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The WATER SUM project promotes the more sustainable use of water resources in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

The goal of the project is to reinforce integrated resources management and regional cooperation on water-related issues, taking into consideration the impacts of climate change.

making a splash

An introduction to the WATER SUM project



CHANNELLING EFFORTS

WATER SUM contributes to:

- sustainable and just global development through regional cooperation to improve water supply;
- building skills to combat water shortages and other negative environmental and climate-related impacts that hit poor people the hardest;
- fostering dialogue and building trust between decision makers and consumers; and
- strengthening the role of women and giving them a voice in decisions that affect their daily lives.



POOLING RESOURCES

The project has two components: WATER PORt and WaSe.

WATER PORt provides a platform for building skills and transferring knowledge on integrated water resources management (IWRM) and climate change adaptation. It promotes social and economic development, environmental protection and the use of innovative tools for climate adaptation. Its specific goals are to:

- build the capacities of national authorities for IWRM;
- create a common understanding among water practitioners and stakeholders on regional water issues; and
- strengthen skills for dealing with climate change impacts on water.

WaSe focuses on building local partnerships to ensure water security and promote ecosystem services. Its goals are to:

- support the introduction of local water security action plans (LWSAPs) in targeted municipalities;
- encourage partner communities to work together; and
- promote local environmental governance in partner countries benefiting from LWSAPs.



STREAMING SUCCESS

The main impacts of the WATER SUM project will be:

- improved governance of regional water resources and use; and
- improved water security through partnerships that address environmental resource scarcity and environment-related tensions.

Among the benefits offered by the project are:

- the opportunity to boost the development of participating countries, share water management methods, improve planning at all levels of governance, and tackle unemployment and poverty;
- tools and approaches to bridge the gap between programme partners in the MENA region. The involvement of the Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in the Maghreb (NECEMA), the Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA), the Arab Water Council (AWC) and the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) will help to ensure the sustainability of the outcomes;
- the replicability and transfer of successful approaches within the MENA region and beyond; and
- harmonisation with other development initiatives that will strengthen the personnel of partner governments.

at a glance

start: **April 2014**

duration: **36 months**

total budget: **EUR 6 million**

donor: **Government of Sweden**

number of countries: **6**

North Africa region:

- **Algeria**
- **Egypt**
- **Morocco**
- **Tunisia**

Middle East region:

- **Jordan**
- **Lebanon**

PROJECT PARTNERS

- National authorities responsible for water issues in participating countries
- National and international organisations and associates, with complementary experiences and functions
- Other regional donors

The project is implemented by the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC).

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