water, Growth and Stability in MENA countries
 - 2.1. Sub-topic 2.1: Statements of high representatives

In order to reach Objective 3: Present key results of the REC project “**Sustainable Use of Transboundary Water Resources and Water Security Management** in the MENA region (**WaterSUM**)” and set up platform for knowledge exchange

3. Topic 3: Water Resources Management Good Practices and Knowledge Transfer
 - 3.1. Sub-topic 3.1: Integration of the Water Demand Management Approach (WDM) and Sustainable protection of water resource into planning process
 - 3.2. Sub-topic 3.2: Importance of Transboundary Water Cooperation and Dialogue for Sustainable Water Management
4. Topic 4: Water and Security
 - 4.1. Sub-topic 4.1: Local Water Security Action Planning (LWSAP)
 - 4.2. Sub-topic 4.2: Water security in MENA
5. Topic 5: Water and Adaptation to Climate Change
 - 5.1. Sub-topic 5.1: Adaptation to climate change in water management in MENA
 - 5.2. Sub-topic 5.2: Regional experiences in adaptation to climate change in water management in MENA

In order to reach Objective 4: Open new horizons for future activities

6. Topic 6: Water and Energy
 - 6.1. Sub-topic 6.1: Water energy nexus
 - 6.2. Sub-topic 6.2: Renewable energy and water management in MENA
7. Topic 7: Stakeholders in integrated water resources management
 - 7.1. Sub-topic 7.1: Role of stakeholders in integrated water resources management
 - 7.2. Sub-topic 7.2: Examples of stakeholder’s involvement in in integrated water resources management

Key messages

Draft key message to be discussed during the Conference in order to shape agenda for future actions

1. MENA countries can contribute to meet water related SDGs
2. Good water governance at all levels is a precondition for sustainable growth
3. MENA water resources are affected by climate change, regional cooperation is seen as a solution
4. Dialogue and common understanding on shared water resources accelerates adaption of an integrated approach for managing regional water resources.
5. Addressing water security on local level contributes to sustainable growth
6. Local communities can improve water security
7. Civil society organizations have important role in integrated water resources management
8. Women have key role in making integrated water resources management sustainable
9. Stakeholder's network has major importance for further democratization of integrated water resources management in MENA region
10. REC has developed tools for local water security action planning, for fostering dialogue and building trust among stakeholders.

Conference Programme Outline

Day 1

Pre-conference event: Water, Growth and Stability Initiative; **O1, T1**

WGSINi Network

Municipality forum (T1.1)	Civil society forum (T1.2)	Women Forum (T1.3)	Academia Forum (T1.4)	Business Forum (T1.5)	WGSIni network (T1.6)
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8:30	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
9:30	Opening	Opening	Opening	Opening	Opening
10:00	Session 1	Session 1	Session 1	Session 1	Session 1
11:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:30	Session 2	Session 2	Session 2	Session 2	Session 2
13:00	Buffet lunch	Buffet lunch	Buffet lunch	Buffet lunch	Buffet lunch
14:00	Session 3	Session 3	Session 3	Session 3	Session 3
15:30	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break

Fora reports

Conclusions

Day 2

Water, Growth and Stability in MENA countries

Registered participants for WGS III

8:30	Registration				
9:30	Plenary session 1 (O2, T2, T2.1)				
11:00	Photo				
11:30	Plenary session 2 (O3, T3)				
13:00	Buffet lunch				
14:00	Session 1 (T3.1)	Session 2 (T4.1)	Session 3 (T5.1)	Session 4 (T6.1)	Session 5 (T7.1)
15:30	Break				
16:00	Poster 1 (T3.1)	Poster 2 (T4.1)	Poster 3 (T5.1)	Poster 4 (T6.1)	Poster 5 (T7.2)
17:00	Networking				
19:00	Opening of Exhibition “Me&Water” and Reception				

Day 3

Water and Security

Registered participants for WGS III

8:30	Registration				
9:30	Plenary session 3 (O3, T4)				
11:00	Photo				
11:30	Session 1 (T3.2)	Session 2 (T4.2)	Session 3 (T5.2)	Session 4 (T6.2)	Session 5 (T7.2)
13:00	Buffet lunch				
14:00	Poster 1 (T3.2)	Poster 2 (T4.2)	Poster 3 (T5.2)	Poster 4 (T6.2)	Poster 5 (T7.2)
15:30	Break				
16:00	Closing Plenary (O2, T2, T2.1)				
17:00	Networking				
19:30	Gala dinner with award ceremony and cultural programme				

Day 4

Registered for Study trip

Study Visit to Petra