

Conference “Water, Growth and Stability: Transboundary Water Cooperation for Sustainable Growth and Stability in MENA”

- 26-28 April, 2016 (Tuesday – Thursday)
- Regional Environmental Center (REC) Conference Center
- Ady Endre ut 9-11, 2000 Szentendre, Hungary

Internet links

- WEB site: www.watersum.rec.org
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/watersum
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/WATERSUMproject
- LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/water-sum-project
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdox0WGTfIdmZgyCrSdbNQg/featured>

Background

“Water, Growth and Stability (WGS): Transboundary Water Cooperation for Sustainable Growth and Stability in MENA” Conference is organized within the project “Sustainable Use of Transboundary Water Resources and Water Security Management (Water SUM)”, implemented by [the Regional Environmental Center](#) (RECⁱ) and funded by [the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency](#) (Sidaⁱⁱ). Conference is organized in cooperation with the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary](#)ⁱⁱⁱ, as pre-event to [the Budapest Water Summit 2016](#)^{iv} (28-30 November 2016, Budapest, Hungary).

Objectives of the Conference

Main WGS objectives are the following:

- To support the MENA region and its water stakeholders in advancing water management at national and at local level, while also shoring up regional cooperation and engagement and identification of viable tools and solutions;
- To stimulate a more sustainable use of the region’s water resources, a stronger cooperation between pivotal actors and a strategic approach on adaptation to climate change;
- To bridge efforts amongst MENA countries and other regions within broader frameworks of actions such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, while at the same time facilitating the mutual transfer of knowledge and good practices;
- To take stock of the WATER SUM project and to strengthen synergic actions with other programmes and efforts;
- To promote a comprehensive and integrated approach to water security and ecosystem services and to expound on the increasingly inter-related nature of our global resources systems and its impact on water sustainability.



Water, Growth and Stability is REC's Sustainable Event

REC as a mission driven organization is committed to sustainability, including events organized by us. We are trying to take steps throughout the planning process of our events, during the events and also after the events to minimize the harmful environmental impacts.

Responsibilities: REC's Conference staff together with the responsible project manager (and if needed project director) jointly plan and implement events in a sustainable way.

To ensure that **sustainability aspects are guaranteed in all cases** REC applies set of activities and measures to all of its events, as described in the following chapters.

Venue



[The REC Conference Center](#) was refurbished in 2008 as a zero-emission building. Electricity is produced by solar cells, heating and cooling is based on heat pumps. Beside these passive elements (natural lights, shadowing) and efficient lighting system, minimized electricity consumption also help reach zero-emission. The energy balance of the building is being monitored, data are available at:

<http://archive.rec.org/conferencecenter/index.php>

Energy saving measures are applied during events as well:

- projectors and other appliances are switched on and off as necessary
- shading is controlled properly
- automatized lighting system can be manually overruled if needed
- proper temperature is provided in the rooms (according to WHO recommendations)
- energy characteristics and performance of the building is being demonstrated/communicated on screens during the event

In the REC premises a selective waste collection system is established. It is a general practice which covers events as well.

The building is a fully accessible venue.

Water

REC implements set of water saving measures:

- In the REC Conference Center waterless urinals, and tap prelaters are installed.
- Cleaning is done in an environmentally friendly way, using as little water, detergents/chemicals and energy as possible.

If and when it is feasible REC serves tap water for drinking during events.

Accommodation



WGS Conference participants are accommodated in [The Aquincum Hotel](#) in the Hungarian capital Budapest.

- Address: Árpád fejedelem útja 94.
- H-1036 Budapest
- Telephone: +36-1-436-4100
- www.aquincumhotel.com

The Aquincum Hotel Budapest takes pride in being a modern, environment-friendly workplace and hotel. We consciously protect the environment and take care of our guest's health, by providing them a safe, non-toxic and energy-efficient accommodation.

