

“Water and Environment Support” (WES) Project

WES IN EGYPT: CONSULTATIONS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Information Notes and Agendas

1-2 November 2023, Cairo, Egypt

In the context of Cairo Water Week 2023

“WES in Egypt: Consultations with stakeholders” include the following meetings:

- PART A: “Assisting Egypt in developing financial mechanisms for the management of water resources at the farm level” comprising:
 - 1. Consultation Workshop for the WES Activity N-W-EG-2: “Assisting Egypt in developing financial mechanisms for the management of water resources at the farm level”, 1st of November 2023, in Nile Ritz Hotel, Ballroom Abdeen
 - 2. WES Media Brief as part of the EU Press Conference, 2nd of November 2023, in Nile Ritz Hotel, Zamalek room
- PART B: “Overview and the way forward at national level for the period 2024-2028”, 1st of November 2023, in Nile Ritz Hotel, Ballroom Abdeen

PART A: “ASSISTING EGYPT IN DEVELOPING FINANCIAL MECHANISMS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AT THE FARM LEVEL”

1. CONTEXT

As part of the water component of the EU funded ‘Water and Environment Support (WES) project in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood region’ project, an activity entitled “Assist Egypt in the development of financing mechanisms allowing the private sector to be involved and improve “water network management and resources efficiency at the on-farm level” is currently under implementation in partnership with the Planning Sector and the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (MWRI).

The activity aims to ‘increase agricultural water productivity’ which is in fact exactly the first outcome proposed in the National Water Resources Plan (NWRP), 2017-2037 under the second pillar: ‘Rationalise Water Use’. The **general objective** of the activity is to assist Egypt in developing a financing mechanism to support farmers in purchasing water-saving equipment and enable investments. The ultimate objective is to facilitate improved water network management and resource efficiency at the farm level.

The specific objectives of the activity are:

- a) A broad review of financing mechanisms for the purchase of on-farm (drip) irrigation equipment - successes and failures analysis.
- b) Two profound case studies of countries with significant reforms in the sector related to the financing of irrigation investments and equipment.
- c) Recommending new methods for supporting irrigation investment in the Egyptian agricultural industry.

As part of the implementation of the said activity, a workshop on the side of the Cairo Water Week will be organised in partnership with the Planning Sector and the MWRI. The workshop **will be followed the next day** with a WES presentation at the EU Press Conference which will be organised by the EU Delegation to Egypt (see below).

2. TARGET ZONE

The activity is applicable at the national level and can impact Egypt's entire farmland, both existing and potential.

3. WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The workshop aims to:

1. Present an overview of the national activity in Egypt
2. Present the results of the activity and introduce the methods and practices that were investigated in the case studies
3. Discuss the applicability of the suggested measures to Egypt including possible restrictions on their applicability
4. Discuss the way forward and possible actions to ensure impact

The expected workshop results are that:

1. The findings and proposed recommendations are presented and vetted by the stakeholders
2. A dialogue between the various stakeholders is established during the workshop, and a set of actions emanating from the activity are explored

4. PRESS CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The participation of the WES project in the EU Press Conference the following day aims to:

- Inform the local media representatives on the WES Project water activities in Egypt.
All related information will be prepared and distributed to the media.

The EU Press Conference expected **results**:

- The results of the workshop but also information of both WES water activities in Egypt are communicated to the general public. All news items related to the activity will be largely disseminated via news platforms, newspapers, social network etc.

5. PARTICIPATION

This workshop will involve the officials representing relevant institutions from Ministries in charge of Water and Irrigation, Agriculture, Environment and Land Management, water utilities, municipalities.

Specifically, below is the list of the stakeholders:

1. The Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation
2. Planning Sector / The EU Water STARS Project
3. Commercial Banks
4. Farmers

Relevant stakeholders will be identified with the focal point and targeted as needed such as, environmental and water-related NGOs, Agriculture Cooperatives Associations, Water Users Associations, Community Development Associations, Academia, local consultants, consumer associations, women's and youth organisations and the media concerned with water/agriculture/finance issues.

