Second Water, Growth and Stability conference: “Water, Growth and Stability in MENA”

July 11–14, 2016 | Hammamet, Tunisia

Organised by the Regional Environmental Center, with the Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fisheries and the Jordanian Ministry of Water and Irrigation

1 Theme | 2 Objectives | 3 Working groups | 4 Sessions | 5 Topics | 6 Days | 7 Facilitators
8 Municipalities | 8 Working teams | 9 Background papers | 140 Participants
Day 1 | July 11, 2016 (Monday)

09:00 – 10:30 Plenary Session — High-Level Panel: “Water, Growth and Stability in MENA” (plenary room): Mr. Lotfi Frigui, Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fisheries (Tunisia); Eng. Emad Mikhail Girgis Soliman, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (Egypt); Mr. Adel Alobeiaat, Ministry of Water and Irrigation (Jordan); H. E. Mr. Zoltan Szentgyorgyi, Ambassador of Hungary to Tunisia; H.E. Mr. Saad Seddik, Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fisheries (Tunisia); Dr. Radoje Lausevic, Regional Environmental Center

10:30 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 – 13:00 Working group parallel sessions:

● **WG1 — Municipality Forum** (plenary room): From goals and objectives to action. Presentation of final list of goals and objectives; identification and specification of actions.

● **WG2 — Civil Society Forum** (room 1): The role of civil society in water security planning and implementation; water governance; and adaptation to climate change.

● **WG3 — Women’s Forum** (room 2): The role of women in water security planning and implementation; water governance; and adaptation to climate change.

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 15:30 Working team (WT) plenary session:

● **WTs, with the participation of members of the Civil Society and Women’s Forums:** WT Jordan, WT Tunisia, WT Al Karak municipality (Jordan), WT Jerash municipality (Jordan), WT Al-Salt municipality (Jordan), WT Ajloun municipality (Jordan), WT Nefza delegation (Tunisia), WT Bir Mcherga delegation (Tunisia), WT Matmata delegation (Tunisia), WT Sidi Ali Ben Aoun delegation (Tunisia). Development of actions.

15:30 – 16:00 BREAK

16:00 – 18:00 Working team (WT) plenary session:

● Presentation of preliminary list of actions

19:00 – 21:00 Reception and side event:

● Drawing competition “Me&Water”

Day 2 | July 12, 2016 (Tuesday)

09:00 – 10:30 Working group parallel sessions:

● **WG1 — Municipality Forum** (plenary room): From goals and objectives to action. Prioritisation of actions in the eight working groups.


10:30 – 11:00  BREAK

11:00 – 13:00  Working team (WT) plenary session:
- WT with the participation of members of the Civil Society and Women’s Forums: WT Jordan, WT Tunisia, WT Al Karak municipality (Jordan), WT Jerash municipality (Jordan), WT Al-Salt municipality (Jordan), WT Ajloun municipality (Jordan), WT Nefza delegation (Tunisia), WT Bir Mcherga delegation (Tunisia), WT Matmata delegation (Tunisia), WT Sidi Ali Ben Aoun delegation (Tunisia). Presentation of final list of actions; “Implementing the action plan – Developing an implementation plan; working teams.”

13:00 – 14:00  LUNCH

14:00 – 15:30  Working team (WT) plenary session (cont.):
- Presentation of the implementation plan

15:30 – 16:00  BREAK

16:00 – 18:00  Working team (WT) plenary session (cont.):
- Developing indicators for monitoring, developing an evaluation plan. Working teams: Developing the monitoring plan.

18:00 – 18:30  Side event: Launch of the Network for Water, Growth and Stability in MENA

Day 3 | July 13, 2016 (Wednesday)

09:00 – 10:30  Plenary session (plenary room):
- Presentation of draft local water security action plans (LWSAPs).

10:30 – 11:00  BREAK

11:00 – 13:00  Plenary session (cont.):
- Presentation of draft LWSAPs

13:00 – 14:00  LUNCH

14:00 – 15:30  Networking:
- Action plans of the Civil Society Forum and Women’s Forum

15:30 – 16:00  BREAK

16:00 – 17:00  Close of conference

Day 4 | July 14, 2016 (Thursday)

09:00 – 18:00  Study trip: Temple of Water, Djebel Zaghouan and sightseeing in Tunis
The Water, Growth and Stability Initiative (WGSIni) was launched at the first Water, Growth and Stability conference, which took place on April 26–28, 2016, in Szentendre, Hungary, co-organised by the Regional Environmental Center (REC) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary as a pre-event to the 2016 Budapest Water Summit. The WGSIni is a milestone output of the REC project “Sustainable Use of Transboundary Water Resources and Water Security Management in the MENA region (WATER SUM)”, which is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

The second Water, Growth and Stability conference has two main objectives: to launch the WGSIni forums and to highlight the contribution of the WATER SUM project to the initiative. The conference will be structured into three working groups (WGs): WG 1: Municipality Forum; WG 2: Civil Society Forum; and WG 3: Women’s Forum. The WGs will debate five key topics:

- Water demand management in Jordan and Tunisia
- Water resources protection in Jordan and Tunisia
- Water resources management in a changing climate in Jordan and Tunisia
- Local water security action planning in Jordan and Tunisia
- The role of civil society and women in water management in Jordan and Tunisia

The conference will also provide a venue for discussions among the local water security planning teams of Jordan and Tunisia, which will be divided into working teams (WTs): WT Al Karak municipality, WT Jerash municipality, WT Al-Salt municipality and WT Ajloun municipality (Jordan); and WT Nefza delegation, WT Bir Mcherga delegation, WT Matmata delegation and WT Sidi Ali Ben Aoun delegation (Tunisia).

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