The Aquincum Hotel Budapest implements:

- "Wyndham Green" environmental protection programme
- Recycled paper-, glass- and plastic usage
- Selective waste management
- Housekeeping uses non-toxic cleaning agents and laundry detergent
- Bedsheets and towels are washed on request instead of on a daily basis
- Serving organic and local-grown food
- Non-smoking workplace and well-separated smoking guest rooms
- Insulated doors, windows and walls
- Energy-saving light bulbs



*Green Hotel
2013-2014 Award*

Catering

REC has good, long-lasting cooperation with catering service suppliers. Catering is planned individually for all events, taking into account the request of the project managers. Basic principles are applied regularly:

- Preference to short distribution channels and locally sourced products. Local suppliers, home-made food, without preservatives and colourants, and season products are given priority whenever possible. But, there are items like sea fish, olive oil, feta cheese, bell peppers, aubergine, couscous, etc. when this is not possible.
- Serve as much vegetarian as possible (lower carbon footprint)
- Only reusable cutlery, plates, cups, bottles are used. (no plastic at all)
- If and when it is feasible REC serves tap water for drinking during events.



Forgó Vendéglő, the catering partner of WGS Conference recognizes the significant impact that catering operations can have on the environment.

Forgó Vendéglő promotes healthy and sustainable practices in all aspects of our food sourcing, production and service whilst taking account of our diverse, international and financially challenged customer base.

We are committed to operating in a sustainable and environmentally responsible way to minimize carbon emissions output and to reduce our environmental footprint at all levels of our business.

Our aim is to supporting local and regional production of fresh produce and meat, and manufactured food products in the supply chain where possible: Organic produce; Fruit; Vegetables; Dairy; Meat; Fish; Bread. All of our products are GMO-free.

Our commitment for sustainable catering service includes:

- Minimize energy and water consumption through efficient administration, equipment selection, usage and disposal, food storage, preparation and cooking.
- Provide meat, poultry, dairy and eggs from sources using practices that conform to high environmental, social and animal welfare standards.
- Seasonally available ingredients will be used where possible, to minimize energy used in food production, transport and storage.
- We recycle all glass, plastic, paper and cardboard and all food waste in our kitchen is composted.
- We consider donating leftover food to a food bank, a campus group or to a charity.

We strive toward reducing unsustainable practices to the absolute minimum. We will continue to identify the challenges and find sustainable solutions.

Communication and Event Materials

REC implements set of measures to minimize negative environmental effect caused by communication activities and production of event materials:

- Invitation and registration to the event is done paperless, communication is by default done through e-mails, documents are stored in electronic format
- welcome bags / gifts are minimised, by default made from recycled materials
- conference materials, presentations are basically shared in electronic format (online)
- materials if printed, are printed on recycled paper using REC printers run on vegetable-based inks.

Transport

REC implements set of measures to improve sustainability of event transport:

- REC for its own staff runs complex mobility services through and connected to the innovative Transport Monitoring Tool (<https://tmt.rec.org/>).
- REC encourage also event participants to use public transport as much as possible. Information on possibilities is spread with invitation and registration materials
- When organizing transfers from airport REC offers for participants to share cabs.

- Green taxi service is preferred.
- Special award is offered to the event participants travelling the longest distance by walking, bike or train.

Awareness raising

REC pays high attention to awareness raising measures:

- energy characteristics and performance of the building is being demonstrated/ communicated on screens during the event
- visits are organized during events to present the zero-emission building.

Evaluation

REC evaluates events:

- REC events are always evaluated by the participants at the end of the meeting. Although the risk of receiving less evaluation forms is valid, REC still tries to circulate and collect Evaluation Forms in an electronic way instead of printed versions.

WGS Logistical arrangements

For registered participants eligible for financial support

You are responsible for purchasing your own travel insurance for the whole period covering your travel and sojourn in Hungary.

(!) IMPORTANT NOTE:

All delegates and attendees are requested to return the original airline boarding passes in person for the first leg (from country of origin to Budapest) during the registration at the REC Conference Center and by registered mail (from Budapest to country of origin).

All participants can request the reimbursement for certain travel expenses linked to the logistical arrangements for the training, including transportation to and from Airports in their home country and visa expenses. Reimbursement can be requested and accepted **ONLY** against a valid receipt/slip/invoice/stamp clearly indicating the paid amount/fare.

Regarding your travel insurance, reimbursement can be granted only for the exact period concerning your travel and sojourn in Hungary and only against a valid justification document stating the cost incurred for that very period (invoice).

Please return the boarding passes to: Ms. Eva Peto, REC, 2000 Szentendre, Ady Endre u. 9-11, Hungary.

