

The 3rd World Water Forum

Middle East and Mediterranean Regional Day

March 20, 2003

Takaragaike Prince Hotel, Kyoto, Japan

Agenda

8:00 – 8:30: Arrival of Participants

8:30 – 11:00: OPENING SESSION
Water Policy Reforms - Challenges and Achievements
Venue: Prince Hall

Chairperson: Dr. Ismail Serageldin, Director General, Library of Alexandria and Former Chairman of Global Water Partnership

8:30 – 8:35: Welcoming Remarks by Chairperson

8:35 – 8:45: Introduction of the Day
Mr. Salah Darghouth, Sector Manager, Water and Environment, Middle East and North Africa Region, the World Bank

8:45 – 9:00: Egyptian Children Performance: A Better Future for You and Me (Part I)

9:00 – 9:10: Water, Growth, and Socio-Economic Development in the ME/MED Region
Mr. Peter L. Woicke, Managing Director, World Bank Group and Executive Vice-President, International Finance Corporation

9:10 – 9:20: Water Policy Reform Challenges and Achievements in Egypt
H.E. Dr. Mahmoud A. Abu-Zeid, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt

9:20 – 9:30: Water Policy Reform Challenges and Achievements in Tunisia
H.E. Mr. Ameer Horchani, Secretary of State in charge of Water Resources and Fisheries, Minister of Agriculture, the Environment and Water Resources, Tunisia

9:30 – 9:40: Water Policy Reform of the Mediterranean and Linkages with the EU Water Initiative
Ms. Rodoula Zissi, Deputy Minister for the Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works, Greece (EU Presidency)

9:40 – 9:50: Why are Water Policy Reforms important in the ME/MED Region?
H.R.H. Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud, President, AGFUND

9:50 – 10:30: General Discussion

10:30 – 11:00: Egyptian Children Performance: A Better Future for You and Me (Part II)

11:00 – 12:30: *Lunch Break*

**12:30 – 15:15: THEMATIC SESSIONS
Four Key Pillars for Water Policy Reforms**

**THEMATIC SESSION: Groundwater and Shared Aquifer Management
Venue: Room Hiei**

Chairperson: H.E. Dr. Andjelka Mihajlov, Minister for the Protection of Natural Resources and Environment of Serbia, Serbia and Montenegro

Rapporteurs: Dr. Rawya Kansoh, Water Expert, UN-ESCWA and Mr. Satoru Ueda, Senior Water Resources Specialist, the World Bank

12:30 – 12:45: Introduction of the session: Groundwater Management: Lessons Learned from Sana'a and Barcelona workshops
Mr. Satoru Ueda, Senior Water Resources Specialist, the World Bank

12:45 – 13:00: Keynote Address: Overview of Groundwater Management in the ME/MED Region
Dr. M. Ramon Llamas, Professor Emeritus, Complutense University, Madrid, Spain

13:00 – 13:15: Lessons from the Global and Regional Experiences
Dr. Rashid Al-Hmoud, Professor, Texas Tech University, USA

13:15 – 13:30: Country Experiences: Yemen
H.E. Mr. Jamal M. Abdo, Chairman, National Water Resources Authority, Yemen

13:30 – 13:45: Country Experiences: Jordan
Mr. Edward Qunqar, Director, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan

13:45 – 14:00: Questions and answers from the audience (coffee available)

14:00 – 14:15: Shared Aquifer Management: Nubian Aquifer
Dr. Khaled Abu-Zeid, Senior Water Resources Specialist, CEDARE

14:15 – 14:30: Shared Aquifer Management: North Western Sahara Aquifer
Mr. Rachid Taibi, General Director, Water Resources National Agency, Algeria

14:30 - 15:10: General Discussion

15:10 – 15:15: Concluding Remarks

THEMATIC SESSION: Water, Agricultural Policies and Food Security

Venue: Room Takasago

Chairpersons: Dr. Ahmed A. Goueli, Secretary-General, Council of the Arab Economic Unity, Egypt and Mr. Juan Canovas Cuenca, Chairman, GWP-MED Advisory Board/Chairman, EMWIS

Rapporteurs: Dr. Bayoumi Attia, Adviser, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt and Ms. Shobha Shetty, Senior Economist, the World Bank

- 12:30 – 12:35: Introduction of the session: *Dr. Ahmed Goueli, Secretary-General, Council of the Arab Economic Unity, Egypt*
- 12:35 – 12:55: Water for Food in MED/ME in 2025
Dr. Mark Rosegrant, Senior Researcher, IFPRI
- 12:55 – 13:15: Water, Agriculture and Trade
Ms. Shobha Shetty, Senior Economist, the World Bank
- 13:15 – 13:25: Water and Agricultural Productivity
Dr. Theib Oweis, Senior Irrigation and Water Management Scientist, ICARDA
- 13:25 – 13:45: Vulnerability and Poverty
Mr. Ahmed Oulhaj, Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Morocco
- 13:45 - 13:55 Sustainable Use of Water Resources for Agricultural Development in Wetland Areas
Mr. Spyros Kouvelis, Coordinator, MedWet-The Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative
- 13:55 – 15:10: General Discussion
- 15:10 – 15:15: Closing Remarks

