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First Consultation in the Arab Region to prepare for the 2023 Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Water Action Decade
Beirut, 24 February 2021

AGENDA

Session I	Opening and Overview
Facilitator:	Ms. Joelle Comair, Water Expert, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA
9:45 – 10:00	Test your connection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants are invited to log in to the MS Teams platform up to 15 minutes before the meeting to test their connection
10:00 – 10:10	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ms. Roula Majdalani, Cluster Leader, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA</i>
10:10 – 10:20	Tour de table
10:20 – 10:30	Setting the stage: Water Action Decade preparatory process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA</i>
10:30 – 10:35	Questions
Session II	Formulating a Roadmap for Arab Regional Preparations
10:35 – 11:00	Planning for the regional preparatory meeting <i>Moderator: Mr. Ziad Khayat, Coordinator, IWRM for Improved Water Security, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For discussion: timeline, duration, cross-sectoral scope, level and types of engagement
11:00 – 11:20	Preparing the regional contribution to the Midterm Comprehensive Review report <i>Moderator: Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For discussion: regional priority areas, soliciting inputs, format, length, timeline
11:20 – 11:40	Engaging regional stakeholders in the preparatory process and the Decade <i>Moderator: Mr. Ziad Khayat, ESCWA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For discussion: engaging national/regional stakeholders; contributing activities/events

Session III Commitments and Next Steps

Moderator: Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA

11:40 – 12:00 Open discussion:

- Confirmations of commitment to support regional preparatory process
- Preliminary expressions of substantive and financial contributions to the regional preparatory process
- Proposed next steps

Closing remarks