It is highly recommend to do online check-in for the flights as soon as it is possible.

(!) IMPORTANT NOTE:

The REC will cover only your basic daily room fare. Any other extra costs (telephone, mini bar etc.) incurred during the sojourn should be covered by the participants at the check-out.

For other registered participants

All expenses linked to travel, accommodation, VISA, travel insurance, local transfers, etc. of registered participants shall be borne by themselves.

WGS transfers

Transfers from the airport to the hotel and back

For registered participants eligible for financial support

Upon your arrival in Budapest, we will arrange the airport transfer for you from the airport. The drivers will wait in the airport arrivals hall with a sign indicating "WATERSUM/REC".

To save money and fuel, whenever possible we shall group passengers which may mean a little waiting time for the others. Transfer arrangements will be confirmed after the travel itineraries are finalized.

The schedule for the transfers back to the airport will be made available during the training.

For your transfer to/from the airport of your city of origin (e.g. by taxi/bus/train), we can reimburse this journey only against a valid receipt/slip clearly indicating the paid fare.

For other registered participants

Local transfer from and to the airport should be managed by participants themselves.

Transfers from the hotel to the REC Conference center and back

The REC will arrange daily transfer from WGS hotel to the meeting venue and back **for all registered participants**.

Transfer schedules

- **Tuesday, April 26, 2016: 08:15 departure from The Aquincum Hotel to the REC**
- **Wednesday, April 27, 2016: 08:15 departure from The Aquincum Hotel to the REC**
- **Thursday, April 28, 2016: 08:30 departure from The Aquincum Hotel to study visits**

Bus departure

REC Conference Center facilities

- The working language of the conference will be English, with simultaneous translation in Arabic.

Technical equipment and other facilities in the REC Conference Center

- For presentation: Data projector (PowerPoint Software)
- Internet access (free): WiFi password: REC Guest

WGS gift pack



WGS gift pack - the Herb Mug with Strainer is produced by Dibeen Ceramics Workshop, established in 2007 as a part of socioeconomic development program for local communities of The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN)⁴. Sixteen handicraft workshops have been set up in the past decade and are currently operated and managed by the RSCN. These workshops help to conserve nature by providing new sources of income and employment for families in villages near to nature reserves to reduce their dependency on the reserves' natural resources. The workshops use the natural assets of protected areas to create sustainable economic and social benefits for local communities. Over 60 local women have been empowered through the workshops,

which contributes significantly to alleviation of poverty in areas that offer few other employment opportunities. Dibeen is the place that's been famous for pottery making, so the idea was to develop the local handcraft by making new products that meet the needs of this period of time. Some of the products were inspired by the ancient pottery that is showed cased in Jerash museum.

This gift pack in particular is handmade by the local women of Mujib Biosphere Reserve and Azraq Wetland Reserve. The packaging, silkscreen printing and herbs drying workshops are managed by the RSCN.

By providing you this gift, the REC and the IUCN take active part in supporting underprivileged local communities as well as the nature conservation programs in Jordan.

Tea from Jordan



Name

Rosmarinus officinalis L., commonly known as rosemary, is an evergreen perennial shrub, best known for its strongly aromatic, needle-like evergreen leaves. It is native to the Mediterranean region and Caucasus.

It is a member of the mint family *Lamiaceae*, which includes many other herbs. The name "rosemary" derives from the Latin for "dew" (ros) and "sea" (marinus), or "dew of the sea".

Habitus

Rosemary is an erect, bushy shrub that may reach 2 m in height. Its evergreen leaves are dark green above and white hairy below. The leaves are 2 to 3.5 cm in length and are folded inward along the margins. The flowers are purplish white and strongly two-lipped, and have two long-exserted (protruding) stamens. The fruit consists of four dry nutlets (one-seeded sections).

Habitat

This tough Mediterranean shrub needs a sunny position and light soil that doesn't become waterlogged. It is used to long, hot summers in its natural home and can withstand periods of drought, making it suitable for containers, as well as sunny borders. The new growth is soft and flexible but older stems become woody and this plant can form a substantial trunk in time. Propagation is simple from cuttings in early to midsummer. Cut pieces of new growth, around 10 cm long, and insert them into a pot of compost. Keep them moist and they should root by the autumn, when they can be potted up and grown on before planting out in spring.

