Supporting Regional Governance in the Lower Jordan River

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About SIWI

The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) is a policy institute that contributes to international efforts to combat the world’s escalating water crisis.

• Head office in Stockholm, Sweden; Africa Regional Center in Pretoria, South Africa
• Hosting UNESCO centre ”International Centre for Water Cooperation”
• 70 staff members + 10 associated experts
• Non-profit, politically neutral
• Founded in 1991
• Supported by the Swedish government, City of Stockholm and founders of the Stockholm Water Prize.
• Programmes and activities also funded by multi- and bilateral donors and international organisations/agencies.
What SIWI does

Providing advice, tools, methods to support decision makers

Generating knowledge through applied research and expert studies

Strengthening capacity through global training programs

Building global networks and recognizing achievements at the World Water Week
SIWI as a partner in the Lower Jordan River

- Partner in the **Regional NGO Master Plan** for Sustainable Development in the Lower Jordan River Program 2012-2015 with EcoPeace and GNF
- Convenor of **two regional seminars** 2012, 2014
- Convenor of **World Water Week Seminar** on Regional NGO Master Planning effort
- **Facilitated dialogue** to harmonize bi-lateral and multi-lateral donor priorities surrounding investment
- Identify hurdles and **propose options** to enable investments
SIWI Exploring Regional Governance Options: Project Overview

• SIWI is contracted by EcoPeace
• Project is funded by Sida

- **Objective**: “To produce a policy tool to support EcoPeace Middle East in advancing regional cooperation for the adoption of a transboundary governance institution “
- **Builds on** the Regional NGO Master Plan’s governance interventions
- **Draws upon** global relevant practices
Exploring Potential Governance Structures for the Lower Jordan River

A regional governance structure is a social-political process derived from the needs of the users and the geo-political context.

- **Method**: SIWI asks key questions and presents a range of policy options drawn from global practice.

- **Deliverable**: A *policy tool* which will enable EcoPeace and other users to discuss various governance options including responsible national authorities.
Key Questions support regional dialogue

Examples of key questions:
- What type of basin organization do you want? Examples: Commission, RBO, Council, Joint Committee
- What type of basin agreement/instrument do you want? Examples: Agreement, Treaty, Exchange of Notes
- What type of mandate?

Options of regional governance:
- Proposed scenarios will be explored with implications for the articles in the agreement/instrument identified.
- SIWI will only propose different options - NOT suggest what is “right” or “correct” for regional stakeholders.
- Aim is to inform discussions on potential regional governance structures drawn from SIWI’s diverse global experience.
Process approach to support the regional dialogue

**Part 1**

Step 1. What type of basin organisation is the most suitable?
(Commission, RBO, Council, Authority etc)

- Determines

Step 2. What type of basin institution will fulfil the requirements of the MBC?
(Agreement, Treaty, Exchange of Notes etc)

- Determines

- Contents of MBC Instrument

**Part 2**

**Generic Structure of the MBC Instrument**

- Article 1. Preamble & Principles
- Article 2. Objectives of the Instrument
- Article 3. Composition of Commission
- Article 4. Functions and Duties of the Commission
- Article 5. Rules of Procedure of the Commission
- Article 6. Financial Arrangements
- Article 7. Dispute Resolution Mechanisms
- Article 8. Entry into force and Validity

**Part 3**

Outline of Communication Plan

- Determines
May 2015: SIWI Contracted by EcoPeace

June 2015: Inception Report & Presentation

Aug 2015: Draft Report Submitted to EcoPeace

Nov 2015: 2nd Draft Submitted to EcoPeace

Jan 2016: Final Policy Tool Submitted to EcoPeace

2016: Presentation at International Conference on Regional Governance in the Lower Jordan River

Ongoing throughout: EcoPeace discussions with national, regional stakeholders
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Thank you!
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