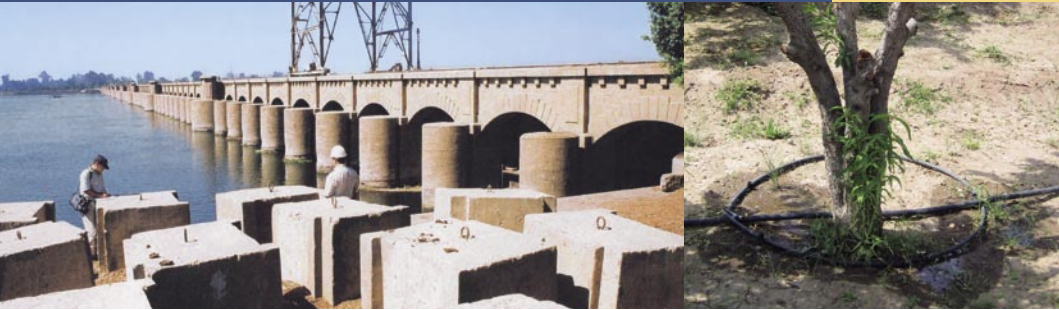


Environment, Natural Resources and Food



International Conference

Water Governance in the MENA Region

Critical Issues and the Way Forward

June 23–27, 2007

6th October City, Egypt

hosted by the Arab Water Council

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Part I – Conference Design

Introduction

InWEnt, Capacity Building International Germany, acting on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, has formulated a four-year Programme on Capacity Building in the Water Sector for the MENA Region focusing on eight countries: Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Jordan, Palestine, Syria and Yemen. (<http://www.gc21.de/itb/en/site/mena/ibt/index.htm>)

The regional partner of InWEnt for this programme is the Arab Water Council. The Third World Centre for Water Management is advising InWEnt on the formulation and implementation of the programme.

This four-year programme consists of a great number of training events and seminars as well as three International Partner Fora. These three conferences have been planned carefully to constitute a logical entity and a mutual learning process.

I. Water Governance in the MENA

Region: The Current Situation
Sana'a, Yemen, July 16-20. 2006

II. Water Governance in the MENA

Region: Critical Issues and the Way Forward
6th October City, Egypt, June 23-27, 2007.

III. Water Future to 2025 for the MENA

Region: Zaragoza, Spain, in 2008, in the framework of the Expo 2008, the focus of which will be on water.

The logic for these topics is to first carry out an assessment of the actual situation in terms of water governance for the region, identify the critical issues that should be targeted, decide what changes have to be made and choose policies and recommendations on how to reach the objectives.

Conference	Sub-title	Question
I (2006)	The current situation	Where are we now?
II (2007)	In-depth analysis of critical issues and the way forward	What are the main questions? Where to go?
III (2008)	Water policies	How do we get there?

Part I – Conference Design



Programme and Conference Objectives

The overall objectives of the four-year programme include strengthening regional cooperation, development of management strategies for the water sector in selected countries within the MENA region in order to formulate and implement appropriate water sector reforms; establish a functional partner network; and promote public awareness on water-related issues.

The specific objectives of this conference are:

- familiarise the participants with the findings and outcomes of the Sana'a Partners' Forum;
- analyse in-depth the critical issues that were identified by the participants during the Sana'a Forum, including opportunities and constraints;
- identify appropriate approaches and concepts to overcome constraints and to build on opportunities; and
- strengthen regional cooperation and networking.

Participants and their Contributions

The number of participants will be 65, and it will include high level representatives of ministries and national authorities, senior government advisors, senior researchers, national and international development experts, representatives of the private sector and non-governmental organisations.

Language

The official language of the conference will be English. After the conference an executive summary will be made available in two languages, English and Arabic.

Structure of the Conference

The conference will consist of presentations of a limited number of commissioned papers. However, most of the time will be spent in participatory working sessions. Full participation of all invitees will be the keystone of the conference.

