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ESTABLISHMENT OF ESCWA TECHNOLOGY CENTER (ETC)

Mission

 To Assist member countries and their public and private organizations to acquire the necessary tools and capabilities to accelerate socio-economic development in order to attain technological parity with other nations and regions.

Objectives

- To assist member countries In strengthening their capabilities to develop and manage national systems
- To assist member countries to develop, transfer, adapt and apply technology
- To determine the suitable technology for the region and facilitate its development
- To improve the legal and commercial framework for the transfer of technology
- To enhance the technological and scientific knowledge content of major economic sectors in member countries



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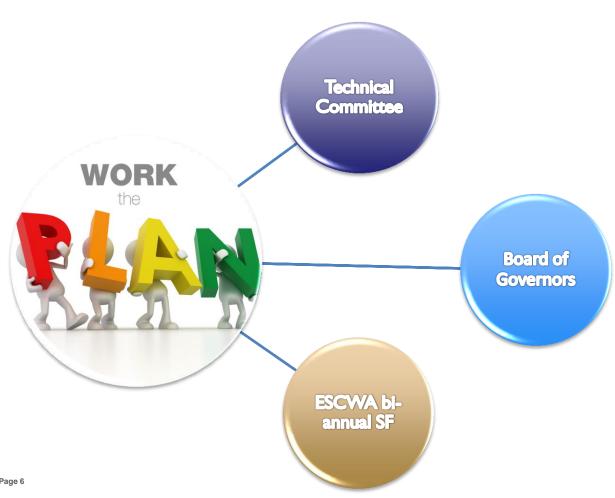
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ESCWA TECHNOLOGY CENTER (ETC) WORK PLAN





NEXUS IS NOT A NEW CONCEPT!

IT HAS EXISTED UNDER DIFFERENT NAMES LIKE:

- Integrated natural resources management
- Integrated water resources management,
- Sustainable agriculture,
- Green economy principles,
- Sustainable production and consumption frameworks,
- Sustainable development

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DRIVERS OF RISING WEF DEMAND

- Population growth
- Urbanization
- Diversifying and changing diets
- Cultural and societal beliefs and behaviors
- Climate Change



WEF NEXUS

Policy

WEF

Technology

Science



MOST RELEVANT INITIATIVES/STRATEGIES

- The Arab Strategy for STI (LAS, 2014)
- Water Governance in the Arab Region, (UNDP, 2013)
- The Arab Strategy for Water Security in the Arab Region ((LAS & GIZ, 2011)
- The Strategy for Sustainable Arab Agricultural Development for the Upcoming Two Decades 2005-2025 (AOAD, 2007)
- Renewable Energy in the Water, Energy & Food Nexus (IRENA, 2015)



ARAB WEF NEXUS PRIORITIES (STI)

A. **Organization** Year Initiative/project **STI Priorities/Needs** Water Sector: Technology Water efficiency/ for conservation Water resources protections technologies from drains & pollution Fighting climate change expected impacts over water resources Effective water resources management The Arab Strategy for technologies LAS 2014 STI Water desalination Technologies **Technologies** efficient develop unconventional water resources Food Sector: STI for more efficient food production through the wise management of natural resources (Energy, water and land). STI to produce more with less



ARAB WEF NEXUS PRIORITIES (STI)

AOAD	2007	The Strategy for Sustainable Arab Agricultural Development for the Upcoming Two Decades (2005-2025)	 STI for Improving the Efficiency of Irrigation Systems Developing Appropriate Water Harvesting Techniques Development of Suitable Desalination Techniques STI for Appropriate Techniques for Water Treatment and Recycling STI for Water Conservation Techniques STI for Water Delivery and Distribution Techniques STI for Suitable Techniques for Recycling of Agricultural Drainage Water
LAS in cooperation with GIZ	2011	The Arab Strategy for Water Security in the Arab Region to Meet the Challenges and Future Needs for Sustainable Development 2010-2030	 STI to develop and conduct scientific agricultural research in the arid and semiarid areas STI to introduce new modern agricultural techniques Technologies and principles to ensure optimum use of available water resources STI to Preserve and protect water resources from contamination and over-exploitation. Strengthening scientific, technological and industrial base with regard to water resources technologies for: availability evaluation, control degradation and sustainability.



