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MDG+ Initiative: High Level Meeting on the Water-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Amman, 1-2 November 2016

AGENDA

Tuesday, 1 November 2016

8:30 – 9:00

Registration

The meeting will be held at the Kempinski Amman Hotel in the Reem Ballroom

Sponsored participants are kindly requested to bring their passport, visa stamp and airline ticket boarding stub with them to the meeting.

9:00 – 10:00

Opening Statements

Moderator: *Mr. Jarrah AlZubi, Technical Advisor, MDG+ Initiative Unit, ACWUA*

- H.E. Mr. Hazim El-Naser, Minister, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Mr. Anders Frankenberg, Head of Unit, Regional Unit MENA, Department for Asia, North Africa and Humanitarian Assistance, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Sweden
- H.E. Mr. Djamal Eldine Djaballah, Ambassador Plenipotentiary; Director, Department of Environment, Housing and Water Resources and Sustainable Development, 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

Group Photo

Tour de table

Review of the Agenda – *Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA*

Discussion

Session 1

Water in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Moderator: *Mr. Hussein Al-Atfy, Former Minister of Water and Irrigation of Egypt; Secretary General, Arab Water Council, Egypt*

10:00 – 10:10

- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals: Perspectives from the Arab Region
 - *Ms. Roula Maidalani, ESCWA*

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- 10:10 – 10:20
- The Water-related Sustainable Development Goals, Target and Indicators
 - *Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA*
- 10:20 – 10:30 Discussion
- 10:30 – 10:40
- Considering the Water-Energy-Food Nexus within the context of the SDGs
 - *Mr. Ziad Al-Khayat, First Economic Affairs Officer, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA*
- 10:40 – 10:50
- Relating the Arab Strategy for Water Security in the Arab Region to Meet the Challenges and Future Needs for Sustainable Development 2010-2030 and Action Plan to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - *Mr. Hammou Laamrani, Water and Climate Change Expert, Environment, Housing, Water Resources and Sustainable Development Department, Economic Sector, League of Arab States, Cairo, Egypt*
- 10:50 – 11:00 Discussion
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

Session 2 The MDG+ Initiative

Moderator: *Mr. Anders Jägerskog, Counsellor, Regional Development Cooperation, Water Resources, Embassy of Sweden, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*

- 11:30 – 11:45
- The MDG+ Institutional Framework, Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism
 - *Mr. Jarrah AlZubi, MDG+ Unit, ACWUA*
- 11:45 – 11:50
- Lessons learned: Coordinating and Consolidating Inputs from Multiple Utilities through the National Monitoring Team
 - *Mr. Adel Yasseen, MDG+ National Focal Point; Director, Wastewater Planning Department; Acting Director General, Strategic Planning Directorate, Palestinian Water Authority, Palestine*
- 11:50 – 11:55
- Lessons Learned: Capacity Building Benefits and Challenges
 - *Mr. Ali Mohamed Abdellahi, MDG+ National Focal Point, Technical Hydraulic Advisor, Ministère de l'Hydraulique et de l'Assainissement [Ministry of Water and Sanitation], Mauritania*
- 11:55 – 12:05 Discussion
- 12:05 – 12:20
- Key findings of the 2016 Report of the MDG+ Initiative: Water Supply
 - *Mr. Ali Karnib, Water and Sanitation Expert, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA*
- 12:20 – 12:30 Discussion
- 12:30 – 12:45
- Key findings of the 2016 Report of the MDG+ Initiative: Sanitation and Wastewater
 - *Mr. Ali Karnib, ESCWA*
- 12:45 – 12:55 Discussion

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- 12:55 – 13:00
- Lessons Learned: Population Baselines and Household Size
 - *Ms. Maha Al-Mansour, MDG+ National Focal Point; Director of Groundwater Projects, Ministry of Electricity and Water; Member, ESCWA Committee on Water Resources, Kuwait*
- 13:00 – 13:05
- Lessons Learned: Differentiating between Urban and Rural Consumers
 - *Mr. Yasser Sleiman, MDG+ National Focal Point; Water Engineer, Water Tutelage Department, General Directorate of Exploitation, Ministry of Energy and Water, Lebanon*
- 13:05 – 13:15 Discussion
- 13:15 – 14:15 Lunch Break

Session 3 Building on the MDG+ Indicators

Moderator: *Mr. Emad Adly, General Coordinator, Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED) Egypt*

- 14:15 – 14:30
- Consumer Field Surveys in Vulnerable Communities
 - *Ms. Ghada Ahmadein, Technical Coordinator, RAED, Egypt*
- 14:30 – 14:40
- Lessons Learned: Experience Working at the Local Level on the Pilot Field Surveys in Jordan
 - *Mr. Ziad Alawneh, Chairman, Land and Human to Advocate Progress, Jordan*
- 14:40 – 14:50
- Lessons Learned: Monitoring Access to Water Services under Conflict Conditions
 - *Mr. Tawfiq Abdelwahed Al-Shargabi, Undersecretary of the Water Sector, Ministry of Environment and Water, Yemen; Member, ESCWA Committee on Water Resources*
- 14:50 – 15:00 Discussion
- 15:00 – 15:20
- Monitoring and Reporting on Access to Water Supply and Sanitation Services in Egypt: Drawing on the MDG+ Initiative Indicators and Key Performance Indicators
 - *Mr. Ahmed Moawad, Vice-Chairman, Holding Company for Water and Wastewater (HCWW), Egypt - delivered by Mr. Ibrahim Khaled Gabr, Chairman, Mena Water and Sanitation Company, Egypt and Mr. Khaldon Khashman, ACWUA*
- 15:20 – 15:30
- Water Utilities and Regulators: Who Monitors What?
 - *Mr. Mohamed Hasan, Chairman, Egypt Water and Wastewater Regulatory Agency (EWRA), Egypt*
- 15:30 – 15:40 Discussion
- 15:40 – 15:50
- Issues Affecting Data Collection on Harmonized Water Indicators in the Arab Region
 - *Mr. Ali Karnib, ESCWA*
- 15:50 – 16:00 Discussion