The EU Press Conference will involve:

1. Journalists of the local media (news platforms, newspapers, radio, social network etc)
2. Communication officers of the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation and the EU Delegation to Egypt

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6. MODERATION & RESOURCE PERSONS

- Michael Scoullos (Professor) – Team Leader (WES) and moderator of the consultation
- Rabab Gaber Hassan Abbas (Eng, Dr) – WES Focal Point and General Director of Water Resources Department, Planning Sector (MWRI) (speaker)
- Emad Adly (Dr) – Stakeholders Engagement and Impact Evaluation Expert (speaker)
- Kerusha Lutchmiah (Dr) – Financial Economist (International Expert) (WES) (speaker)
- Khaled El Sayed (Dr) – Financial and Economic Local expert (WES)
- Lisa Papadogeorgaki (Ms) – Communication and Networking Key Expert (WES)
- Suzan Taha (Eng) – Water Key Expert (WES) (speaker)
- Walid Hakiki (Eng, Dr) - Head of the Planning Sector, (MWRI) (speaker)
- Youssry Khafaga, (Eng, Dr) - Head of Irrigation Improvement Sector

7. INTERPRETATION

Interpretation EN/AR/AR/ EN will be provided.

8. DATE AND VENUE

- The **consultation workshop** will take place in Cairo on the 1st of November 2023 between 09.30 and 13:30 local time, at the Nile Ritz Hotel, Ballroom Abdeen
- The **EU press conference** will take place on Thursday the 2nd of November 2023, between 10:00 and 11:30, at the Nile Ritz Hotel, “Zamalek room” - 1st floor.

9. AGENDA

See the next pages for the provisional agenda of the consultation workshop and the EU press conference

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**PART A: “Assisting Egypt in developing financial mechanisms for the management of water resources at the farm level”
Consultation Workshop**

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Wednesday 1 November 2023

from 09:30 to 13:30

Nile Ritz Hotel, Ballroom Abdeen, Cairo, Egypt

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09:30 - 09:40	WELCOME & GENERAL INTRODUCTION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and Introductory notes Prof. Michael SCULLOS, WES Team Leader Dr Rabab GABER HASSAN ABBAS – WES Focal Point and General Director of Water Resources Department, Planning Sector (MWRI) (5 min) Eng. Walid HAKIKI - Head of the Planning Sector, (MWRI) Mr. Ayman AYAD - Water and Utilities Sector Manager, Delegation of the European Union to Egypt
09:40 - 11:00	PRESENTATION OF THE ACTIVITY AND GENERAL DISCUSSION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introducing the WES activity in Egypt (5 min) Ms. Suzan TAHA, Key Water Expert, WES - Review of the applied financial methods in Egypt (15 min) Dr. Khal AL SAYED: Financial and Economic Local expert (NKE2) - The Egyptian case of applying modern irrigation in the old lands (15 min) – Existing protocol of cooperation with national banks to finance Mesqa rehabilitation and modern irrigation network and application of the model in Qalubia Governorate Eng. Dr. Youssry KHAFAGA, Head of Irrigation Improvement Sector - Review of Financing Mechanisms in Case Studies (20 min) Dr. Kerusha LUTCHMIAH: Non-Key Expert (NKE1) - Q&A and Discussion (25 min)
11:00 - 11:30	COFFEE BREAK
11:30 - 11:45	PRESENTATION OF THE ACTIVITY AND GENERAL DISCUSSION CONTINUED
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion of criteria for eligibility of financial mechanism (15 min) Dr. Kerusha LUTCHMIAH: Non-Key Expert (NKE1)
11:45 - 12:20	DISCUSSING SUITABILITY OF THE MODELS IN EGYPT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suitability of the models in Egypt and suggestions to stimulate the financing mechanisms (20 min). Facilitated by: Dr Kerusha LUTCHMIAH: Non-Key Expert (NKE1) - Feedback on the suggested mechanisms (15 min) All participants
12:20 - 12:40	THE WAY FORWARD
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The way forward and possible actions to ensure Impact Facilitated by: Prof. Michael SCULLOS, Team Leader (WES) and Dr Kerusha LUTCHMIAH: Non-Key Expert (NKE1)
12:40 - 13:00	WRAP UP
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wrap-up conclusions with survey (10 min) Dr. Kerusha LUTCHMIAH: Non-Key Expert (NKE1) - Discussion (10 min)
13:00 - 13:20	POSSIBLE ACTIONS TO ENSURE IMPACT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impact Monitoring and Stakeholder Engagement (10 min) Dr. Emad ADLY, Expert for Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Evaluation WES - Stakeholder engagement form (10 min) All participants
13:20 - 13:30	CLOSURE AND WORKSHOP EVALUATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concluding remarks by Prof. Michael SCULLOS, Team Leader (WES) - Workshop Evaluation Form to be completed by all participants
13:30	LUNCH

For participation in the national meeting “Overview and the way forward at national level for the period 2024-2028” taking place the same day (1 Nov) between 14:30 and 16:45h, see separate agenda of Part B.