Preliminary Programme

Friday, June 22, 2007

17:00	Registration
19:30 – 20:00	Informal get-together
20:00	Dinner

Saturday, June 23, 2007

Opening Ceremony	
10:00	<p>Master of Ceremony: Dr. Sawfat Abdel Dayem Country Representative, Arab Water Council Premise in Cairo</p> <p>Welcome Speech by Dr. Dalal El-Naggar President of the Regional Center for Training and Water Studies</p> <p>Welcome address by H.E. Bernd Erbel Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany</p> <p>Welcome address by Hinrich Mercker Head of Division, InWEnt, Germany</p>
	<p>Official Opening by H. E. Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Zeid President of the Arab Water Council and Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt</p>
11:00 – 11:45	Tea break and group photo
Keynote Address	
11:45 – 12:15	<p>Critical Issues, Challenges and Capacity Building Needs for the MENA Region H. E. Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Zeid Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt</p>
12:15 – 12:30	<p>Opening of the Country Water Exposition by H. E. Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Zeid</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:15	<p>Outline of conference objectives, structure and expected outputs Prof. Dr. Asit K. Biswas, Conference Chair</p>

Part I – Conference Design

cont. Saturday

Session I: From Sana'a to Cairo and onwards	
14:15 – 15:00	Summary of the Sana'a Forum Dr. Wael Khairy, Arab Water Council, Egypt
15:00 – 15:45	Water Management in the MENA Region to 2025 Dr. Olli Varis, Helsinki University of Technology, Finland
15:45 – 16:15	Tea break
16:15 – 17:00	Plenary discussions
18:00	Dinner Reception (Nile cruise)

Sunday, June 24, 2007

09:00 – 09:15	Introduction to the day Conference Chair
Session II: Critical Issues	
9:15 – 10:00	Public-Private Partnership N.N.
10:00 – 10:45	Water Pricing and Cost Recovery Dr. Christopher Clark, Dep. of Agricultural Economics, University of Tennessee, USA
10:45 – 11:30	Law Enforcement Dr. Carl Bruch, Environmental Law Institute, Washington D.C., USA, and Rania Abdel Khaleq, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
11:30 – 12:00	Tea break
12:00 – 12:45	Institutional Performance and Future Requirements Abdelkarim Asa'd, Palestine, and Alexandra Pres, InWEnt, Germany
12:45 – 13:30	Stakeholder Participation Dr. Cecilia Tortajada, Third World Center for Water Management, Mexico
13:30 – 14:15	Water Quality Management Dr. Samir Bensaid, ONEP, Morocco, and Dr. Tarek Tawfic, National Water Research Centre, Egypt

cont. Sunday

14:15 – 14:30	Introduction to Working Groups
14:30 – 15:30	Lunch
15:30	Working groups on legal, economic, institutional and technical aspects
	Tea break
18:00 – 18:15	Briefing on the field visit
20:00	Dinner

Monday, June 25, 2007

09:00 – 09:15	Introduction to the day Conference Chair
09:15 – 10:15	Paper presentation and plenary discussion: The Strategic Approach of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to support the Water Sector of the MENA Region Ms. Annette Frick, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
10:15 – 10:30	Tea break
10:30 – 12:30	Working groups on legal, economic, institutional and technical aspects continued
13:00	Field visit West Delta High Tech Agricultural Farm
	Dinner in Restaurant

Part I – Conference Design

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

09:00 – 09:15	Introduction to the day Conference Chair
09:15	Working groups on legal, economic, institutional and technical aspects continued
11:15 – 11:45	Tea break
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch
Session III: Synthesis	
15:00 – 16:30	Plenary presentations and discussions of working group results
16:30 – 17:00	Tea break
17:00 – 18:00	Plenary presentations and discussions continued
20:00	Dinner

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

09:00 – 09:15	Introduction to the day Conference Chair
09:15 – 09:30	TOR for working groups
09:30 – 11:00	Working groups on recommendations
11:00 – 11:30	Tea break
11:30 – 14:00	Working groups on recommendations continued
14:00	Lunch
Closing Ceremony	
16:30	Conference Summary Prof. Dr. Asit K. Biswas, Conference Chair
	Closing InWEnt and Arab Water Council
18:00	End of the Conference

Conference Chair and Steering Committee Members

Conference Chair

Prof. Dr. Asit K. Biswas
Third World Centre for Water Management, Mexico

Steering Committee

The members of the steering committee in alphabetical order are:

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Part II – Organisational Matters



Venue

The conference venue will be:

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Travel Arrangements and Visa

Based on the rules and regulations governing the organisers, travel expenses will be covered for invited participants who are residents of an LDC country and who are not employed by international institutions. In your formal invitation letter you have been informed individually whether or not your travel costs and/or cost for full board accommodation will be taken over by the organisers. Sponsored flights will be exclusively in economy class from your nearest national/international airport to Cairo and return. Expenses for travelling to and from the nearest national/international airport in your home countries must be covered by the participants themselves.