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Session 4 Database Management: Access and Applications

Moderator: *Mr. Kassim Al Jabri, Member, ACWUA Board of Directors; Senior Manager for Project Design, Public Authority for Electricity and Water, Oman*

- 16:00 – 16:45
- Access and Input to the MDG+ Indicators Database by National Monitoring Teams
 - *Mr. Jarrah AlZubi, MDG+ Unit, ACWUA*
- 16:45 – 17:00
- Proposed Pilot Project: Mapping and Analysis at the Sub-National Level
 - *Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA*
- 17:00
- End of Day 1

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Session 5 Statistics for Monitoring and Reporting on the SDGs

Moderator: *Ms. Rahal Fatima, MDG+ Statistical Focal Point, Director of the Water 2 Programme, National Office of Statistics, Algeria*

- 9:00 – 9:15
- Statistical work of the United Nations Statistical Commission and Committees in support of the SDGs, including SDG6
 - *Mr. Juraj Riecan, Director, Statistics Division, ESCWA*
- 9:15 – 9:30
- Statistical Monitoring and Reporting on the SDGs: A Regional Perspective
 - *Ms. Safia Ibrahim, Chair, ESCWA Statistics Committee (11th Session); Head of Division, Area Statistics Directorate/Environment Statistics Department, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, State of Palestine*
- 9:30 – 9:45
- Discussion

Session 6 The Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG6

Moderator: *Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA*

- 9:45 – 10:00
- The UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG6
 - *Mr. William Reidhead, Global Monitoring Officer, UN-Water Technical Advisory Unit, Switzerland*
- 10:00 – 10:15
- Discussion
- 10:15 – 11:00
- Monitoring and Reporting on SDG 6.1, SDG 6.2 and SDG 6.3.1 through the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme under UN-Water
 - *Mr. Rick Johnston, Technical Officer, Department of Public Health, Environment and Social Determinants of Health, World Health Organization (WHO), Switzerland, with input from Ms. Kate Medlicott, Technical Officer, Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Health, Department of Public Health and Environment and Social Determinants of Health, WHO, Switzerland*
- 11:00 – 11:15
- Discussion

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- 11:15 – 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30 – 11:50
- Methodologies and Mechanisms for Reporting on Indicators related to SDG 6.3.2 and 6.6
 - *Mr. Abdelmenam Mohamed, Programme Officer, Science-Policy Interface, Regional Sub-programme Coordinator, Environment Under Review, Science Division - West Asia Office, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Bahrain*
- 11:50 – 12:00 Discussion
- 12:00 – 12:10
- Monitoring and Reporting on SDG 6.4
 - *Mr. Pasquale Steduto, Deputy Regional Representative, Near East and North Africa Region, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Egypt (video intervention) and Mr. William Reidhead, UN-Water*
- 12:10 – 12:20 Discussion
- 12:20 – 12:30
- Monitoring and Reporting on SDG 6.5.2
 - *Ms. Francesca Bernardini, Secretary of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes; Co-secretary of the Protocol on Water and Health, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Switzerland (video intervention) and Mr. William Reidhead, UN-Water*
- 12:30 – 12:40 Discussion
- 12:40 – 12:50
- Integrated Monitoring Initiative Proof of Concept Pilot Country: The Jordanian Experience
 - *Mr. Ali Subah, Assistant Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*
- 12:50 – 13:00
- The UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative: Next Steps
 - *Mr. William Reidhead, UN-Water*
- 13:00 – 13:15 Discussion
- 13:15 – 14:15 Lunch Break

Session 7 The Way Forward

Moderator: *Ms. Roula Majdalani, ESCWA*

- 14:15 – 14:25
- Informing the SDGs with the MDG+ Indicators: Issues for Consideration
 - *Mr. Ali Karnib, ESCWA*
- 14:25 – 14:35
- Proposed Modalities for Follow-up and Reporting
 - *Mr. Khaldon Khashman, ACWUA*
- 14:35 – 14:45 Discussion

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- 14:45 – 15:15 Working Groups
- Country Team Consultations on Next Steps
– *Led by MDG+ Initiative National Country Team Chair or Vice-Chair*
 - Regional Organizations Consultation on Next Steps
– *Led by the League of Arab States*
- 15:15 – 15:45
- Feedback from Country Teams and the League of Arab States on Suggested Next Steps
- 15:45 – 16:15 Coffee Break

Session 8 Recommendations and Closing Statements

Co-Moderators: *Ms. Roula Majdalani, ESCWA and Mr. Khaldon Khashman, ACWUA*

- 16:15 – 16:45
- Review of Recommendations for Follow-up on the Water-related SDGs in the Arab Region
– *Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA*

Discussion

16:45 – 17:00 **Closing Statements**

Closing statements will be provided by the designated representative of the:

- Government of Sweden
- League of Arab States
- ACWUA
- ESCWA

17:00 End of meeting