Medical use

In the past, rosemary was believed to aid memory and was often made into garlands for students when they were sitting their exams. Scientific research has shown that rosmarinic acid, one of the main constituents of rosemary, inhibits certain enzymes linked to neurological disorders causing memory loss. Scientists investigating the benefits of rosmarinic acid found it has strong anti-oxidant properties.

Preparations of rosemary are taken orally or applied topically for a variety of complaints. The leaves and flowers can also be used to make a tea, said to be good for headaches, colic, colds and nervous diseases as well as depression. Rosemary has also been used in herbal remedies for relieving asthma. Used in combination with essential oils from thyme (*Thymus*), lavender (*Lavandula*) and cedarwood (*Cedrus*), the essential oil of rosemary reportedly improves hair growth in people with alopecia. It also has antibacterial and antifungal properties. There is evidence that the essential oil relaxes the muscles of the gastrointestinal tract, and may increase blood flow to the heart.

Cautions

The essential oil of rosemary is potent and can be toxic. It should be avoided by pregnant and breastfeeding women and by people prone to seizures. The oil may cause severe adverse effects including seizures when taken internally and may irritate the skin when applied externally.

Use in Jordan

Rosemary is very well known in Jordan. Rosemary is used as a decorative plant in gardens where it may have pest control effects. The leaves are used to flavor various foods, such as stuffing and roast meats. It is used for improving memory and frequently used to treat headaches, asthma, and some skin diseases.

This product is produced by Wild Jordan Center

The center aims to generate an income for the rural communities of the 8 reserves in Jordan protected by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN): Mujib Nature, Dibeen Forest, Ajloun Forest, Shaumari Wildlife, Dana Biosphere, Azraq Wetland, Fifa and Yarmouk. The Nature Shop is a solid platform, which generates income for the families of the reserves, through exhibiting and selling various items manufactured and produced there.

The Center also promotes ecotourism, whereby custom-made tours accommodate those interested in a very special and unique experience at various reserves.

Tea from Tunisia



Name

Verbena officinalis L., the common vervain or common verbena, is a perennial herb native to Europe. The scientific name references the Ancient Roman term *verbena*, used for any sacrificial herb considered very powerful (as described e.g. by Pliny the Elder). *Officinalis*, meanwhile, is Latin for "used in medicine or herbalism".

Habitus

It grows up to a metre high, with an upright habitus. The lobed leaves are toothed, the delicate spikes hold mauve flowers.

Habitat

This plant prefers limey soils; it is occasionally grown as an ornamental plant but perhaps more often for the powerful properties some herbalists ascribe to it. Propagation is by root cuttings or seed. It is widely naturalised outside its native range.

Medical use

Verbena is used for sore throats and respiratory tract diseases such as asthma and whooping cough, and for heart conditions such as chest pain (angina) and fluid retention due to heart failure.

Verbena is also used for depression, hysteria, generalized seizure, gallbladder pain, arthritis, gout, metabolic disorders, "iron-poor blood" (anemia), fever, and recovery after fever.

Other uses include treatment of pain, spasms, exhaustion, nervous conditions, digestive disorders, liver and gallbladder diseases, jaundice, and kidney and lower urinary tract disorders.

Women use verbena for treating symptoms of menopause, irregular menstruation, and increasing milk flow, if breast-feeding.

Some people apply verbena directly to the skin to treat poorly healing wounds, abscesses and burns; for arthritis, joint pain (rheumatism), dislocations, bone bruises (contusions), and itching. Verbena is also used as a gargle for cold symptoms and other conditions of the mouth and throat.

In manufacturing, verbena flowers are used as a flavoring agent in alcoholic beverages.

Cautions

High doses of verbenalin can cause nervous system paralysis resulting in stupor & convulsion. Allopathic medicine for high blood pressure can be effected by vervain. Uterus stimulation possible - avoid during pregnancy. Avoid if breast feeding. If allergies or fits use with caution.

Use in Tunisia

Vervain is very well known in Tunisia. Most of families have a garden use to grow this plant. Nowadays vervain teas become very popular as infusion boxes used especially as anti-stress treatment. Vervain tea also lends an action similar to that of aspirin, relieving inflammation.

