

**WES NATIONAL “TWIN” ACTIVITIES CO-ORGANISED WITH
THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT OF JORDAN
(ACTIVITY NO: N-E-JO-1&2)**

**JOINING FORCES TO COMBAT
SINGLE-USE PLASTICS (SUPs) IN JORDAN:
CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON A PROPOSED ROADMAP TO ADDRESS SUPs AND
DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAKEHOLDERS ON GREEN BANKING AND GREEN
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO CURB PLASTIC WASTE**

DATE AND PLACE: 17 May 2023 at the Hilton Hotel in Amman, Jordan

GENERAL BACKGROUND:

The EU funded "Water and Environment Support (WES) in the ENI Neighbourhood South Region" project is a regional technical support project. WES project aims to protect the natural resources in the Mediterranean context and to improve the management of scarce water resources. WES mainly aims to solve the problems linked to environmental pollution and the unsustainable use of water.

Since April 2021, WES has been providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Environment (MoENV) of Jordan to support the implementation of the Green and circular Economy agenda and green investment opportunities in the waste sector in Jordan with emphasis on Single-Use Plastics and in advancing sustainable consumption and production. More specifically, with the support and services of WES consortium members MedWaves, ACR+, GOPA Infra, MIO-ECSDE and LDK Consultants, the WES national “twin” activities are nearing their conclusion:

- a) Activity N-E-JO-1, that contributes to the reduction of the use of Single-Use Plastics (SUPs) in Jordan, as advised in the Green Growth-National Action Plan on Waste under “Waste Sector Priority N°12 - Develop a joint public-private roadmap to transition to reduce the use of SUPs at the household and commercial levels”.
- b) Activity N-E-JO-2, that tackles the aspects of green banking in relation to the same issue of the reduction of the use of SUPs.

OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTATION WORKSHOP:

The objective of the consultation workshop is to present and discuss with the relevant stakeholders, the outcomes of the two interlinked WES national activities on plastic waste management in Jordan:

- a draft Roadmap to address SUP items in Jordan;
- draft recommendations for stakeholders on green banking and green investment opportunities to curb plastic waste in Jordan.

PARTICIPANTS INVITED TO THE CONSULTATION WORKSHOP:

Invitees to the consultation are the major stakeholders linked to SUPs and plastics in the country: representatives of relevant ministries, agencies and local authorities, the private sector ranging from solid waste operators, the plastics industry to the banking sector, numerous associations, research institutions, donors, NGOs, etc.

WORKING LANGUAGE OF THE CONSULTATION WORKSHOP:

The working languages will be English and Arabic.

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AGENDA

08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:30	Session 1: Welcome and opening remarks
09:00 - 09:30	<p>Welcome, opening remarks and introduction to the consultation objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Mohammad ALKHASHASHNEH - H.E Secretary General, Ministry of Environment & WES Focal Point - Jordan - Mr. Omar ABU EID - EUD, Energy, Environment & Climate Change Programme Manager Cooperation Section- Jordan - Prof. Michael SCULLLOS - WES Team Leader
09:30 - 10:45	Session 2: Addressing plastic waste and promoting green and circular economy in Jordan
09:30 - 09:50	<p>National efforts in promoting green and circular economy in Jordan: Overview of the Green Growth National Action Plan and the National Municipal Solid Waste Management Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Jihad ALSAWAIR, Director of Green Economy Unit and Minister advisor for technical affairs at the Ministry of Environment
09:50 - 10:10	<p>Baseline situation in Jordan and proposed sustainable alternative options to transition away from manufacturing and using SUPs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Eyad BATARSEH, Senior WES expert in environment and waste management
10:10 - 10:45	<p>Open discussion Moderated by Prof. Michael Scoulllos, WES Team Leader</p>
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 - 13:00	Session 3: Discussion on the draft joint Roadmap to address SUPs in Jordan
11:15 - 11:30	<p>Regional context and proposed policy measures in relation to Single Use Plastics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Pedro FERNANDEZ, Senior Expert in Plastic Pollution Prevention Measures, WES/ MedWaves
11:30 - 12:00	<p>Presentation of the proposed public-private Roadmap to address SUP items in Jordan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs. Françoise BONNET, Senior WES Circular Economy and Legal Expert
12:00 - 13:00	<p>Open discussion Moderated by Prof. Michael Scoulllos, WES Team Leader</p>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Session 4: Discussion on green banking and green investment opportunities to curb plastic waste in Jordan
14:00 - 14:15	<p>Update on the National Green Banking Strategy under development in Jordan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Mohamed Amaireh, Executive Director of the Financial Stability Department - Central Bank of Jordan
14:15 - 14:45	<p>Presentation of the draft recommendations for stakeholders on green banking and green investment opportunities to curb plastic waste in Jordan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Adli KANDAH, Senior expert on (Green) Economics and Banking, Dr. Koussai QUTEISHAT, Senior Environment and Water Finance Expert, Eng. Ahmad Al QATARNEH, Senior Solid Waste expert
14:45 - 15:30	<p>Open discussion Moderated by Prof. Michael Scoulllos, WES Team Leader</p>
15:30 - 16:15	Session 5: Stakeholder consultation results and closing session
15:30 - 15:45	<p>Summary of the key consultation outcomes by Prof. Michael Scoulllos, WES Team Leader</p>
15:45 - 16:00	<p>Participants' commitment on follow-up and evaluation of the consultation</p>
16:00 - 16:15	<p>Wrap-up and closing of the consultation workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Jihad ALSAWAIR, Director of Green Economy Unit and Minister advisor for technical affairs at the Ministry of Environment - Mr. Omar ABU EID - EUD, Energy, Environment & Climate Change Programme Manager Cooperation Section- Jordan - Prof Michael SCULLLOS, WES, Team Leader
16:15	Closing