Water, Energy, Food Security Nexus in the MENA Region

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Why a nexus study in the MENA region

The Project’s core objectives

➢ Identify entry points, processes and partners for WEF nexus mainstreaming into regional and national policies and institutions in the MENA region

➢ Through adoption of a nexus approach support to national SDG implementation and climate change adaptation
Which nexus? Resources & Securities
What is a WEF nexus approach?

The WEF nexus approach provides new opportunities for:

- Increasing resource efficiencies
- Reducing resource scarcities
- Improving human well being
- Supporting political stability

By addressing the interdependencies between the respective resources (water, energy, land), human securities (water, energy, food, WEF) and sustainable development.
Implementation approach of the WEF nexus

1. Evidence base: contextualization of the nexus approach
2. Identification of cross-sectoral institutional and governance structures
3. Identification of a steering body at regional level
4. A regional policy guiding document on mainstreaming WEF nexus
5. Guidelines for policy integration in selected countries
Implementation modalities

Key basis of an iterative and continuous involvement of stakeholders from all relevant sectors:

- starting from critical (country-specific) nexus issues and inter-linkages, which serve as incentive for the different sectors to join our exercise;
- built up of a nexus knowledge base - from the evidence base, towards national and regional guidelines;
- aiming at up-scaling and transfer of the pilot country outcomes to the LAS region.
National WEF nexus steps

Assisting countries to have a nexus vision:

1. **Evidence Base** on resources and human security situation and trends in the region and in the pilot countries
2. **Institutional and Capacity Assessment** based on a review of the most important strategies, policies and institutional arrangements and on interviews with key stakeholders
3. **Guidelines for mainstreaming of the WEF Nexus** to be jointly developed with the concerned stakeholders for implementation at national and regional level
Thank you!