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The Water Forum for the EMA Region

*Environmental Protection and Water Management:
Sustainable Cooperation and Know-How-Transfer in the EMA Region*

Hamburg, March 11th & 12th 2010
Location: Chamber of Commerce





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A comprehensive water forum for the EMA Region

A vital challenge of our time is the availability of water resources. In particular, the countries of the EMA region face serious problems due to scarcity of high-quality potable water. On the other hand, the right to clean drinking water is advocated for worldwide, as by the United Nations which have made it a centerpiece within the Millennium Development Goals.

Due to their expertise, German companies and institutions can offer relevant incentives and innovative solutions.

So far, cooperation between Germany and other EMA countries has primarily been apprehended in a bilateral manner – a multilateral Water Panel for the EMA Region has not been established yet.

Due to this mounting need of action, the Water Forum of the EMA Region will offer supra-regional experts of science, economics and politics the opportunity to present and to discuss relevant aspects on water in a supra-regional context.

Key areas of the Water Forum

1. Socio-cultural foundations of water rights;
Regional disputes on water distribution
2. Integrated water resources management
3. Water pollution
4. Innovative water management
5. Water treatment
6. Waste water disposal

A special focus will be directed to the attending countries Morocco, Syria and Jordan:

Morocco

The past pluvial winter should not mislead the countries' water scarcity. To date, in addition to the main water consumer, the agricultural sector, booming tourism further increases water exhaustion. Furthermore, forest clearance endangers sustainable water recovery, and polluted water reservoirs threaten people's health, especially the rural population.

➤ *Current tenders and investments:*

Morocco will invest approximately € 1.5 billion in improving the drinking water supply and water preparation within the next years. In addition, twenty new dams are planned to be constructed until 2020.

Syria

The repercussions of water exploitation and the subsequent scarcity are evident in Syria as well. Especially inefficient water preparation and pollution of resources by waste water put the supply of potable water and agricultural production in danger. Hence, experts call for an integrated water resource management and the development of further investment ventures.

➤ *Current tenders and investments:*

In order to improve water preparation and infrastructure, Syria builds on foreign cooperation and investment. Projects, such as the modernization



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of water pipelines in Aleppo, funded by German KfW bank for development in amount of € 50 million, offer good business opportunities for the German economy.

Jordan

As the desert makes up 80% of the country, capacities for agriculture are limited. Nevertheless, enormous amounts of water are consumed for irrigation, and thus exploiting the already scarce ground water resources. In addition, infrastructure needs to be strengthened and waste water disposal to be enhanced. The rationing of water resulting from scarcity is susceptible to affect health, notably due to contaminated pipe lines or to use of water distributed by private businesses without any control mechanism.

➤ *Current tenders and investments:*

Besides projects in water supply and waste water disposal, Jordan will continue its venture of connecting the Red and Dead Seas by means of a canal. Once built, this canal ought to transport water over a distance of 350 kilometers.

Morocco, Syria and Jordan all encounter similar challenges which need to be addressed, in order to commonly find sustainable solutions. German know-how can advantageously be involved in a great range of projects.

Registration and Information

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- I would like to register for the Water Forum of the EMA Region on March 11th 2010.

Participation : € 50,-

Participation fees include, amongst others, catering services.

Please note that participation is limited to the availability of seats.

- Please send me further information on the Water Forum for the EMA Region and other EMA projects.

- I am interested in the framework program of March 12th 2010.

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- I would like to present my institution/my business at the Water Forum of the EMA Region. (cf. www.ema-germany.org)

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Enterprise/Institution

Position

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Your information will be treated confidentially and not be made accessible to others.

Place, date

Signature





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Programme

(conférence : languages German, Arabic)

9-10 a.m.: Reception

- Welcoming, information offer, meet&greet

10-11 a.m.: Reception speech and conference opening

- Organizers and guests of honor

11-12.30 a.m.: Panel 1 & 2

- P1: Socio-cultural foundations of water rights;
regional disputes on water distribution (hall I)
- P2: Integrated water resources management (hall II)

- Keynote speeches & discussion

12.30-1.30 p.m.: Lunch

1.30-3 p.m.: Panel 3 & 4

- P3 : Water pollution (hall I)
- P4 : Innovative water management (hall II)

- Keynote speeches & discussion

3-3.30 pm: Coffee break

3.30 – 5 p.m.: Panel 5 & 6

- Water treatment (hall I)
- Waste water disposal (hall II)

- Keynote speeches & discussion

5-7 p.m: Final colloquium

- Adoption of the *Hamburg Declaration for Water*

7 p.m.: Welcoming at the Hamburg City Hall

- Reception & visit

Framework Program (on request)

Friday, March 12th 2010

9.30-12.30 a.m.: business tour I

12.30-14.00 a.m.: luncheon discussion

14.30-17.00 a.m.: business tour II



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About EMA

The Euro-Mediterranean Association for Cooperation and Development e.V. (EMA) is committed to the economic, political, and socio-cultural cooperation between Germany and countries of the Mediterranean region and the Middle East, in order to promote peace and understanding. By bringing together entrepreneurs or organizations representing civil society, EMA aspires to intensify communication and cultural understanding between business partners of the region. In this spirit EMA is also organizing the Water Forum.

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