EU Press Conference
Thursday 2 November 2023

from 10:00 to 11:30

Nile Ritz Hotel, "Zamalek room"- 1st floor

Cairo, Egypt

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Media Brief

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10:30 - 11:00	REGISTRATION
11:00 - 11:15	EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION TO EGYPT H.E. Ambassador Christian BERGER, Head of the European Union Delegation to Egypt
11:15 - 11:45	Q&A for Ambassador Christian BERGER
11:45 - 12:10	WES PROJECT PRESENTATION ON ITS ACTIVITIES IN EGYPT Dissemination of the Results of the WES Water Activities (15 min) Prof. Michael SCULLOS, WES Team Leader Ms. Suzan TAHA, WES Key Water Expert
12:10 - 12:30	Q&A FOR WES PROJECT

PART B: “OVERVIEW AND THE WAY FORWARD AT NATIONAL LEVEL FOR THE PERIOD 2024-2028”

1. WES NATIONAL MEETING IN EGYPT

As part of the water component of the EU funded ‘Water and Environment Support (WES) project in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood region’ project, national meetings are held in the project Partner Countries in order to take stock of the progress, impact, degree of capitalisation of the WES activities. They form a platform for other projects and processes working on water use efficiency and environmental protection to present their achievements and get acquainted how complementarity and interlinkages are in place.

2. MEETING OBJECTIVES

The National Meeting will be dedicated to what has been achieved so far in Egypt through the project’s activities (at national but also at regional level) and exchange on these but also on possible future actions with all beneficiaries, stakeholders and key actors (national authorities, EU Delegation, donors). Other projects supported by EU funds or by other donors will be invited to take the opportunity to present their work, **in a framework of cooperation and future synergies with the WES Project and its successor project for 2024-2028.**

3. PARTICIPATION

This meeting will involve officials representing relevant institutions from the Ministries in charge of Water and Irrigation, Agriculture, Environment and Land Management, water utilities.

Water projects relevant to water use efficiency and IWRM supported by EU funds or by other donors, environmental and water-related NGOs, women's and youth organisations working on water related issues are also invited.

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5. DATE AND VENUE

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14:00 - 14:15	OPENING REMARKS
	Prof. Michael SCULLOS, WES Team Leader Ms. Sylvie FONTAINE, Environment and Climate Program Manager, EUD in Egypt Dr. Rabab GABER HASSAN ABBAS, WES Water Focal Point and General Director of Water Resources Department, Planning Sector (MWRI) (5 min) Mr. Issam HANNOUT, WES Environment Focal Point and IR Officer, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency - Ministry of Environment
14:15 - 15:00	PROGRESS OVERVIEW OF THE WES ACTIVITIES IN EGYPT
	Short presentation of the WES activities at national and regional level - achievements and lessons learnt – Prof. Michael SCULLOS, WES Team Leader/ Ms. Suzan TAHA, WES Water Key Expert / Dr. Emad ADLY, WES Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Assessment Expert
15:00 - 15:30	FEEDBACK FROM THE COUNTRY ON THE WES EXPERIENCE SO FAR
	Discussion with country’s representatives on the WES national and regional activities carried out
15:30 - 16:00	HEARING FROM OTHER PROJECTS AND PROCESSES CONTRIBUTING TO WATER USE EFFICIENCY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN EGYPT
	KfW, Mr. Enrico SPILLER, Principal Portfolio Manager
16:00 - 16:30	DISCUSSION ON FOLLOW UP ACTIONS AND THE NEXT PHASE
	Open discussion Facilitation: Prof. Michael SCULLOS, WES Team Leader, Dr. Emad ADLY, WES Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Assessment Expert, Ms. Suzan TAHA, WES Water Key Expert
16:30 - 16:45	CLOSURE
	Meeting Evaluation Questionnaire Wrap up/Closing remarks