

SWIM and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism

Working for a Sustainable Mediterranean, Caring for our Future.

Workshop Objectives and Agenda

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BACKGROUND (1/2)

2013: SWIM-SM project

- A regional assessment of past drought and flood events in the SWIM countries

Aim

- Identify drought & flood characteristics & potential environmental & socio-economic impacts.
- Analyse the prevailing drought management practices & response actions in three focus countries (Jordan, Palestine and Tunisia).

General Findings

- Increasing trend in the occurrence of drought episodes in the SWIM PCs,
- Linkage to climate change.
- Need for
 - ✓ effective response to drought risk
 - ✓ shifting from the customarily crisis management to risk management

→ Promotion of concepts and methodologies for proactive management is therefore needed

BACKGROUND (2/2)

2016: SWIM-H2020 SM Fact finding missions

Drought Risk Management Mainstreaming (DRMM) → identified as one priority intervention area under the main theme:

“Assessment of water resources' vulnerability and related risks”

Two components:

- Targeted technical assistance under the Experts facility work package (WP1)
- Regional activity

The regional activity was drawn based on thorough analysis of the common country water situation and requests,

Workshop Objectives (1/2)

- Share the findings of SWIM 1 regional assessment of past drought & flood events
 - Introduce the participants to Proactive “DRM & DRMM”;
 - Present the outcomes of the Fact Finding missions’, on DRM issues & identify topics of mutual interest;
 - Capture the challenges/needs of the national/regional partners in relation to increasing their resilience to drought and water scarcity;
 - Identify priorities around DRM (e.g. characterization, strengthening of the legal/policy framework, design of measures, designing of institutional arrangements, etc.);
 - Identify priority areas for capacity building and training
- Enable the design of future activities on:
- ✓ “peer-to peer (P2P)” process for experience sharing and dialogue
 - ✓ for capacity building and training
- Initiate a participatory approach with the stakeholders to engage them in the following activities on DRMM at national/local level (e.g. development of drought risk profiles, identification of mainstreaming entry points, awareness raising on demand management, etc.)

Workshop Objectives (2/2)

- Promote sharing of experiences between the beneficiary countries on DRM
- Facilitate exchanges and the development of synergies and complementary activities at regional level.
- Launch a peer-to-peer process for experience sharing at the regional level and knowledge transfer (south-to-south, north-to-south) around DRMM.
- Further support the drafting of peer-to-peer follow up actions.

Workshop Methodology

- Dynamic, interactive and participatory
 - country presentations - exchange of experience
 - Workgroups/breakout sessions
 - Questionnaires → to be explained by Maggie Kosida
- Quizzes (before & after) → to be explained by Maggie Kosida
- Moderated by international/regional and countries' experts

Target Audience

- Decision makers from the SWIM-H2020 countries who are involved in the different aspects of Drought Risk Management (design and planning, and/or the decision-making and policy formulation)
- Regional initiatives
- Donors
- International Organisations
- NGOs

Agenda - Day 1

- Outcomes of SWIM regional assessment and the case studies from two focus countries (Jordan and Palestine)
- Presentations :
 - ❑ basic concepts and definitions of drought and water scarcity state-of-art drought risk management approaches, and DRMM framework.
 - ❑ SWIM-H2020 SM partners' countries requests (under the Expert Facility) and their links to the DRMM steps.
 - ❑ from international experiences in good practices on DRM from the region (IL) and beyond(SPAIN, U.K)

Lunch Break at 12.45

End of Day 1 at 5.30 pm

Agenda - Day 2

- Break-out sessions on DRMM related topics followed by discussions.
- Break-out sessions (in country clusters), to identify end-users' needs, challenges, priorities, etc.
- Questionnaires,
to be filled by the participants during the meeting, in order to get specific feedback on specific aspects of DRM as implemented (or not implemented) in their countries (e.g. effectiveness of current management, main challenges, priorities in terms of significant impacts requiring mitigation, root causes of vulnerability, preconditions for successful DRM, capacity gaps, aspects where SWIM support is mostly needed, etc.). This stocktaking exercise will benefit from a wide range of views, stemming from different fields of expertise and sectors.



Thank you for your kind attention