Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

United Nations Development Account Project on Developing the Capacities of the Arab Countries for Climate Change Adaptation by Applying Integrated Water Resources Management Tools

Expert Group Meeting to Review the Draft Modules on Climate Change Adaptation using IWRM Tools

Beirut, 11-12 June 2015

AGENDA

Thursday, 11 June 2015

8:45 – 9:00  Registration

*Please bring your passport, visa stamp and airline ticket stub with you to the meeting.*

9:00 – 10:00  Opening and Introduction

Moderator: *Mr. Tarek Sadek, First Economic Affairs Officer, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division (SDPD), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)*

- Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA
- Tour de Table
- Review of the meeting objectives and agenda – *Mr. Tarek Sadek, ESCWA*
- A Brief Overview of RICCAR: Building a knowledge base for the modules – *
  Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, SDPD, ESCWA*
- Overview and progress update on the UNDA project – *Mr. Tarek Sadek, ESCWA*

Discussion

10:00 – 11:30  Session 1: Environment Module

Moderator: *Ms. Diane Klaimi, Biodiversity and Ecosystems Programme Officer, United Nations Environment Programme / Regional Office for West Asia (UNEP/ROWA)*

*Contributing Expert: Mr. Fouad Abousamra*

- Introduction and overview of the Environment Module
- Presentation of the contents and key issues
- Overview of training materials
- Discussion
Thursday, 11 June 2015 (continued)

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 1:30 **Session 2: Agriculture Module**

Moderators: *Mr. Omar Jouzdan*, Director of the Department of Land and Water Uses, *Arab Centre for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD)*

*Contributing Expert: Mr. Omran Al Shihabi ACSAD*

- Introduction and overview of the Agriculture Module
- Presentation of the contents and key issues
- Overview of training materials
- Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00 **Session 3: Health Module**

Moderator: *Mr. Hamed Bakir, Regional Advisor, Regional Center for Environmental Health Action (CEHA), Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO), World Health Organization (WHO)*

*Contributing Expert: Mr. Munjed Al Sharif*

- Introduction and overview of the Health Module
- Presentation of the contents and key issues
- Overview of training materials
- Discussion

16:00 End of day 1

Friday, 12 June 2015

9:00 – 10:30 **Session 4: Human Settlements Module**

Moderator: *Mr. Rami Salameh, Project Manager, Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA)*

*Contributing Expert: Mr. Ziad Al-Ghazawi*

- Introduction and overview of the Human Settlement Module
- Presentation of the contents and key issues
- Overview of training materials
- Discussion
Friday, 12 June 2015 (continued)

10:30 – 11:00  Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30  Session 5: Economic Development Module

Moderator:  Mr. Tarek Sadek, ESCWA

Contributing Expert: Mr. George Nasr

- Introduction and overview of the Economic Development Module
- Presentation of the contents and key issues
- Overview of training materials
- Discussion

12:30 – 14:00  Prayer and Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00  Session 6: Work Plan and Next Steps

Moderator: Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane and Mr. Tarek Sadek, ESCWA

- Review of Work Plan
- Expected Outputs and Deliverables
- Introductory Chapter
- Peer Review and Consolidation
- Arabic Translation
- Dates of Training Workshops for Five Modules
- Completion of the Manual and Final Publication

Closing Tour de Table

16:00  End of Meeting