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Third Consultation in the Arab Region to prepare for the 2023 Midterm Comprehensive Review
of the Water Action Decade
Beirut, 14 September 2021

Agenda

Session I Opening

- 15:45 – 16:00 Test your connection
 - Participants are invited to log in to the MS Teams platform up to 15 minutes before the meeting to test their connection and informally exchange with colleagues

- 16:00 – 16:05 Opening remarks
 - Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Director, Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA

- 16:05 – 16:10 Tour de table

Session II Global Preparations and Arab Regional Roadmap

- Moderator: Mr. Ziad Khayat, Coordinator, IWRM for Improved Water Security, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA

- 16:10 – 16:25 Briefing on global preparations for the Water Action Decade Midterm Comprehensive Review
 - Mr. Federico Properzi, Chief Technical Adviser, Technical Advisory Unit, UN-Water

Discussion

- 16:25 – 16:30 Update on regional roadmap for the Water Action Decade Midterm Comprehensive Review
 - Ms. Joelle Comair, Water Expert, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA

- 16:30 – 16:50 Briefings on upcoming regional forums (2-3 minutes by the leads for each meeting)
 - 5th Arab Water Forum (21-23 September 2021)
 - Cairo Water Week (24-28 October)
 - High Level Meeting on Water Scarcity (17 November 2021)
 - WSTA 14th Gulf Water Conference (13-15 February 2022)
 - MENA Climate Week (tbc, 2-3 March 2022)

- Arab Forum for Sustainable Development (15-17 March 2022)
- Groundwater Summit / regional preparations (tbd)

Discussion

Session III	Next Steps
Facilitator:	Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA
16:50 – 16:55	Planning for the regional preparatory meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For discussion: scheduling, duration, ministerial/technical levels, champions (government, civil society, youth), cross-sectoral engagement, partner contributions
16:55 – 17:00	Any other business
17:00	Closing