



Preliminary Agenda

Workshop on Water Accounts and Statistics for Mediterranean Countries (Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine)

Beirut, Lebanon, 20-22 March 2012

Tuesday, 20 March 2012

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| 8:30-9:00 | Registration of participants |
| 9:00-9:30 | Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – EEA – UNESCWA – UNSD Objectives of the workshop and program of work |
| 9:30-10:30 | Monitoring framework for water policies |
| Module I | <p>In this module the participants will discuss the four water policy quadrants (refer to briefing note) and how the System of Environmental-Economic Accounts for Water (SEEA-Water) and the International Recommendations for Water Statistics (IRWS) provide a comprehensive, consistent and comparable framework for monitoring the different objectives set in each quadrant. Participants will present an overview of the water management challenges faced in their countries and the policies that have been implemented to address them. They will present progress made in water accounts and statistics and main challenges in collecting, analyzing and interpreting data to make it policy relevant.</p> |
| 10:30-11:00 | Coffee Break |
| 11:00-12:00 | Module I Continued |
| 12:00 -13:00 | Lunch break |
| 13:00- 16:00 | Using the language of stocks and flows to understand the behavior of inland water and economic systems |
| Module II | <p>In this module the participants will discuss the different elements of the hydrologic cycle as well as the cycle of water in the economy. They will identify the stocks and flows in the cycles and represent them in diagrams and standardized tables in order to check for data consistency. Exercises will be performed to understand the Physical Supply and Use tables, as well as the Asset Account table. Data sources will be identified as well as inter-organizational arrangements to compile the data.</p> |

Wednesday, 21 March 2012

- 8:30-10:30** **Extracting data from national accounts**
Module III In this module the participants will discuss the way in which they can extract data from the System of National Accounts to inform about the water supply and sanitation industries (policy quadrant I). They will also extract data for constructing hybrid accounts, which combine physical and economic information.
- 10:30-11:00** Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:00** **Building preliminary accounts with actual data (part I)**
Module IV In this module the participants will put in practice what they have learned and develop their own preliminary accounts using the data available in their countries. They will share experiences in the procedures to obtain the data from the different sources, and on how to develop estimates when necessary. They will also share experiences in the development of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) project and how it can be linked to water accounts.
- 12:00-13:00** Lunch break
- 13:00-16:00** **Building preliminary accounts with actual data (part II)**
Module V Continue the work developing time series to identify behaviors.

Thursday, 22 March 2012 (World Water Day)

- 8:30-10:30** World Water Day Celebration in ESCWA (ESCWA, FAO, UN agencies and under the patronage of Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Energy and Water. Intervention by Organizers on SEEA-Water
- 10:30-11:00** Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:00** **Data and information dissemination**
Module VI In this module the participants will discuss the possibilities for data and information dissemination to different target audiences. They will discuss the use of tables, graphs, and maps to present the information.
- 12:00-13:00** Lunch break
- Module VII** **Creating an implementation plan**
In this module the participants will discuss the strategies to implement what they have learned. They will formulate a strategy of implementation in their country, exploring the possibilities of follow-up workshops and cooperation among the specialists from different countries.
- 14:30-16:00** **Brainstorming on the way forward to the implementation of the accounts**
Module VIII This module will allow participants to propose different ways in which they can accelerate the implementation plan in their countries and face the different challenges encountered.
- 16:00-16:30** **Closing of the workshop**
Module IX