Expert Group Meeting on the Water, Energy, Food Security Nexus in the Arab Region

Institutional Frameworks for Examining the Water, Energy and Food Nexus in the Arab Region

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Existing Institutional Framework

At the Regional level many institutional sectorial arrangements exist, namely:

- **Arab Ministerial Councils:**
  - CAMRE (Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment)
  - AMWC (Arab Ministerial Water Council)
  - AMCE (Arab Ministerial Council for Electricity)
  - GAAMA (General assembly of Arab Ministers for Agriculture)

- **Arab Specialized Organizations:**
  - AOAD (Arab organization for Agricultural Development)
  - ACSAD (Arab Centre for the Studies of Arid Zone and Dry Lands)
  - COFWS (Center for Water studies and Arab Water Security)
  - AAAI (Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment)
  - RCREEE (Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency)
No specific institutional Framework exists for the WEF NEXUS.

Sectoral Regional Institutions are the prevailing norm

Existing Policy Framework
Arab Energy Strategy
Arab Water Strategy
Arab Food Security Program
Arab Action Plan for Climate Change

ANY NEXUS HERE?
LAS Initiative on WEF Nexus:

LAS launched an Arab WEF Nexus Dialogue in Doha in February 2014

The aim was:

- To have a more comprehensive dialogue inside every Arab country and between the governments of the region and all the stakeholders.
- To work towards awareness raising and capacity building at all levels, disseminating knowledge, and instigating all sort of institutions to adopt the Nexus approach.
Possible WEF Nexus institutional Framework in the Arab Region

No institutions exist

Many are working NEXUS

Possible WEF Nexus institutional Framework in the Arab Region (Cont.)

Need for the establishment of Institutional framework

National

Regional
Nexus Policies in the Arab Region:

Decisions taken by:
✓ Arab Water Ministerial Council
✓ Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment
✓ Arab Electricity Ministerial Council
✓ Need for Arab ECOSOC to be involved

Next Steps:
• Emphasize the strategic importance of the Nexus between Water, Energy, and Food as an entry point for sustainable development in the Arab region.
• Adopt policies and integrated planning between the three sectors to rationalize consumption and manage demand and raise the efficiency of resources.
Next Steps: (continued)

- Assign to the Technical Secretariat of the Relevant Arab Ministerial Councils the task of coordination between governments, research bodies and international and regional organizations as well as other relevant stakeholders to adopt the nexus WEF.

Next Steps: (continued)

- Working in parallel with the national and the regional policy level and to raise awareness of the importance of the Nexus through the promotion of national and regional projects to promote the dialogue about the Nexus
➢ Next Steps: (continued)

• Mobilize resources for capacity building in relevant institutions working on the Nexus between the three sectors.

• The creation of an Arab network for the exchange of information on experiences and success stories

➢ Next Steps: (continued)

• Work together to deepen the realization of the Arab decision maker of the usefulness and the importance of developing the nexus concept and its implementation in the region
➢ Next Steps: (continued)

• Mapping the capabilities and competencies available in the Arab region to activate the nexus proposal and to set priorities and an outstanding quality implementation plan for the Arab Region.

➢ Next Steps: (continued)

• A concerted effort should be led by the organizations working in the Arab region. Each of them should have a role and a contribution for the purpose of marketing the nexus and for working towards its implementation in such a way that the nexus contributes to support the Joint Arab Action.
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