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Evaluation of new methods to reduce the cross subsidies in the agricultural water tariff in Israel
Activity WES-N-W-IL1

National Consultation workshop

26 July 2023, Vert Jerusalem Hotel, Jerusalem

Presented by: Suzan TAHA, Key Water Expert , WES



Proposed Actions and Expected results



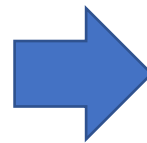
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Objectives

General objective: Assist Israel in the implementation of its water reform emanating from the 2017 “Amendment 27” to the Water Law, with regards to the planned reduction of cross-subsidies in the water tariff of the agricultural sector.

Specific objectives:

- ❑ Broad review of agricultural water tariffs and subsidies methods and practices in leading OECD countries – successes and failures analysis.
- ❑ Profound 2-3 case studies of countries with major efficient reforms in the agricultural sector related to subsidies through water tariffs or alternative mechanisms.
- ❑ Recommend new methods for supporting the agricultural sector (such as government budget, and other methods of direct subsidies) and sustaining farming based on the review and the case studies



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Overview of the missions/tasks of the activity



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Introducing the experts



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1. Kees Lakerveld and Kerusha LUTCHMIAH: International non-key experts in Project Finance within the department of Water technology International of Royal HaskoningDHV
2. With the support from: Ms. Stefanie Stubbé; Consultant Water and Finance International” of the same group



Workshop Objectives



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The workshop aims to:

- Present an overview of the national activity in Israel.
- Present the results of the activity and introduce the methods and practices that were investigated in the case studies.



Provisional Agenda



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10:00-10:20	WELCOME & GENERAL INTRODUCTION	
10:20-11:45	PRESENTATION OF THE ACTIVITY AND GENERAL DISCUSSION	
	Introducing the WES activity in Israel (5 min)	Suzan TAHA, key Water Expert WES
	Review of water tariffs for agriculture in IL (20 min)	Amir Shakarov or Gilad Fernandes- Economics Division (The Governmental Authority for Water and Sewage)
	Review of water tariffs & subsidies methods & practices in selected countries & Q&A (40 min)	Dr. Kerusha LUTCHMIAH: Non-Key Expert (NKE)
	Applicability to agriculture in Israel (30 min)	
11:45-12:00	COFFEE BREAK	
12:00-12:45	APPLICABILITY TO AGRICULTURE IN ISRAEL	
	Discussion of the applicability of the models in Israel and conclusions on the financing mechanisms to be stimulated (30 min).	Facilitated by: Dr. Kerusha LUTCHMIAH: Non-Key Expert (NKE), WES (TBD) and/or Ms. Olga SLEPNER, GAWS
	Feedback on the selected methods (15 min)	All participants
12:45-13:45	WRAP UP AND CONCLUSIONS	Prof. Michael SCOULLOS: WES Team Leader and Dr. Kerusha LUTCHMIAH: Non-Key Expert (NKE)
13:45-14:10	CLOSURE AND WORKSHOP EVALUATION	
	Closure (5 min)	Ms. Olga SLEPNER, WES FP and Prof. Michael SCOULLOS
	Meeting evaluation form (10 min)	All participants
14:10	LIGHT (VEGAN) LUNCH	

For more information:



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