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**Report****Twelfth session of the Committee on Water Resources  
Amman, 22-24 March 2017****Summary**

The twelfth session of the Committee on Water Resources of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) was held in Amman, from 22 to 24 March 2017. The Committee considered the items on its agenda, notably the water-related Sustainable Development Goals, the water-energy nexus in the Arab region, Arab cooperation on shared water resources, and regional cooperation for climate change adaptation in the Arab region. The Committee followed up on the implementation of recommendations issued at its eleventh session, and on progress in implementing the activities set in the ESCWA programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019 in the field of water resources.

The present report contains a brief review of discussions on each agenda item and the recommendations made thereon.

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## **Introduction**

1. The twelfth session of the Committee on Water Resources was held in Amman, from 22 to 24 March 2017. The Committee considered the items on its agenda and reached a set of recommendations, some to member States and others to the ESCWA secretariat.

### **I. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES AT ITS TWELFTH SESSION**

#### **A. RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEMBER STATES**

2. The Committee made the following recommendations to member States:

(a) Support the secretariat's efforts in linking normative activities (studies and research papers) to advisory services it provides to member States, and continue striving to build consensus on tackling challenges facing the region through the findings of such research, studies and meetings;

(b) Take note of progress in implementing recommendations made by the Committee at its eleventh session and the proposed activities set out in the programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019, and focus on linking them to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development through an integrated and comprehensive vision;

(c) Support the secretariat's efforts in broadening partnerships with international and regional organizations working in the field of water to promote integrated work for optimal efficiency;

(d) Participate in international forums on water resources to incorporate the Arab perspective in international agendas, and benefit from the secretariat's efforts in following those events, its coordination role to unify positions on outcomes and recommendations issued at such conferences, and its technical support on resulting data and commitments;

(e) Comment on the reference paper prepared by the secretariat on the term "water security";

(f) Continue collecting national data on water supply, sanitation and waste water indicators adopted by the Arab Ministerial Water Council and submit them to the secretariat and the Arab Countries Water Utilities Association, and coordinate between plan developers in the water sector and statistical offices;

(g) Include water-related goals, targets and indicators in national and sectoral development plans directly or indirectly linked to the water sector, in line with national priorities;

(h) Inform ESCWA of national mechanisms to achieve and monitor the water-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

(i) Support and strengthen cooperation between all government actors concerned with the SDGs, especially those responsible for planning and implementation;

(j) Stress the importance of respecting historical agreements and rights regarding shared water resources;

(k) Build consensus on guiding principles for shared water resources in the context of the non-adoption of the draft framework convention on shared water resources in the Arab region;

(l) Participate in activities and events of the project on strengthening water and food security in the Arab region, especially those related to institutional coordination between the water and agriculture sectors;

(m) Participate effectively in national capacity-building activities on evaluating the impact of changes in climate and water availability on agricultural yields, and coordinate in that regard with activity implementers;

(n) Employ the water-energy-food nexus approach in formulating strategies and policies, especially those that contribute to achieving the SDGs;

(o) Refer to the outcomes and recommendations of the Regional Initiative for the Assessment of Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources and Socio-Economic Vulnerability in the Arab Region (RICCAR) and the project funded by the United Nations Development Account when preparing regional and national policies, strategies and reports and conducting research, as well as national communications under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, nationally-determined contributions and vulnerability assessments by sector;

(p) Prepare memorandums of understanding to strengthen cooperation and the exchange of expertise in water-related fields;

(q) Submit to the Committee at its thirteenth session a report on progress in implementing the recommendations to member States.

#### B. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARIAT

3. The Committee made the following recommendations to the secretariat:

(a) Strengthen training programmes on sustainable development issues related to water resource management, the water-energy-food nexus, shared water resources, climate change and sanitation; and benefit from information technologies in those programmes to increase the number of beneficiaries;

(b) Benefit from the outcomes of the Regional Initiative for Establishing a Regional Mechanism for Improved Monitoring and Reporting on Access to Water Supply and Sanitation Services in the Arab Region (MDG+ Initiative) in terms of available information and data, lessons learned and the institutional framework, and develop a framework to shift from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to the SDGs in consultation with Committee members, including capacity-building activities, to prepare member States to develop national sustainable development plans and monitor and follow up on implementing the SDGs;

