### AGENDA

**Wednesday, 29 November 2017**

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<td>8:30 – 9:00</td>
<td><strong>Registration</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>The meeting will be held in Al-Hambra Hall, level -2, Intercontinental City Stars Hotel.</em>&lt;br&gt; <em>Sponsored participants are kindly asked to bring their passport, visa stamp and airline ticket stub to the meeting.</em></td>
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<td>9:00 – 9:30</td>
<td><strong>Opening Statements</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Moderator: Mr. Hammou Laamrani, Integrated Senior Expert, Department of Environment, Housing and Water Resources and Sustainable Development, League of Arab States, Egypt</em>&lt;br&gt; <em>• Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Lebanon&lt;br&gt;• Mr. Djamal Eldine Djaballah, Director, Department of Environment, Housing and Water Resources and Sustainable Development, League of Arab States, Egypt</em>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Tour de Table</strong>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Review of the Agenda</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>• Mr. Ziad Khayat, First Economic Affairs Officer, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA, Lebanon</em>&lt;br&gt; <strong>Discussion</strong></td>
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<td>9:30 – 11:00</td>
<td><strong>Session 1: Legal Instruments of International Water Law</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Moderator: Mr. Seifeldin Abdalla Hamad, Head, Technical Organ, Ministry of Water Resources and Electricity, Sudan</em>&lt;br&gt; <strong>9:30 – 9:45</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Shared Water Resources in the Arab Region: An Overview&lt;br&gt;• Mr. Ziad Khayat, ESCWA</em></td>
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  • Ms. Lena Salame, International Transboundary Water Expert, France

10:00 – 10:15  Discussion

10:15 – 10:30  Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
  • Ms. Chantal Demilecamps, Environment Affairs Officer, Secretariat of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Switzerland

10:30 – 10:45  Draft Articles of the Law of Transboundary Aquifers
  • Ms. Raya Stephan, International Transboundary Water Expert/ESCWA Consultant, France

10:45 – 11:00  Discussion

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00  Session 2: The 2030 Agenda from a Shared Water Perspective

  **Moderator:** Mr. Dhimi Belkassem, in charge of tasks to the General Secretary, General Secretariat, State Secretariat in charge of Water, Morocco

11:30 – 11:45  Pursuing SDG 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 in a Shared Water Resources Management Context
  • Mr. Khaldon Khashman, Secretary-General, Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA), Jordan

11:45 – 12:00  Discussion

12:00 – 12:15  Addressing Water Scarcity (SDG 6.4) in the 2030 Agenda
  • Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA

12:15 – 12:30  Discussion

12:30 – 12:45  Measuring and Monitoring Transboundary Water Cooperation (SDG 6.5)
  • Ms. Chantal Demilecamps, UNECE

12:45 – 13:00  Discussion

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch

14:00 – 15:00  Session 3: Regional Experiences in Shared Water Cooperation: Recent Developments

  **Moderator:** H.E. Hussein El-Atfy, Former Minister of Water and Irrigation, Egypt; Secretary General, Arab Water Council, Egypt

14:00 – 15:15  Iraqi Perspective on Accessing to Global Conventions
  • Mr. Murtadha Al-Sudani, Researcher, Planning and Follow-up Department, International Water Studies Section, Ministry of Water Resources, Iraq
14:15 – 14:30  Cooperation on the Nubian Sandstone Aquifer  
- Mr. Khalid AbuZeid, Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE), Egypt

14:30 – 14:45  Discussion

14:45 – 15:00  Shared Water Resources Management Under Occupation  
- Mr. Deeb Abdelghafour, Director General, Palestinian Water Authority, State of Palestine

15:00 – 15:20  Managing Shared Water Resources in Tunisia: Surface Water and Groundwater Perspectives  
- Mr. Abderrahman Ouasli, Director of Office of Planning and Water Balances, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia  
- Badiaa Chelli, Professor, Georesources, Water Research and Technologies Centre (CERTE)

15:20 – 15:30  Discussion

15:30 – 15:45  Coffee Break

15:45 – 16:45  Session 4: Improving Shared Water Cooperation for Water Security in the Arab Region

**Moderator:**  
Mr. Ziad Khayat, ESCWA

15:45 – 16:15  Small group discussions on improving transboundary water cooperation in the Arab Region.

- Legal and institutional strengthening  
  - Facilitated by Ms. Raya Stephan, France

- Research and scientific cooperation  
  - Facilitated by Mr. Hammou Laamrani, League of Arab States

- Water-energy-food nexus in a transboundary setting  
  - Facilitated by Mr. Bisher Imam, UNESCO Cairo Office

- Shared water cooperation for water security in the regional context  
  - Facilitated by Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA

16:15 – 16:45  Reporting on Outcomes of Group Discussions

16:45 – 17:00  **Closing Remarks**  
- Mr Djamal Eldine Djaballah, League of Arab States  
- Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA

17:00  End of Day 1
Thursday, 30 November 2017
(Al-Gauhara Hall, level -1, Intercontinental City Stars Hotel)
Closed Meeting by Invitation Only
Meeting of the Committee for the Draft Guidance Principles for
Shared Water Cooperation between Arab States

9:00 – 10:00  Session 1: Draft Guidance Principles for Shared Water Cooperation between Arab Countries
- Opening Statement
  - Mr. Djamal Eldine Djaballah, Director, Department of Environment, Housing and Water Resources and Sustainable Development, League of Arab States, Egypt
- Shared Water Cooperation Guidelines and Principles: Evolution and status
  - Mr. Hammou Laamrani, Integrated Senior Expert, Department of Environment, Housing and Water Resources, Economic Sector, League of Arab States
- Presenting the Draft Guidance Principles for Shared Water Cooperation between Arab Countries
  - Ms. Raya Stephan, International Transboundary Water Expert/ESCWA Consultant, France

10:00 – 10:30  Coffee Break

10:30 – 13:30  Session 2: Discussion on the Draft Guidance Principles for Shared Water Cooperation between Arab Countries
Facilitator: Mr. Hammou Laamrani, League of Arab States

13:30 – 14:30  Lunch

14:30 – 15:30  Session 3: Capacity Building for Arab Countries Negotiators on Shared Water Resources
Facilitator: Mr. Ziad Khayat, First Economic Affairs Officer, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA
Discussion

15:30 – 16:00  Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:30  Session 4: Moving Forward and Conclusions
Facilitator: Mr. Djamal Eldine Djaballah, League of Arab States
- Discussions on next steps
- Preliminary conclusions of the Committee on the Draft Guidance Principles for Shared Water Cooperation between Arab States

16:30  End of Meeting