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### **How to Address Droughts in Palestine A SWIM-H2020 SM Consultation on Drought Risk Management Mainstreaming**

**A 2-day Consultation on Drought Risk Management Mainstreaming (DRMM) was organized by the EU-funded SWIM and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism, on 7-8 November 2018 in Ramallah, Palestine.**

**The Training was addressed to key stakeholders involved in drought monitoring and management, to improve the existing drought monitoring practices, their capacity to run the Drought Monitoring System (DMS) and to calculate the drought risk indicators in other basins/ areas.**

**By the completion of the Consultation, the representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment Quality Authority, along with executives of the Palestinian Water Authority, Palestinian Energy Authority, Meteorological Department, acquired specific skills regarding the meteorological data processing (i.e. rainfall), the computation of the most widely used drought hazard indices, the drought hazard mapping and enhanced their capacities to replicate the pilot case studies in Jenin and Tulkarem and other areas. In addition, certain techniques to assess water scarcity hazard and drought vulnerability were discussed and assessed for the schematization of a detailed water budget for both Governorates Analysis about groundwater protection zones for recharge sustainability was also carried out by discussing a detailed hydrologic model for recharge calculation.**

The participants were also acquainted with the legal regulatory framework on Disaster Risk Management guidelines. Overall, their awareness on the socio-economic added-value of drought risk management and characteristics impact and management was significantly increased.

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### **SWIM and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism Project**

The **SWIM-H2020 SM EU-funded Project** aims to contribute to the sustainable use of scarce water resources and properly manage municipal waste, industrial emissions and waste water, and therefore enhance, directly and indirectly, resilience to climate variability and change in the entire region with emphasis on the countries of North Africa and the Middle East (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, [Syria] and Tunisia).

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