(c) Provide continuous technical support to Arab countries in collecting data and measuring indicators adopted by the Arab Ministerial Water Council on water supply, sanitation and waste water; and continue cooperation with the Arab Countries Water Utilities Association to review and disseminate those data and prepare reports thereon;

(d) Support member States' efforts in ensuring that water-related regional priorities are respected in global, regional and national follow-up mechanisms for the 2030 Agenda, and in implementing the Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda;

(e) Urge member States to effectively participate in preparatory activities for the 2018 and 2019 sessions of the Arab Forum on Sustainable Development and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, both focusing on SDGs 6 and 13;

(f) Support the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development" 2018-2028, and finance member State participation in its activities; and ensure progress in achieving the water-related SDGs;

(g) Provide technical support in the field of non-conventional water, including water desalination, rainwater harvesting and waste water treatment and reuse, and transfer the experiences of some Arab countries in this area;

(h) Continue providing technical and financial support to member States to promote regional efforts on the water-energy-food nexus;

(i) Select a pilot project on the water-energy nexus and refer to the successful experiences of developed countries in its implementation;

(j) Launch initiatives to build trust between Arab countries that share water resources and focus on the benefits of cooperation;

(k) Support member States in taking into account legal frameworks that promote countries' goals at the basin and national levels;

(l) Provide technical support and build capacity at the regional, bilateral and basin levels in the field of shared water resource management and related negotiations, and in international water law;

(m) Build capacity to adopt a methodology for measuring water-related indicators in the 2030 Agenda and to incorporate the SDGs in national sustainable development plans, especially sectoral plans to strengthen linkages between the water sector and other development sectors;

(n) Confirm the publication of a 2017 climate change evaluation report in coordination with partner organizations in RICCAR;

(o) Provide additional financial resources to support the regional knowledge hub and knowledge resources in line with regional needs to direct policies and research on climate change evaluation and adaptation;

(p) Support Arab institutions and researchers in preparing scientific studies and conducting peer reviews thereon to raise global awareness on the climate change challenges facing Arab countries, by providing scientific material for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;

(q) Assist countries in developing strategic plans to tackle climate change by determining priorities in this field, and organize regional capacity-building workshops, focusing on the importance of technology transfer, capacity-building and awareness-raising;

(r) Assist member States, upon their request, in the preparation of climate change project proposals for submission to donors in order to obtain the necessary funding for implementation;

(s) Prepare a programme to train national trainers in the field of integrated water resource management and climate change adaptation, and to prepare research proposals.

## **II. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

### **A. WATER IN THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Agenda item 4)**

4. Under this item, the Committee considered document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/3 comprising two parts. Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/3(Part I) covered the water-related Sustainable Development Goals. Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director of the ESCWA Sustainable Development Policies Division, gave a presentation on the 2030 Agenda and its components, and its linkages to other international processes. She highlighted SDG 6 on ensuring access to water and sanitation for all and sustainable water management, its targets and its links to the other SDGs, especially those related to natural and environmental resources. She

reviewed the current regional approach drawn from the MDG+ Initiative that provided an institutional framework at the country level, with scientific support from the Arab Countries Water Utilities Association and ESCWA, and financial support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). Regional consultations on the water-related SDGs had referred to lessons learned from and experiences with the MDG+ Initiative. She requested Arab countries to maintain their efforts in that regard with ESCWA.

5. In the ensuing discussion, participants thanked ESCWA and the Arab Countries Water Utilities Association for their concerted efforts in implementing the MDG+ Initiative, and commended the significant support provided by Sida in that regard, which they hoped would continue in the future. They enquired about ways to benefit from the initiative's outcomes in implementing the SDGs, and the support that ESCWA was aiming to provide. Ms. Majdalani said that ESCWA was always willing to work closely with countries to achieve the SDGs. The outcomes of the MDG+ Initiative were a solid foundation for countries to build upon when implementing the SDGs, on the one hand, and to conduct monitoring and reporting processes, on the other. The discussions focused on the importance of linking sustainable development goals and targets to national plans. ESCWA was requested to strengthen technical support and capacity-building to facilitate countries' shift from the MDGs to the SDGs.

6. Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/3(Part II) tackled the water-energy nexus in the Arab region. Mr. Ziad Khayat, First Economic Affairs Officer in the ESCWA Water Resources Section, reviewed progress in implementing projects and supporting initiatives on the water-energy nexus, focusing on capacity-building activities undertaken by ESCWA to achieve the SDGs. He highlighted the water-energy nexus in the 2030 Agenda, and defined the nexus approach based on joint responsibility in preserving resources and the ESCWA approach in that regard, which focused on clusters. Interlinked sectors were divided into three clusters to tackle urgent challenges facing the Arab region. He reviewed ESCWA initiatives aimed at supporting those interlinkages, and described a project on promoting water and food security in the Arab region funded by Sida until 2018, which focused on strengthening national and regional knowledge bases, building capacity, and increasing coordination and cooperation in developing policies and strategies and implementing water and agriculture programmes.

7. In the ensuing discussion, participants stressed the importance of the water-energy-food nexus, and requested that ESCWA continue providing technical and financial support to regional and national efforts in that regard. They focused on the significance of the energy-food nexus in improving natural resource management and tackling climate change issues and food security. They requested information on developed countries' successful experiences in that area to benefit Arab countries, and to conduct a pilot project on the water-energy nexus in the region.

#### B. ARAB COOPERATION ON SHARED WATER RESOURCES (Agenda item 5)

8. Under this item, the Committee considered document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/4 on Arab cooperation on shared water resources. Mr. Khayat reviewed current work to promote Arab cooperation on shared water resources covering two-thirds of fresh water in the region, especially ESCWA support in preparing the first draft of an Arab framework convention on organizing water resources shared by Arab countries, pursuant to a request by the Arab Ministerial Water Council. He addressed key issues in the draft, and expert opinions thereon. He considered SDG 6 and the target on cooperation regarding transboundary water resources. He presented the initial methodology to measure the level of cooperation regarding transboundary water resources and related challenges, and activities supporting the management of shared water resources in the Arab region and the way forward. He requested Committee members to identify other priority areas for follow-up by the secretariat.

9. The ensuing discussion focused on the methodology for measuring cooperation regarding transboundary water resources. Participants questioned its accuracy in determining cooperation levels. They also considered the legal framework for shared water resources, and noted the resolution of the Arab Ministerial Water Council of October 2016 on postponing any decision on a framework convention until circumstances were conducive to its success. Ms. Majdalani affirmed that ESCWA was cooperating with the League of Arab States in general, and on the issue of shared water resources in particular. Participants requested technical support from ESCWA in understanding legal frameworks on transboundary water resources, and on calculating cooperation levels in that area.

C. REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN THE ARAB REGION  
(Agenda item 6)

10. Under this item, the Committee considered document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/5 on regional cooperation for climate change adaptation in the Arab region. Mr. Tarek Sadek, First Economic Affairs Officer in the Water Resources Section, reviewed ESCWA work with its partners to develop science-based policies on climate change adaptation, by conducting regional evaluation processes on climate change, whose results contributed to guiding adaptation measures in the Arab region. He said that ESCWA was completing a report on an integrated evaluation on climate change in the region, prepared under RICCAR. The report included an overview of key elements for preparing an integrated evaluation, the methodology used, and information on climate change and extreme weather indicators. He reviewed ESCWA capacity-building efforts on climate change in the region, including preparations for conferences of the parties under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and national workshops on developing Arab negotiators' capacity on climate change issues.

11. The ensuing discussions focused on the importance of supporting national policies with scientific findings. Participants commended the efforts of ESCWA and its partners in implementing RICCAR. They enquired about receiving funding from the Green Climate Fund, and technological assistance from the Climate Technology Centre and Network. They requested assistance from ESCWA in communicating with those two bodies, and in identifying climate change priorities. Some representatives said that climate change was firmly within the remit of water ministries, although they were not involved in international meetings and capacity-building processes. Mr. Sadek said that ESCWA was communicating with all official negotiators appointed by countries, regardless of the ministry they represented.

