

Egypt

Ministry of Water Resources
and Irrigation

Objectives of the MWRI

- Management all the water sources.
- Planning , Designing , Construction , Maintenance of Irrigation & Drainage system.
- Development of water resources.
- Maintaining the surface & ground water from pollution.

The Egyptian National Focal Point

- In 1998 , the Main Information Center in the ministry has been chosen to be the Egyptian NFP.

Objectives of the Main Information Center

- Collecting and verification data which concerns the various sectors of the ministry through the Intranet.
- Designing and updating the website of the ministry.
- Management the users of the Internet and supplying the various methods of protection.

Cooperation with EMWIS

- In May 2001 , Antonio Vera (from TU) visited the ministry , met some of the leaders of the ministry and explained the objectives of EMWIS.
- In May 2002, a committee from the European commission visited the ministry to monitor the progress realized by the Egyptian NFP.
- Since 1999 till now, Egypt has participated in all the meetings held through EMWIS .

Obstacles

- A governmental fund was not available to support the Egyptian NFP but lastly there is an agreement between the MWRI and Italian Embassy in Cairo to implement the program of “Strengthening of Main Information Center (MIC) of the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (MWRI) in its capacity of National Focal Point for EMWIS project (partially fund)
- The program is still in its inception phase .

Obstacles (continued)

- Egypt still has its restraint on the following :
 - 1- Publishing data about any country is the responsibility of the country itself. (Thematic Directory)
 - 2- Cooperation with any organization must be preceded by an agreement of the countries .