

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN



EURO-MEDITERRANEAN INFORMATION
SYSTEM ON KNOW-HOW IN THE WATER
SECTOR
(EMWIS/SEMIDE)



UNITED NATIONS
UNIVERSITY

UNU-INWEH

AND
THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY,
INSTITUTE FOR WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND
HEALTH
(UNU-INWEH)

**Regarding Cooperation in Training and Capacity Building for Sustainable Water
Management in the United Arab Emirates**

WHEREAS the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (hereinafter referred to as "UNU-INWEH") is a formally constituted Research and Training Programme of the United Nations University (UNU), and is an integral part of the UNU in accordance with its Charter;

WHEREAS UNU-INWEH, based in Hamilton, Canada, contributes to the resolution of global water issues relating to environment and human health, particularly in the developing world, through education, training, research and dissemination of information, including strengthening of capacity for education and research in institutions of higher learning;

WHEREAS the EMWIS/SEMIDE is an initiative of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership; it gathers the national water authorities from 43 countries of the Union for the Mediterranean. It aims to gather, certify and disseminate relevant information & know-how for further improving water management in the Mediterranean region.

WHEREAS the EMWIS/SEMIDE has been assigned the mandate to carry a feasibility study on regional water observation mechanism in the Mediterranean by Water Directors in November 2005. This mechanism would be based on available national information produced by National Water Information Systems (hereinafter referred to as NWIS)-;

WHEREAS the EMWIS/SEMIDE contributes to the development of national water information systems in the Mediterranean countries, that will be the nodes for a shared regional water information system;

WHEREAS the EMWIS/SEMIDE prepares pilot experiences based on the lessons learnt from other countries in different water topics (water scarcity & drought, water monitoring, participatory

approach in integrated water resources management, Non conventional water resources, local management of sanitation services and the prevention of domestic pollution, etc.)

WHEREAS the EMWIS/SEMIDE and UNU-INWEH (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”) believe that they have common principles, complementary objectives and a mutual interest in close cooperation regarding implementing water information systems, exchanging of know-how, implementing pilot projects in common water topics of interest, capacity building, training and applied research related to freshwater management at national & regional level (especially in Arab countries);

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Parties shall cooperate, consistent with their respective mandates and interests, in implementing water information systems, capacity building in support of improved water resources management at regional and national level (especially in Arab countries), subject to the availability of programme financing. Such cooperation may include:

- Exchange of water information & data;
 - Responding to call for tenders of common interest;
 - Implementing projects on water topics of common interest (water scarcity and drought; water quality, water information systems, non-conventional water resources, IWRM);
 - Organizing regional and national events to mobilize regional & national water actors;
 - Inviting each other to regional & national events of common interest;
 - Technical and managerial training in all aspects of integrated water resources management;
 - Promoting EMWIS approaches outside of its geographic scope (Mediterranean) and promoting UNU-INWEH approaches in the Mediterranean;
 - Development and application of water databases and decision-support technologies;
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ARTICLE II

The Parties shall keep each other informed of ongoing and planned programmes, calls for tenders, projects and activities of mutual interest, and shall consult each other regularly on tasks and activities under joint execution.

ARTICLE III

Pursuant to this agreement, arrangements may be made between UNU-INWEH and EMWIS/SEMIDE for the implementation of the Arab Databank for shared water resources; project proposed by the Centre of Water Studies and Arab Water Security (COWFS)/ League of Arab States, EMWIS/SEMIDE commits to provide expertise and technical assistance subject to the availability of programme financing.

ARTICLE IV

In their cooperative activities, the Parties shall give priority consideration to the following issues, *inter alia*, concerning water resources management:

- Participative approaches in Integrated water resources management
- Water management information systems
- Water quality and pollution abatement
- Water scarcity and drought
- Water policies development

ARTICLE V

This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by both parties for a period of two years. The provisions of this Memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual consent in writing. Either party may terminate this Memorandum by giving six month's written notice.

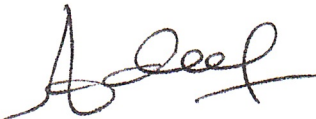
ARTICLE VI

The UNU-INWEH is an integral part of United Nations University, which, as an organ of the United Nations, is covered by the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. Nothing in or relating to this agreement shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations University.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, has signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done the 16th of June, 2011 in two equally authentic originals in English language.

**FOR THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY,
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