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Expert group meeting on methodologies for meeting the water-related Sustainable Development Goals at the global, regional and national levels
Amman, 22-23 March 2017

AGENDA

Wednesday afternoon, 22 March 2017

16:30 – 17:00 **Registration**

The meeting will be held at the Kempinski Hotel Amman in the Sun Room

17:00 – 17:20 **Opening Statements**

Moderator: *Mr. Hammou Laamrani, Water and Climate Change Expert, Environment, Housing and Water Resources Department, Economic Sector, League of Arab States, Egypt*

- H.E. Mr. Djamal Eldine Djaballah, Ambassador Plenipotentiary; Director, Department of Environment, Housing and Water Resources, Economic Sector, League of Arab States, Egypt
- Mr. Khaldon Khashman, Secretary General, Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA), Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western (ESCWA), Lebanon

Review of the Agenda

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Session 1 The Water-related SDGs: An Arab Perspective

Moderator: *Mr. Tawfeeq Al-Sharjabi, Undersecretary of the Water Sector, Ministry of Environment and Water, Yemen; Member, ESCWA Committee on Water Resources*

17:20 – 17:40 The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Engagement at the global, regional and national levels

- *Ms. Roula Majdalani, ESCWA*

17:40 – 17:50 Perspectives on the Water-related Sustainable Development Goals from the Arab Region

- *Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA*

17:40 – 17:50 Discussion

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17:50 – 18:05	Ensuring universal, equitable, safe and affordable drinking water for all (SDG 6.1): reporting on safely managed drinking water and means for monitoring affordability, accessibility and intermittency <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Rick Johnston, Technical Officer, Department of Public Health, Environment and Social Determinants of Health, World Health Organization (WHO), Switzerland on behalf of the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme on Water Supply and Sanitation</i>
18:05 – 18:15	Discussion
18:15 – 18:30	Ensuring adequate and equitable sanitation: the sanitation ladder (SDG 6.2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Rick Johnston, WHO</i>
18:30 – 18:40	Discussion
18:40 – 19:00	Break
19:00 – 20:00	World Water Day Celebration: Wastewater
20:00 – 21:00	Reception

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Session 2 Monitoring priority SDG6 indicators for the Arab Region

Moderator:	<i>Mr. Ziad Khayat, First Economic Affairs Officer., Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Lebanon</i>
14:00 – 14:15	Monitoring and reporting on wastewater treatment and reuse (SDG 6.3.1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Graham Alabaster, Chief Waste Management & Sanitation, Urban Basic Services Branch, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), Geneva Office, Switzerland</i>
14:15 – 14:25	Discussion
14:25 – 14:35	Wastewater Reuse Effectiveness Index (WREI) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Reza Ardakanian, Founding Director, United Nations University-Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES), Germany</i>- <i>Mr. Mathew Kurian, Head, Capacity Development and Governance Unit, UNU-FLORES, Germany</i>
14:35 – 14:45	Discussion
14:45 – 15:00	Measuring and monitoring water scarcity (SDG 6.4): Water use efficiency and the number of people facing water scarcity <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Pasquale Steduto, Deputy Regional Representative, Near East and North Africa Region, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Egypt</i>

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15:00 – 15:15	Discussion
15:15 – 15:30	Monitoring and reporting on transboundary water cooperation (SDG 6.5.2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Alexandros Makarigakis, Programme Specialist, Water for Human Settlements, Natural Sciences Sector, United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), France</i>
15:30 – 15:45	Discussion
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break

Session 3	Capacity Building Support for Member States
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Moderator:	<i>Ms. Roula Majdalani, ESCWA</i>
16:00 – 16:15	Overview of the UN-Water/GEMI Indicator Methodology Toolkits, Proof of Concept, and Capacity Building Plan for SDG6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Alexandros Makarigakis, UNESCO</i>- <i>Mr. Graham Alabaster, UN-Habitat</i>
16:15 – 16:25	Jordan Proof of Concept: Experience and lessons learned <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Ali Subah, Assistant Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan</i>
16:25 – 16:35	Discussion
16:35 – 16:45	Monitoring and reporting on the Arab regional water supply, sanitation and wastewater indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Khaldon Khashman, ACWUA</i>
16:45 – 17:15	Discussion on capacity building needs at the global, regional and national levels <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Interventions from member States- Interactive discussion

Session 4	Conclusions and Coordinating Next Steps
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Moderator:	<i>Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA</i>
17:15 – 17:25	Conclusions on coordinating follow-up at the global level <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Graham Alabaster, UN-Habitat</i>- <i>Mr. Alexandros Makarigakis, UNESCO</i>
17:25 – 17:40	Conclusions on coordinating follow-up at the regional level <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Djamel Djaballah, League of Arab States</i>- <i>Mr. Khaldon Khashman, ACWUA</i>- <i>Mr. Pasquale Steduto, FAO</i>

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- 17:40 – 17:45 Conclusions on coordinating follow-up at the country level
- *Mr. AbuObeida BaBiker A. Hassan, Director General, Hydrological and Water Resources, Hydrological Research Center, Ministry of Water Resources and Electricity, Sudan; Vice-Chairman, ESCWA Committee on Water Resources (12th Session)*
- 17:45 – 18:00 Concluding comments and contributions from the floor
- 18:00 – 18:15 **Closing Remarks**
- *Mr. Djamel Djaballah, League of Arab States*
 - *Mr. Khaldon Khashman, ACWUA*
 - *Ms. Roula Majdalani, ESCWA*
- 18:15 End of meeting