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Contribution for the elaboration of an Action Plan for Integrated Coastal Zone Management in Rabat-Sale-Kenitra Region (RSK)

Consultation Meeting Rabat, Morocco 17-18 September, 2018

A Consultation on the Vision and Action Plan for the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) of the Rabat-Salé-Kenitra (RSK) region of Morocco was organized by the EU-funded SWIM-Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism, on 17-18 September 2018, in Rabat, Morocco.

During the Consultation the Diagnostic Analysis of the Rabat-Salé-Kenitra coastal region, prepared by the project jointly with the Region of Rabat-Salé-Kenitra and Secretary of State for Sustainable Development, was discussed with the major stakeholders of the coastal region. This diagnosis highlighted the major aspects of the littoral zone in terms of assets and opportunities, but also weaknesses and threats which must be adequately addressed in order to be contained and allow the sustainable development of the region.

Following this, the “Rabat Vision and Call for Action” for Integrated Coastal Zone Management in Rabat-Sale-Kenitra Region (RSK), was jointly developed and agreed by the stakeholders to act as the driving force for the implementation of the ICZM Action Plan in the RSK Region. Indeed, the consultation also identified the main axes and elements of the Action Plan taking into account issues related to the Integrated Management of Water Resources (IWRM) in the watershed, the implications of Climate Change and efforts to implement the Ecosystem Approach. The combination of all these methods for integrated management can be facilitated by the Integrated Methodological Framework (IMF) for Coastal Zone Management.

More than 70 representatives of the Secretary of State for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water, Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Waters and Forests, Urban Planning, as well as the representatives of regional and local authorities of Rabat, Salé and Kenitra, NGOs and Academia, participated in the Consultation.

The Consultation and its resulting “Common Vision” will definitely support Morocco in its effort to meet its commitments to the Barcelona Convention, in particular the Protocol on ICZM of the Mediterranean and to generalize the principles of this management in the country.

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