

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
"WOMEN IN WATER MANAGEMENT"
Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco, 26-28 March 2007

PROGRAM

Monday March 26th

10:00-11:00 Opening ceremony

- 10:00-10:20 Pr Rachid Benmokhtar, President of Al Akhawayn University and President of the Observatory for the National Initiative for Human Development in Morocco
10:20-10:30 Mr Samir Bensaid, Director Cooperation and Communication, National Office for Potable Water in Morocco
10:30-10:40 . Ms Alexandra Pres, Head of Water Portfolio, InWEnt, Berlin, Germany
10:40-10:50: Mrs Renée Clair, Division of Fundamental Sciences and Engineering, UNESCO, Paris
10:50-11:00: Mr Philippe Quéau, Head of UNESCO Multi-Countries Office for Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Mauritania and Tunisia

11:00-11:30: Coffee Break and Press Communication

11:30- 13:00 Session I:

Women in Water Management: Means and Not End

Chairpersons: Pr Ahmed Legrouri, Dean, School of Science and Engineering, AUI, Morocco and Dr. Nadia Juhari, Sustainable Development Expert, Jordan

- 11:30-11:40: Mrs Nadereh Chamlou, Senior Adviser, Office of the Chief Economist, Middle East and North Africa Region, The World Bank (Video Communication)
11:40-12:00: Dr. Asma El Kasmi, UNESCO Chair "Water, Women and Decision Power"
"Women in Water Management: Specific challenges linked to Arab countries"
12:00-12:20: Ms. Alexandra Pres, Head of Water Portfolio, InWEnt
"Building functional regional networks in the MENA region in water sectors: role of women"
12:20- 13:00: Discussion

13:00-14:30: Lunch Break

14:30- 18:30 Session II:

Situation in MENA Countries: Existing capacity building activities, lessons learned, limitations and opportunities.

Chairpersons: Mr Mokhtar Jaait, Head of Division for Water Resources, National Office for Potable Water, Morocco and Ms Claire A. Kfourri, Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist, Middle East and North Africa Region, The World Bank

- 14:30-14:50: Dr Nadia Juhari, Sustainable Development Expert, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN-WESCAN), Jordan

- 14:50-15:10: Dr. Arwa Humadi, Head of GIS Department, Local Water and Sanitation Corporation-Aden, Yemen
- 15:10- 15:30: Dr. Rasha El-Kholy- GEWAMED (Mainstreaming Gender Dimensions into Water Resources Development and Management in the Mediterranean Region), Egypt
- 15:30- 15:50: Dr. Mona Fakih -Head of Department of Hydraulic, Notre Dame University, Lebanon

15:50-16:10 Coffee Break

- 16:10- 16:30: Mrs Sonia Bellache, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Algeria
- 16:30- 16:50: Mrs Jamila Tarhouni, Head of Water Sciences and Technology Laboratory, INAT, Tunisia
- 16:50- 17:10: Dr. Asma El Kasmi, National Office for Potable Water in Morocco
- 17:10- 17:20: Pr. Guemouria Noura, Faculty of Sciences Semlalia, Marrakech, Morocco
- 17:20- 18:30: Discussion

Tuesday March 27th

9h-9:30 Report and summary of the results of day 1

Dr. Bouziane Zaid, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, AUI

9:30-13:00 Session III

Programs and mechanisms for strengthening women's capacities in water sectors within international organisations:

Chairpersons: Dr. Arwa Humadi, Water and Sanitation Corporation, Aden, Yemen and Mrs Jamila Tarhouni, Head of Water Sciences and Technology Laboratory, INAT, Tunisia

- 9:30- 9:50: Ms Alexandra Pres, Head of Water Portfolio, InWEnt
- 9:50- 10:10: Ms Claire A. Kfourri, Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist, The World Bank
- 10:10- 10:30: Mrs Renée Clair, Division of Fundamental Sciences and Engineering, UNESCO, Paris
- 10:30- 10:50: Mr Reza Najib, Integrated Natural Resources Management Officer, FAO

10:50-11:10 Coffee Break

- 11:10- 11:30: Mrs Nadia Bechraoui, Energy and Environment Programme Specialist, UNDP, Tunisia
- 11:30- 11:50: Dr. Youssef Filali-Meknassi, Head of Sciences Department, UNESCO Multi-Countries Office for Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Mauritania and Tunis
- 11:50- 12:30: Discussion

12:30-14:15: Lunch Break + Campus Tour

14:15-15:30 Presentation and Dialogue

Mr. Atem Ramsundersingh, Senior Program Officer, World Bank Institute
Leadership and Change of Water Sector Organizations: values women represent in providing leadership to the water sector

15:30-15:50 Coffee Break

15:50-18:00 Round Table I

Towards achieving more efficient roles for women in water management

Moderators: Mr. Atem S. Ramsundersingh, Senior Program Officer, World Bank Institute; Dr. Asma El Kasmi, UNESCO Chair, Morocco

1. How can strategies for women empowerment be used in strengthening women's capacities in water,
2. How can capacity building measures in water specifically target women
3. How to capitalize and use existing initiatives (national, regional, international)
4. Role to be played by participants and their institutions
5. What support could be provided by UNESCO/InWEnt/WBI/WB/FAO

19:30 GALA DINER

Wednesday March 28th

9h-9:30 Report and summary of the results of day 2

Pr Ahmed Legrouri, School of Science and Engineering, AUI

9:30-11:00 Round Table II

Road map towards building a functional regional network

Moderators: Ms. Khadouja Mellouli, Program Officer, Centre of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR); Ms Alexandra Pres, Head of Water Portfolio, InWEn

1. Strategic action plan
2. Follow-up measures
3. Activities for 2007-2008

11:00-11:20 Coffee Break

11:20-12:30 Closing Session and Press Release

Dr. Asma El Kasmi, UNESCO Chair & Dr. Bouziane Zaid, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, AUI

12:30-14:00: Lunch Break

14:00 – 22:00 CULTURAL VISIT TO THE CITY OF FES