



Regional Water Governance Benchmarking Workshop 3 - 4 March 2009 Ain Sukhna, Egypt

Venue

The workshop setting is the Stella Sea Club, a seaside hotel on the Red Sea coast about two hours from Cairo. We will arrange transportation directly from the airport to the venue throughout the day on 2 March and return to the airport in Cairo on the morning of 5 March.

Participants

Approximately 35. Three invited national participants from each country, project resource persons, and selected other observers and resource persons. National participants are requested to bring electronic copies of policy and legal documents with them for inclusion in the project document database.

Objectives

1. To familiarize participants with project concepts and approaches
2. To identify 3 key water sector challenges for each country
3. To assemble country legal and policy documents and develop a list of key water resource organizations in each country
4. To review and revise a list of widely-shared water resource management functions
5. To elaborate a field methodology for developing country water governance profiles and populating water governance indicators.

Expected outputs

1. Three key water sector challenges for each country
2. List of important water sector policy and legal documents for each country (plus documents)
3. List of important water sector organizations for each country
4. Revised list of in-common water resource functions
5. Workplan and methods for field work

Approach

The workshop will consist of three types of sessions. (1) Plenary sessions for presenting concepts and for panel and general discussion, (2) mixed groups of 8 to 10 people each comprising a mix of countries and resource persons to develop and elaborate concepts, and (3) country-focused groups of 5 or 6 people for developing country-specific ideas and materials.

Agenda

Tuesday AM

Chair: Mark Svendsen

- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration
9:00 – 9:20 Welcome
 Dr. Samia El Guindy, MWRI
 Dr. David Barth, USAID, OMEP
9:20 – 9:30 Project overview - MS
9:30 – 10:30 Key concepts
 Management and governance - MS
 Policy and legal framework – AW/LD
 Water governance organizations – MG/JL

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee

Chair: Eric Viala

- 10:50 – 11:45 Country groups
 Identify key water sector organizations
 Identify key water sector challenges and governance implications
11:45 – 12:30 Panel presentation and discussion of national challenges
12:30 – 1:00 Related water governance programs – UNDP/SIWI, EMWIS, AWC, AWA

1:00 – 2:00 Lunch

Tuesday PM

Chair: Mohamed Allam

- 2:00 – 2:20 Key concepts
 Essential water sector functions - MS
2:20 – 3:00 Mixed groups to review essential sector functions

3:00 – 3:20 Coffee

Chair: Tom Sheng

- 3:20 – 3:50 Key concepts
 Project website - TS
 Document database - AW
3:50 – 4:30 Country groups
 Identify documents defining policy and legal frameworks
 Identify uses, applications, and capabilities of document database
4:30 – 4:50 General discussion of database applications and capabilities
4:50 – 5:00 Feedback on day

Wednesday AM

Chair: Mark Giordano or Aaron Wolf

- 9:00 – 9:45 Key concepts
Performance assessment
Goals, objectives, indicators
Benchmarking
- 9:45 – 10:30 Panel discussion: “What is good governance?”

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee

Chair: Aaron Wolf or Mark Giordano

- 10:50 – 11:45 Mixed groups identify indicators for illustrative dimensions of governance
- 11:45 – 12:30 Report back and general discussion on governance indicators
- 12:30 – 1:00 TBD

1:00 – 2:00 Lunch

Wednesday PM

Chair: Ra’ed Daoud

- 2:00 – 2:15 Key concepts
Characteristics of a good benchmarking system – LD
- 2:15 – 2:30 General discussion of water governance benchmarking applications
- 2:30 – 3:00 Key concepts
Policy and legal analysis – AW
Organizational analysis – JL
- 3:00 – 3:30 General discussion of country profile field work
- 3:30 – 3:50 Coffee**
- 3:50 – 4:15 Summing up and next steps – MS