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Module 1.

Voices from the field. Combining water accounting and water governance in five NENA countries

Water security is a critical determinant of food security around the globe. It is also a catalyst for inclusive and equitable growth that empowers farmers economically, builds their resilience to shocks, supports rural communities, and reduces inequality. Furthermore, sustainable management of water resources is vital to protect the ecosystems from degradation and support the needs of future generations.

However, the challenges to achieving water security remain significant, especially in countries with arid conditions. The latest figures for the indicators of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 "Ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all" are seriously alarming. Humanity is off track to achieve SDG 6. On the other hand, it is broadly recognized that the negative outcomes in the water domain are not only determined by the state of the infrastructure but also by the governance of water. Typically, governance challenges include a lack of technical and financial capacities, poor coordination among stakeholders, access to data, and overlapping of roles and responsibilities with a plurality of water tenure systems.

The 2030 Agenda calls for a 'transformational' change in managing strategic resources, such as water, land and energy. Such change requires that concerned stakeholders and national policy-makers apply multisectoral and integrated approaches. Countries need to strategically plan

Module 2.

Going global. Key water governance priorities and insights for the future

their water resources management and allocation, strengthen synergies between their water, agricultural, and other pertinent policies, and rethink governance and institutions. Within the framework of the project "Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Water Efficiency, Productivity and Sustainability in the Near East and North Africa Countries" (WEPS-NENA), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) developed a methodological framework for water governance analysis, which has been piloted in Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, and Tunisia.

The water governance analysis methodological framework builds on the FAO governance framework paper - [Focus on Governance \(2022\)](#) - and translates its four-step approach for governance analysis into practical processes and actions for policy reform and interventions related to water management and use.

The increased use of governance analysis in combination with technical assessments has the potential to help decision-makers identify the most appropriate and realistic ways to achieve water efficiency, productivity, and sustainability, while at the same time increasing the capacity of agriculture to end hunger, food insecurity, and malnutrition. It also allows FAO to accelerate the impact of its work and support countries in leading a transformational change in managing strategic resources such as water.

About the webinar series

The series of webinars on ‘Water Governance Analysis for Transformational Change’ will first be an opportunity to draw lessons and share experiences from the last two years and pilot governance analyses undertaken in five countries in the NENA region. Second, it will open up to other regions and networks to understand some of the dynamics in water governance at the global level, and reflect on the way forward to strengthen water governance for people, the planet and prosperity.

The **first module** will start on **7 November 2022** with a general introduction to the water governance analysis methodological framework and how it was applied in Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, and Tunisia. Then, there will be six webinars, once a week, focusing on each of the five countries with two sessions for Morocco, ending on 21 December 2022. This work is organized under the WEPS-NENA project funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

The **second module** will start on **11 January 2023** and will focus on lessons that can be drawn from the analyses undertaken and possible priorities for the NENA region. Introductory presentations will also elaborate on water tenure and water governance interconnectedness

and differences. The module will continue with other webinars moving around the world with examples from Europe, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean, broadening the scope of the use of water governance analysis and looking at other methodologies and experiences. The speakers will help envision how to further support the increased use of governance analysis to ensure water security. This module will involve experts in the field including water tenure experts engaged in the FAO Knowing Water Better (KnoWat) project and the inter-Regional Technical Platform on Water Scarcity (iRTP-WS).

In addition to speakers, the webinars will also engage water sector ‘reform champions’ from the concerned countries as well as local stakeholders. The series will involve a Q&A session with facilitation by master’s students at the Paris School of International Affairs (Sciences Po Paris).

The series targets interested people involved in water management and governance, and in economic sectors of use, agriculture *in primis*. The target audience includes FAO staff, stakeholders working in the public sector, decision-makers, development practitioners, academics, and others.

Certificate of achievement

FAO will provide a digital certificate of achievement to participants who:

- Attend at least 4 sessions of Module 1 and 2 sessions of Module 2; and
- Obtain a score of no less than 70% in the written test at the end of each module.

N.B. Participants must use the same email address to register to allow monitoring of participation.

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Recording: All sessions will be recorded and made available on the [iRTP-WS](#).



Module 1. Voices from the field. Combining water accounting and water governance in countries of the Near East and North Africa

The first session will start at 13.30 (CET) and will last 1 hour.

Each of the following sessions will start at 13:00 (CET) and will last 1.5 hours.

Sessions of Module 1 will be either in English or French with interpretation available into the second language.

Date and time (CET)	Session no.	Title	Speaker/presenter	Zoom link
7 November 2022 13.30 - 14.30	1	Introduction to water governance analysis methodological framework and overview of case studies in five countries of the NENA region	Dubravka Bojic, Programme Officer, Governance and Policy, FAO, Rome Julie Trottier, Research Director CNRS & FAO consultant	https://fao.zoom.us/j/91422445677 Passcode: 11697783
9 November 2022 15.30 - 17.00	Special event	Public Consultation on the Roadmap on the Global Dialogue on Water Tenure.	FAO and ELI, KnoWat Project	https://fao.zoom.us/j/91422445677 Passcode: 11697783
16 November 2022 13:00 - 14:30	2	Water governance analysis in Morocco (1/2) Governance of the water-energy-food nexus in Souss Massa area in Morocco	Lahcen Kenny, IAV Hassan II Morocco & FAO Consultant, Morocco	https://fao.zoom.us/j/91422445677
23 November 2022 13:00 - 14:30	3	Water governance analysis in Tunisia Cas de la Basse vallée de la Medjerdah	Ali Khouk, Hydraulic Expert, FAO Consultant, Tunisia Hafsia Leghrissi, FAO Consultant, Tunisia	https://fao.zoom.us/j/91422445677
30 November 2022 13:00 - 14:30	4	Water governance analysis in Morocco (2/2) Analysis of water governance in the Berrechid plain	Khadija Bourarrach, FAO Consultant, Morocco Ehssan El Meknassi Yousseffi, FAO Consultant, Morocco	https://fao.zoom.us/j/91422445677
7 December 2022 13:00 - 14:30	5	Water governance analysis in Lebanon Water auditing in Al-Kalb River Basin: Opportunities amid unprecedented challenges	Georges Gharios, FAO Consultant, Lebanon	https://fao.zoom.us/j/91422445677
14 December 2022 13:00 - 14:30	6	Water governance analysis in Palestine Water auditing in the Al Faraa watershed	Speakers TBC	https://fao.zoom.us/j/91422445677
21 December 2022 13:00 - 14:30	7	Water governance analysis in Jordan Water auditing in the North Jordan Valley	Speakers TBC	https://fao.zoom.us/j/91422445677



Module 2. Going global. Key water governance priorities and insights for future

Details for this module will be provided in December 2022

Date and time (CET)	Session no.	Title	Speaker/presenter	Zoom link
11 January 2023 13:00 - 14:30	1	Reflecting on lessons from the NENA region with focus on water tenure and water governance	FAO RNE	https://fao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_U6V04gK4T0WhU-br8u5ZUgQ
18 January 2023 13:00 - 14:30	2	Reflecting on lessons from using different approaches to analyze water governance & water Tenure	Speakers TBC	https://fao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mv5Ez2rMS-qi0AADybgQwAg
25 January 2023 13:00 - 14:30	3	Water governance & water tenure in Asia (FAO RAP), Latin America and the Caribbean (FAO LAC)	FAO RAP and LAC	https://fao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OVDSsVq1SlqLIZhMuXdz1Q
1 February 2023 13:00 - 14:30	4	Water governance for building alternatives within the 2030 agenda	FAO HQ	https://fao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Qot-LD7RcS7KYYRqiEKFoww



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