THEMATIC SESSION: Institutional Reforms: Decentralization and Public-Private Partnerships

Venue: Room Suehiro

Chairpersons: H.E. Mr. Abdelkébir Zahoud, Secretary of State in charge of Water, Morocco and Dr. Eglal Rached, Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, IDRC

Rapporteurs: Dr. Elly Baroudy, IDRC and Mr. Ashok Subramanian, Lead Water Institutions Development Specialist

- 12:30 – 12:40: Introduction of the Session and Overview of the Water Demand Management Forum in MENA
Dr. Elly Baroudy, IDRC
- 12:40 – 13:00: Keynote Address: Efficient Integrated Water Management Requires Institutional Reform
Mr. Abdelkader Hamdane, Director of Rural Development and Engineering, Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Water Resources, Tunisia
- Decentralization**
- 13:00 – 13:15: Comparative Experiences in Decentralization and Participatory Irrigation Management in MENA – Lessons Learned
Mr. Qahtan Abdul-Malik, Director, Central Unit for Irrigation and Water Monitoring, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Yemen
- 13:15 – 13:30: Overview of Decentralization in Asian Countries and links with ME/MED Experiences and Future Strategies
Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan
- 13:30 – 13:45: The Dialogue on Effective Water Governance in the Mediterranean
Mr. Vangelis Constantianos, Executive Secretary, GWP-Med
- Public Private Partnerships**
- 13:45 – 14:00: Private Sector Participation in Water Resources Management in Morocco
Mr. Mokhtar Bzioui, Director of Research and Water Planning, Ministry of Land Use Planning, Water and Environment, Morocco
- 14:00 – 14:15: Private Sector Participation in Water Resources Management in Jordan
Eng. Mohammed Najjar, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
- 14:15 – 14:30: Mobilizing Financial Resources and Attracting Investment/Public-Private Partnerships

*Mr. Mohammed Benblidia, President, Mediterranean Water
Institute (IME)*

14:30 – 15:10: General Discussion

15:10 – 15:15: Closing Remarks

THEMATIC SESSION: Non-Conventional Water Resources
Venue: Prince Hall

Chairperson: H.E. Dr. Abdelmajid Attar, Minister of Water Resources, Algeria

Rapporteurs: Dr. Karim Allaoui, Focal Point for Water Resources Management, Islamic Development Bank and Mr. Manuel Schiffler, Senior Economist, the World Bank

- 12:30 – 12:40: Opening Address
H.E. Dr. Abdelmajid Attar, Minister of Water Resources, Algeria
- 12:40 – 12:50: Opening Address
Dr. Amadou B. Cisse, Vice President (Operations), Islamic Development Bank
- 12:50 – 13:05: Trends in Desalination in the ME/MED Region
Dr. Adil Bushnak, Bushnak Group, Saudi Arabia
- 13:05 – 13:20: Innovative Use of Non-Conventional Water Resources in Cyprus
Dr. Chrysostomos Kambanellas, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, Cyprus
- 13:20 – 13:30: Questions and answers from the audience on Desalination
- 13:30 – 13:50: Wastewater Reuse in ME/MED Region
Dr. Akissa Bahri, National Research Institute for Agricultural Engineering, Water and Forestry, Tunisia
- 13:50 – 14:00: Questions and answers from the audience on Wastewater Reuse
- 14:00 – 14:20: Irrigation with Saline Water for Sustainable Agricultural Production
Dr. Donald Suarez, Director of US George Brown Salinity Laboratory, University of California, Riverside, USA
- 14:20 – 14:35: Biosaline Agriculture: An Approach to Utilization of Brackish Water
Dr. Kawser Malik, Director General of Biological Sciences, Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission, Pakistan
- 14:35 – 14:50: Questions and answers from the audience on Saline Water Use

14:50 – 15:10: General discussions focusing on common aspects of non-conventional water resources in the context of integrated water resources management

15:10 – 15:15: Concluding Remarks

15:15 – 15:45: *Coffee Break*

**15:45 – 18:00: CLOSING SESSION
The Way Forward and Recommendations for Action
Venue: Prince Hall**

Chairpersons: Dr. Ismail Serageldin, Director General, Library of Alexandria and Former Chairman of Global Water Partnership and Prof. Michael Scoullou, Chairman MIO-ECSDE and Chairman GWP-Med

15:45 – 16:00 Introduction of the Panel

16:00 – 17:45: Panel and General Discussion
Moderators: Ms. Josefina Maestu, Technical Advisor to the Director of Water, Ministry of Environment, Spain and Mr. Vahid Alavian, Senior Water Resources Specialist, the World Bank

17:45 – 18:00: Concluding Remarks

18:00 – 18:45: *Cultural Show featuring the Yasmine Trio Musical Ensemble*

18:45 – 20:00: *Cocktail Reception hosted by H.E. Mr. Salah Hannachi, Ambassador of Tunisia to Japan*

Note: Some changes might occur to the agenda after the date of publication. We regret and apologize for any inconvenience.