Conference Programme

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Conference Programme

1 Theme 2 Side events 3 Days 9 Sessions 140 Participants

Day 1: 26 April 2016 (Tuesday)

- 09:00 – 09:30 Welcome; badge pickup; networking
- 09:30 – 11:00 **Session 1: High Level Segment | Chair: Mr. Jari Vilen (EU Ambassador to the Council of Europe and Chair of the REC Board of Directors)**
Statements by High-level Representatives:
Mr. Istvan Joo (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary), Mr. Peter Kovacs (Ministry of Interior, Hungary, Chair of the UNECE Water Convention), H.E. Mr. Niclas Trouvé (Embassy of Sweden in Hungary), H.E. Mr. Gajus Scheltema (Embassy of Kingdom of the Netherlands in Hungary), H.E. Abdelkader Dehendi (Embassy of Algeria in Hungary), Mr. Dr. Mamdouh A. Antar (Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt), Mr. Ali Subah (Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan), H.E. Prof. Dr. Ezzi Hebat Allah Ali (Ministry of Water and Environment, Yemen), Dr. Fadi Comair (Ministry of Energy and Water, Lebanon), Mr Abdelhamid Benabdelfadel (Ministry Delegate in Charge of Water, Morocco), Mr. Abderrazak Souissi (Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia), Mr. Fadi Shraideh (IUCN, Regional Office for West Asia), Ms. Marta Szigeti Bonifert (REC)
- 11:00 – 11:30 BREAK and Family Photo
- 11:30 – 13:00 **Session 2: Panel Discussion: Cooperation and Regional Approach in Water Management in the MENA Region | Facilitator: Dr. Anders Jägerskog (Sida)**
Panelists: Mr. Peter Kovacs, Dr. Radoje Lausevic, Mr. Ali Subah, Ms. Tahani Moustafa Sileet
- 13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH
- 14:00 – 15:30 **Session 3: Panel Discussion: Transboundary Water Cooperation - European Experience | Facilitator: Mr. Peter Kovacs (Ministry of Interior of Hungary, Chair of UNECE Water Convention)**
Panelists: Ms. Chantal Demilecamps, Mr. Istvan Joo, Mr. Dejan Komatina, Mr. Laszlo Perger, Mr. Peter Bakonyi, Ms. Gordana Kozuharova
- 15:30 – 16:00 BREAK
- 16:00 – 17:00 **Session 4: Panel Discussion: Importance of Transboundary Water Cooperation for Development, Peace and Stability | Facilitator: Dr. Radoje Lausevic (REC)**
Panelists: Ms. Jovanka Ignjatovic, Mr. Fadi Mohamed Fayez Al Shraideh, Ms. Asma Cherifi
- 17:00 – 18:00 **Session 5: Panel discussion and poster session: Cooperation for Water Growth and Stability - case studies from MENA and Europe, and Poster Session**
- 18:00 – 20:00 **Reception**
Statement and Announcement about the Budapest Water Summit 2016 will be delivered on behalf of the President of the Republic of Hungary by Mr. Csaba Kőrösi, Director for Environmental Sustainability.

Day 2: 27 April 2016 (Wednesday)

- 09:00 – 11:00** **Session 6: Transboundary Water Cooperation in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development | Chair: Dr. Janos Zlinszky (REC)**
Presentations by: Mr. Moez Allaoui, Andras Kiss, Mr. Souissi Abderrazak, Mr. Mohamed Bazza
- 11:00 – 11:30** BREAK
- 11:30 – 13:00** **Session 7: Launching of the Manual for Local Water Security Action Planning (LWSAP); Chair: Prof. Chad Staddon (UK)**
Presentations by: Dr. Radoje Lausevic, Prof. Mark Reed, Mr. Mufleh Al Alaween Al Abbadi, Dr. Jacob Perlman, Prof. Slobodan Milutinovic, Mr. Andrija Bednarik, Ms. Carmen Tariba
- 13:00 – 14:00** LUNCH
- 14:00 – 15:15** **Session 8: Facilitated Discussion: Main Proposals for the Way Forward | Facilitator: Mr. Kenty Richardson (REC)**
Panelists: Dr. Anders Jägerskog, Mr. Peter Kovacs, Dr. Radoje Lausevic, Dr. Janos Zlinszky, Prof. Chad Staddon
- 15:15 – 15:30** **Session 9: Closing | Ms. Marta Szigeti Bonifert, Executive Director, REC**
- 15:30 – 16:00** BREAK
- 16:00 – 18:00** **Side event 1: Coalition for Water, Growth and Stability in MENA**
- 17:00 – 18:00** **Side event 2: WATER SUM Project Steering Committee Meeting (by invitation only!)**