ARAB WEF NEXUS PRIORITIES (STI)

UNDP	2013	Water Governance in the Arab Region	 Investment in R&D in water technologies (desalination and Treatment) STI Climate change adaptation with regards to water resources New Technologies for water desalination, such as reverse osmosis, electrodialysis and hybrids, and more energy efficient and better suited to different types of water. Integrated solar energy and desalination systems.
IRENA	2015	Renewable Energy in the Water, Energy & Food Nexus	 Integrated Renewable energy and water desalination systems. New Renewable Energy technologies powering water treatment plant Renewables for water distribution for agricultural purposes (Solar, wind-based water pumping) Water for producing Renewable energy Renewable energy to Food production



COMMON PRIORITIES

- A. Water efficiency / conservation technologies;
- B. Water desalination Technologies;
- C. Scientific agriculture research;
- D. Renewable energy technology deployment in the water, energy & food nexus



SAMPLE: INVOLVED ARAB RESEARCH CENTERS IN STI FOR WEF NEXUS PRIORITIES

Priorities	Organization	Field	Country	Programs
Water efficiency technologies	Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR)	 Desalination Wastewater & Aquifer Recharge Water Analysis Resource Management 	Kuwait	 Innovative Desalination Technologies Program (IDT) Innovative Technologies for Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Program
Water desalination	Water Desalination and reuse Center, (KAUST)	Water Desalination Membranes Technology Environment	Saudi Arabia	 Water Desalination and Reuse Innovations In Desalination Processes And Systems Materials and Membranes for Water, Energy and Environment Sustainable Water Technologies in Industry and Agriculture / Aquaculture
Technologies	The Middle East Desalination Research Center (MEDRC)	Solutions to Fresh Water Scarcity	Oman	 Thermal Desalination technologies Membrane Desalination technologies Hybridized Systems: Studies for development of hybrid desalination



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S	Priorities	Organization	Field	Country	Programs
		Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI)	 sustainability of water resources, waste water treatment and reuse. 	Qatar	 Innovative Way to Remove Heavy Metals from Water Membrane Development: technologies for addressing global water and energy issues in a sustainable manner
	Water desalination Technologies	Water, Energy & Environment Center, Jordan University	Water and energy technology development	Jordan	The center directs its activities to the following fields: - Drinking water management. - Irrigation management.
		Advanced Water Technology Group,(AWT)	DesalinationPowered by SolarRenewableEnergy andwaterdesalination	Saudi Arabia	Projects: - <u>SWRO Features</u> - <u>Optimization</u> - <u>Solar Features</u>



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STI FOR WEF NEXUS PRIORITIES

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Water desalination Technologies	The Royal Scientific Society, (RSS)	The Institute Center for Water and Environment (iWater) Clean water production technology and Climate change Water Technologies Renewable	Jordan	 Water and environmental technologies, including Water and waste water treatment, Water re-use and recycle, Advanced materials for water applications Water and environmental resource management engineering Nanotechnology in water and wastewater treatment: safe method for disinfection.
		Energy		 Developing new and innovative onsite wastewater treatment method: Drawer Compacted Filter
Scientific agriculture research	The Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands, (ACSAD)	ACSAD Conducts research into the development of the arid and semi- arid areas of the Arab World	Arab Countries (LAS)	Integrated development projects, which include: - The Date Palm Research - Monitoring and combating desertification project, and - Agricultural Technology Development and Transfer to Farmers project



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Scientific agriculture research	The National Center for Agriculture Research and Extension,	 Improving agricultural production Achieve and maintain food sufficiency 	Jordan	 Improvement of Water Irrigation Management in Jordan and Lebanon Irrigation Management Information System Program in Jordan and the Middle East (IMIS). Treatment and Reuse of Wastewater in Agricultural Production Program Agricultural Utilization of Low-Quality Water Ultra-High-Frequency Irrigation for Increased Agricultural Efficiency Middle East Irrigation Management Information System Project
	Agriculture Research Center	 Transfer of new technologies 	EGYPT	 Development of functional markers through association analysis of candidate genes for drought tolerance in barley



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Priorities	Organization	Field	Country	Program
Renewable	IRENA	• Renewable	Worldwide,	- Solar, wind-based water pumping
energy		Energy	Abu Dhabi	- Biofuels for tractors and on-farm
technology		• Water		- Solar-based desalination, heating
deployment		Desalination		and cooling for protected cropping
in the water,				- Biomass residues use for on-site
energy &				energy generation
food nexus				- Indirect renewable energy inputs for
				fertilisers





المبادرة العربية لتطويع علوم وتقنيات النانو والتقنيات المتلاقية









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وقامت اللجان القطاعية بتحديد قوائم المشروعات ذات الأولوية وجارى العمل في إعداد وثائق المشاريع كفرص استثمارية للترويج لها لدى القطاع الخاص العربي. وقد تم تحديد مشروع رئيسي للمبادرة:

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باستخدام الطاقة الشمسية"



ETC-TAG-AIDMO

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

"Industrialization Feasibility of Projects based on Nano Technology for Water Desalination & Solar Energy in The Arab Countries"



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ACTION PLAN:

Phase 1: Conducting the study: TAG-Org will conduct the study, while ESCWA will provide technical available relevant material and AIDMO will support the efforts with scientific required contributions and review through in kind contributions.

Phase II: Prepare projects proposals based on the findings of the study. (TAG-ORG, ESCWA and AIDMO)

Phase III: Matchmaking between investors and potential opportunity owners, through an event to disseminate and promoting the developed proposed projects. (TAG-Org, ESCWA and AIDMO)





THANK YOU

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