D. ACTIONS TAKEN IN THE FIELD OF WATER RESOURCES SINCE THE ELEVENTH  
SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES  
(Agenda item 7)

12. Under this item, the Committee considered document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/6 in two parts. Ms. Souraya Zein, Assistant Economic Affairs Officer in the ESCWA Water Resources Section, presented document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/6(Part I) on implementing water resource activities since the eleventh session of the Committee under the ESCWA programme of work for the biennium 2015-2016. Those activities focused on managing shared water resources, supporting the drafting of the framework convention on shared water resources between Arab countries, evaluating the impact of climate change, building negotiation capacity on climate change issues, implementing the MDG+ Initiative and the 2030 Agenda, the integrated management of water resources, the water-energy-food nexus, and the related regional workshops and expert group meetings.

13. Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief of the ESCWA Water Resources Section, presented document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/6(Part II) on activities implemented pursuant to recommendations made by the Committee on Water Resources at its eleventh session and those still being implemented, under the ESCWA programme of work. Activities included preparing publications, holding expert group meetings, building capacity, providing advisory services and technical assistance, implementing field projects on the integrated

management of water resources to support the SDGs, promoting regional cooperation on transboundary water issues and the water-energy-food nexus, and tackling climate change and disaster risk reduction.

14. In the ensuing discussion, participants commended ongoing efforts by the ESCWA secretariat and the importance of continual communication between the secretariat and Committee members on progress at the national level and challenges facing countries. They reaffirmed their appreciation for efforts by ESCWA and the Arab Countries Water Utilities Association in implementing the MDG+ Initiative, and Sida efforts.

E. PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2018-2019  
IN THE FIELD OF WATER RESOURCES  
(Agenda item 8)

15. Under this item, the Committee considered document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/7. Ms. Dima Kharbotli, Research Assistant in the ESCWA Water Resources Section, presented the proposed activities and outputs for the biennium 2018-2019 in the field of water resources, under the revised strategic framework for the biennium 2018-2019 adopted by ESCWA at its twenty-ninth session (Doha, 13-15 December 2016). Those activities aimed to assist member States in pursuing sustainable development by building strong and flexible institutions, managing natural resources with more efficiency and transparency, implementing the 2030 Agenda, facilitating dialogue on policies to strengthen food, water and energy security, and developing the necessary mechanisms to coordinate climate change adaptation measures and natural disasters.

F. DATE AND VENUE OF THE THIRTEENTH SESSION  
OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES  
(Agenda item 9)

16. Following a request by Mauritania to host the thirteenth session of the Committee on Water Resources, the ESCWA secretariat will communicate with stakeholders in Mauritania to discuss arrangements to hold the session in March 2018.

G. OTHER MATTERS  
(Agenda item 10)

17. No other matters were raised under this item.

**III. ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE  
ON WATER RESOURCES AT ITS TWELFTH SESSION**  
(Agenda item 11)

18. At its closing session, the Committee adopted the recommendations issued at its twelfth session.

**IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION**

A. DATE AND VENUE

19. The twelfth session of the Committee on Water Resources was held at the Kempinski Hotel in Amman, from 22 to 24 March 2017.

B. OPENING OF THE SESSION

20. In his capacity as Chair of the Committee's eleventh session, the representative of Tunisia, Mr. Mohamed Ayadi, opened the twelfth session. He welcomed participants, commending all who had worked tirelessly to organize the session, and thanked Jordan for its warm welcome. He highlighted the Committee's role as a platform for partnership and cooperation, and an information observatory. He said that the Tunisian constitution enshrined the right to water, called for its efficient use, and provided a legislative base for tackling



sustainable development issues. He concluded by thanking Committee members and ESCWA for their support during his chairmanship of the eleventh session of the Committee on Water Resources.

21. Ms. Majdalani gave a speech on behalf of the ESCWA Executive Secretary. She welcomed Committee members to the twelfth session, and thanked Jordan for hosting the meetings. She said that 7 of the 17 SDGs were closely linked to water and its management. Water resource management was a pillar of food security and hunger reduction. The provision of clean water and sanitation was a precondition for building healthy and sustainable cities and societies. Water resource management, whether exercised by countries individually or collectively, was an intrinsic component of sustainable development efforts. The current session was part of a series of activities organized under the Arab Water Week. ESCWA prepared its activities based on consultations with high-level officials and in close cooperation with Committee members and members States' representatives, experts and focal points tasked with following up on related issues. She considered key outcomes of cooperation between ESCWA and Committee members in the following fields: following up and implementing resolutions of the Arab Ministerial Water Council on RICCAR, monitoring progress in achieving the water and sanitation related SDGs, supporting the water-energy-food nexus in the Arab region, and promoting Arab cooperation on shared water resources.