Day 3: 28 April 2016 (Thursday)

- 08:30 – 13:00** Study Visit 1: Visit to Szentendre Island to observe the well system feeding the Budapest Waterworks and to gain insight on how they handle low water
Study Visit 2: Visit to the new sewage treatment plant on Csepel Island
- 13:00 – 14:00** LUNCH
- 14:00 – 17:00** Budapest sightseeing, including a visit to the wells of the old XIX century Budapest waterworks along the Danube and to the embankment at the Parliament

Study visits

(!) IMPORTANT NOTE:

Only one study visit on Thursday, 28 April, 2016 can be chosen because they are concurrent.

Thursday, 28 April, 2016 (8:30 – 13:00): Visit to the Szentendre Island to see the well system feeding the Budapest Waterworks



.The Budapest Waterworks are instrumental for today's water supply of Budapest: 65% of the distributed water amount for the Capital originates on the Szentendre Island located north from Budapest, The quality of the bank filtered water coming from the Szentendre Island, which is built up from the gravely-sandy deposit of the Danube and has especially favourable features in terms of water resources, is excellent, and is ready-to-drink without any treatment following safety chlorination.

Thursday, 28 April, 2016 (8:30 – 13:00): Visit to the new sewage treatment plant on Csepel Island



The Central Wastewater Treatment Plant located on the northern part of Csepel Island, has been providing biological treatment to wastewater conveyed from the capital city since August 2010. It covers 70,000m³ on a 29 hectare site at Csepel Island and treats an average 350,000 m³/day waste water from most of Buda and part of Pest, serving approximately one million people.

Sightseeing

Thursday, 28 April, 2016 (14:00 – 16:00)



We have arranged a sightseeing tour in Budapest for the participants on Thursday, 28 April, 2016 after lunch. The tour will include a visit to the wells of the old XIX century Budapest waterworks along the Danube and embankment at the Parliament.

Social events



We will host a reception for the participants and other guests on Tuesday, 26 April, 2016 starting at 18:00 at the REC Conference Center.

Meals

The REC will provide lunch and coffee breaks in the REC Conference Center for all registered participants during the conference according to the timings outlined in the draft agenda.

Other Useful Information

Exchange Rates (Indicative)

- EUR = 310 HUF (Hungarian Forints)
- USD = 284 HUF (Hungarian Forints)

Making a Telephone Call

- From one landline or payphone to another in Budapest, simply dial the seven-digit number.
- When calling outside the city or to a mobile, add the city code (Budapest is 1) or carrier code (20/30/70).
- To call internationally, dial exit code: 00 + country code + area code + local number. The country code for Hungary is 36.
- If you are having problems getting through, dial 00 for the international operator, and ask him or her to place the call.

Useful Phone Numbers

- Police: 107
- Ambulance: 104
- Fire: 105
- Central Emergency: 112
- Directory Assistance: 198
- English Phone Directory: 191
- International Operator: 199

If you lose your passport, report it to the following authority: Budapest and Pest County Directorate of the Office for Immigration and Citizenship. 1117 Budapest, Budafoki út 60.

24-hour hotline: +36.1.463.9165 and +36.1.463.9181

24-hour English language crime hotline :+36.1.438.8080

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For any additional information or assistance on logistic arrangements, please feel free to contact:

- Ms. Éva Pető (EPeto@rec.org)

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the REC for the “Water, Growth and Stability: Transboundary Water Cooperation for Sustainable Growth and Stability in MENA” Conference!

ⁱ The Regional Environmental Center (REC): www.rec.org

ⁱⁱ The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida): www.sida.se/English/

ⁱⁱⁱ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary: <http://www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade>

^{iv} Budapest Water Summit 2016: <http://www.budapestwatersummit.hu/>

^v The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN): www.rscn.org.io