International participants who arrive on their scheduled flights will be met at the Cairo airport. Those who arrive outside their scheduled flights will have to proceed to the conference venue on their own. Taxis from the airport to the venue cost about 20 to 25 USD.

Participants making their own travel arrangements are kindly requested to send their flight schedules to Ms Petra Stolp (pmstolp@aol.com) latest by **June 8, 2007** so that we can arrange definite bookings

in the center and airport transfer. Arrivals should be scheduled for June 22 and departure not earlier than June 27, late evening.

To visit Egypt a traveller is required to have a valid passport. Nationals from the EU can obtain their visa at the Cairo airport. To all other nationals we recommend to check with an Egyptian Embassy in their country with regards to visa requirements.

Participants who need assistance in **obtaining a visa** to Egypt should send a scanned copy of their passport and letter of invitation to Ms. Nagwa El-Ashmawy, email nelashmawy@rctws.com at least **3 weeks** before the date of their departure.

It is recommended to take out a health insurance for foreign countries for the duration of your stay.

Costs

The special conference rate for accommodation and full board, normal single room, for participants not covered by the organisers is 45 USD.

Part III – Profile of the Conference Conveners and Partners



The Forum is hosted by H. E. Dr. Mahmoud Abu Zeid, President of the Arab Water Council and jointly organized by InWEnt and the Arab Water Council.

Profile of the Conference Conveners

ARAB WATER COUNCIL

The Arab Water Council (AWC) was formally launched on 14 April 2004 in Cairo, Egypt following many years of planning, discussions, and consultations. The council is a civil society, not-for-profit, regional organisation dedicated to water issues in the Arab States. An interim General Secretariat has been established in Cairo.

The mission of the AWC is the following:

- promote better understanding and management of the water resources in the Arab States in a multi-disciplinary, non-political, professional and scientific manner; and

- disseminate knowledge, enhance sharing of experience and information for the rational and comprehensive water resources development of the region for the benefits of its inhabitants.

The Founding Assembly elected Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Zeid as the President of the Council and requested him to chair the Founding Committee, which has the tasks of, inter alia, completing the organisational structure of the AWC, formalising its constitution, continuing the broadening of the membership, and preparation to hold the meeting of the First General Assembly. The Founding Assembly met in Cairo and included some 400 experts, scientists, professionals and individuals with interest in water issues from seventeen countries of the Arab States.

InWEnt – Capacity Building International, Germany

InWEnt stands for the development of human resources and organisations within the framework of international cooperation. InWEnt's range of services caters to skilled and managerial staff as well as decision makers from businesses, politics, administrations and civil societies worldwide. Each year, some 55,000 persons participate in our measures.

Programmes and measures at InWEnt aim at promoting change competencies on three levels: They strengthen the individual's executive competencies, increase the performance of companies, organisations and administrations, and at the political level improve decision-making skills and



the capacity to act. The methodological tools comprise modules and can be adapted to meet changing requirements in order to provide solutions. Apart from face-to-face situations in measures offering training, exchange of experience and dialog, emphasis is on e-learning-assisted networking. InWEnt cooperates equally with partners from developing, transition and industrialised countries.

InWEnt's shareholders comprise the Federal Republic of Germany, represented by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Carl Duisberg Gesellschaft that represents the business community, and the German Foundation for International Development that represents the Länder (German federal states).

InWEnt was established in 2002 through the merger of Carl Duisberg Gesellschaft (CDG) and the German Foundation for International Development (DSE).

The Environment, Natural Resources and Food Department consists of three Divisions, based in Feldafing on Lake Starnberg (Bavaria), in Leipzig-Zschortau (Saxony) and in Berlin. Each of the competence centres has its own particular specialisation which complements and enhances the others.

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We offer human resources and organisational development for emerging, developing and transformation countries on three different levels:

- **Individual:** Fostering decision-making and action competence for specialists, executives and future executives.
- **Organisational:** Strengthening the performance of organisations in the public and private sector.
- **System:** Shaping the institutional settings through policy dialogue and the creation of learning networks and communities.

Our range of professional development opportunities targets the following key areas:

- Change management
- Environment and natural resources
- Energy and climate protection
- Water supply, sanitation and solid waste
- Politics for rural areas

Quality is a continuing commitment to us. Our Quality Management is based on DIN EN ISO 9001:2000.





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