22. She recalled the 2030 Agenda adopted by the international community in 2015 to pave the way for sustainable development, in its economic, social and environmental dimensions. ESCWA was striving to add an Arab regional dimension to the SDGs in general, and to water-related SDGs in particular. The Arab region was suffering from water scarcity, and faced significant challenges caused by the continuing Israeli occupation of Arab land, large numbers of refugees and displaced persons in the region, and protracted conflict in some countries, resulting in increased pressure on infrastructure and natural resources, especially food and water. She concluded by inviting Committee members to discuss their work priorities and identify the tasks that they wished ESCWA to undertake.

#### C. PARTICIPANTS

23. Representatives of the following 14 ESCWA member States took part in the session: Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Saudi Arabia, the State of Palestine, the Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen. The list of participants is set out in annex I to the present report.

#### D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

24. Rule 18 of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia provides that member States shall chair the sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on a rotating basis, in the Arabic alphabetical order employed by the United Nations.\* Accordingly, after Tunisia had chaired the eleventh session of the Committee the Sudan assumed the Chair of the twelfth session of the Committee on Water Resources, represented by Mr. Abu Obeida Hassan, Director General of the Hydrology and Water Resources Division of the Hydraulics Research Centre of the Ministry of Water Resources, Irrigation and Electricity, in accordance with the Arabic alphabetical order, given that the Syrian Arab Republic was unable to attend. The representative of Tunisia, Mr. Mohamed Ayadi, and the representative of Iraq, Mr. Jamal Mohsen Ali, assumed the position of Vice-Chairs and the representative of Oman, Mr. Rached ben Yahya Al-Abri, that of Rapporteur, as it was previously agreed to designate the Chair of the previous and next sessions as Vice-Chairs, and the representative of the country that will chair the Committee after two sessions as Rapporteur.

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\* The Arabic alphabetized list of ESCWA member States is as follows: Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Tunisia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Iraq, Oman, the State of Palestine, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Egypt, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

#### E. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF WORK

25. At its first meeting, the Committee adopted the agenda of its twelfth session as set out in document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/L.1.

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
4. Water in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:
  - (a) The water-related Sustainable Development Goals;
  - (b) The water-energy nexus in the Arab region.
5. Arab cooperation on shared water resources.
6. Regional cooperation for climate change adaptation in the Arab region.
7. Actions taken in the field of water resources since the eleventh session of the Committee on Water Resources:
  - (a) Implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its eleventh session;
  - (b) Implementation of activities under the ESCWA programme of work.
8. Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019 in the field of water resources.
9. Date and venue of the thirteenth session of the Committee on Water Resources.
10. Other matters.
11. Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee on Water Resources at its twelfth session.

26. At the same session, the Committee also adopted the proposed organization of work, contained in document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/L.2.

#### F. DOCUMENTS

27. The list of documents (E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/INF.2) presented to the Committee on Water Resources at its twelfth session is set out in annex II to the present report.

Annex I

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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Annex II

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

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Title	Item	Symbol
Information note		E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/INF.1
Provisional agenda and annotations	3	E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/L.1
Organization of work	3	E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/L.2
Water in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	4	E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/3
The water-related Sustainable Development Goals	4 (a)	E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/3(Part I)
The water-energy nexus in the Arab region	4 (b)	E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/3(Part II)
Arab cooperation on shared water resources	5	E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/4
Regional cooperation for climate change adaptation in the Arab region	6	E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/5
Actions taken in the field of water resources since the eleventh session of the Committee on Water Resources	7	E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/6
Implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its eleventh session	7 (a)	E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/6(Part I)
Implementation of activities under the ESCWA programme of work	7 (b)	E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/6(Part II)
Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019 in the field of water resources	8	E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/7

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