



The GIZ Water programme in the MENA Region

Better water services for all

The GIZ human capacity building programme for the water sector in the Middle East and North Africa brings together stakeholders from government, water utilities and private sector, regulators, NGOs and academia. It provides a mutual learning and networking platform towards better water governance and improved water services to the people.

GIZ (former InWEnt) has currently two programmes in the MENA region that complement each other:

- **MENA WANT** – Strengthening the MENA Water Sector through Regional Networking and Training. MENA WANT is implemented through regional organisations, the Arab Water Council (AWC) and the Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA) and their respective national members and partners.
- **MENA ProCBI** – Promotion of capacity building institutions to support reform processes in the water sector of the MENA region. MENA ProCBI aims to strengthen the capacities of selected training facilities in the water sector of Egypt (HCWW), Morocco (ONEP) and Syria (HIWM) in the areas of human resources and organisa-

tional development and management. (responsible: Dr. Klaus Klennert, GIZ)

MENA-WANT

The main challenge in the region is to improve the management of its scarce water resources and to provide safe water services to a growing number of people. The MENA-WANT programme aims to enable actors in the water sector to manage resources by applying principles of good water governance and best practices to efficient water supply in urban areas. It focuses on supporting regional organisations to enhance regional exchange and professional capacity building services.

MENA WANT has four components that address various water sector stakeholders, a variety of key thematic topics and different levels of trainees.



Africa is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and needs to ensure that adaption measures are put in place. More intense and frequent storms may lead to more frequent flooding. At the same time, water scarcity is also intensified by highly variable rainfall patterns and increased water demand for people and economic development. Climate change is threatening water security.



MENA Partner-Forum

The Partner Forum (PF) provides a platform for policy development and advocacy in the field of good water governance in the MENA region. High-level decision makers form a network of continuous experience exchange and knowledge systems, e.g. a benefit sharing mechanism in managing scarce water resources. AWC and ACWUA are guiding the implementation of the annual regional conferences that have been hosted since 2006 by member countries.

Improved Water Utilities Performance (WUP-Train) – A regional capacity building programme

The WUP-Train component is implemented with ACWUA and its members' network. There are three main sub-components: (1) Advisory support to the ACWUA Capacity Building Working Group. (2) A pool of qualified trainers from the region is established and enabled to conduct regional training on selected topics. (3) ACWUA offers regional training to its members on key issues to improve performance of water services. The target groups are senior to mid-managers in water utilities and related government or non-government organisations who are in charge of water services.

Public Awareness Dialogue

The Public Awareness Dialogue is a platform for experts, practitioners and decision makers in the field of public awareness towards

sustainable water management. Members of the platform are from water utilities. They aim to promote the exchange of experiences on different urgent issues such as design and realisation of public awareness campaigns and tools for public awareness.

International Leadership training

The international leadership training (ILT) scheme is offered to junior professionals from the MENA region. This long-term training scheme aims to enhance the decision-making skills and responsibility by providing a wide range of application skills and knowledge upgrades in the area of water resources management.

E-learning

Open e-learning courses are offered through GIZ's Global Campus covering a variety of subjects. There are currently two water sector related e-learning courses offered: (1) Organisational Development for Water Utilities; and (2) Sector Governance in Urban Sanitation. They complement regional dialogue and training and they are open for GIZ Alumni and partner organisations or individuals representing these organisations. E-learning courses usually cover a period of 4–6 weeks and include workspaces where trainers and trainees meet. Personal action plans are part of the interactive learning cycle.

Programme Website:
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