

MEDA Water



Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development



3rd regional workshop on water and sustainable development
in the Mediterranean

Water demand management, progress and policies



Provisional programme

MEDITERRANEAN AGRONOMIC INSTITUTE OF ZARAGOZA
EXPO ZARAGOZA

Zaragoza, Spain, 19, 20 & 21 March 2007



08h30-09h00 *Reception and registration of participants at the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza*

Session 1 **Opening speech**

09h00-09h10 Institutional representation of the Ministry of Environment of Spain

09h10-09h20 Institutional representation of the Government of Aragon

09h20-09h30 Mr Roque Gistau, President of the Expo Zaragoza 2008

Session 2 **Introductory conferences on water demand management in the Mediterranean**

Chairman : Mr Bertrand Hervieu, Secretary General of the International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM)

09h30-09h40 From Fiuggi to Saragossa : presentation of the workshop (Mediterranean context, lessons learnt from the workshop held in Fiuggi in 2002, Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development, objectives of the workshop), Mr Henri-Luc Thibault, Director of Plan Bleu

09h40-09h55 Facing water stress and shortage in the Mediterranean : presentation of the Plan Bleu's Environment and Development Outlook « water » chapter, Plan Bleu

09h55-10h15 The main water users' point of view: taking into account:

- ❖ agriculture, M. Adel Tlili, producer and exporter of agricultural products, former President of Comity Board for Vegetables (Tunisia)
- ❖ local authorities, representative of the Regional Council of Provence-Alpes-Côtes d'Azur (France) (to be confirmed)
- ❖ drinking water management, Ms Fatiha Belamari, Head of Planning Department at the National Office for Drinking Water (ONEP, Morocco)
- ❖ tourism, Mr Alessio Satta, Head of Sustainable Tourism Department at Ambiente Italia (Italy)

10h15-11h00 Discussion

11h00-11h30 *Coffee break*

Session 3 **Monitoring progress and promotion of water demand management policies in the Mediterranean countries**

Chairman : Mr Henri-Luc Thibault, Director of Plan Bleu

11h30-12h00 Presentation of national reports, national experts

12h00-12h30 Debate on progress made, difficulties encountered and advisable changes

12h30-14h00 *Lunch*

14h00-14h40 Presentation of national reports, national experts

14h40- 15h20 Debate on progress made, difficulties encountered and advisable changes

15h20-15h35 Water demands and possible water savings in the Mediterranean countries, Mr. Jean Margat, Vice-President of Plan Bleu

15h35-16h00 Discussion

16h00-16h30 *Coffee break*

16h30-17h00 Presentation of national reports, national experts

17h00-17h30 Debate on progress made, difficulties encountered and desirable changes

17h30-18h00 Synthesis of national reports, Plan Bleu

20h00-22h00 *Social dinner (Zaragoza city center)*

08h30-09h00

Reception of participants at the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza

Session 4 Thematic working groups, papers presentation on each issue

	Factoring WDM into the agriculture sector	Factoring WDM into drinking and industrial water management	Factoring natural water needs for ecosystems into policies	Factoring WDM into water policies
Organizer	CIHEAM (ICAMAS)	IME (MWI)	MedWet	French MESD
Chairman	Mr Luis Esteruelas	Mr Mohammed Jellali	Mr George Zalidis	Mr Pascal Bertheaud
09h00-09h10	1 st paper			
09h10-09h20	2 nd paper			
09h20-09h30	3 rd paper			
09h30-09h40	4 th paper			
09h40-09h50	5 th paper			
09h50-10h00	6 th paper			
10h00-11h00	Discussion			

11h-11h30

Coffee break

Session 5 Thematic working groups : working tracks, proposals and recommendations

11h30-12h30

Drafting of the working groups' conclusions and recommendations

12h30-14h00

Lunch

Session 6 Virtual water in the Mediterranean: an indicator to contribute to analysing issues on water management and distribution ?

Chairman : Mr Mohammed Ait Kadi, President of the General Council for Agriculture Development in Morocco

14h00-14h15

Presentation of the regional study's results, Ms Sara Fernandez, ENGREF (France)

14h15-14h45

Debate : Is «virtual water» a relevant concept to guide agricultural & water policies ?

Session 7 The impacts of the Common Agricultural Policy on water demand for irrigation in the Mediterranean

Chairman : Representative of the European Commission, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development (to be confirmed)

14h45-15h00

Presentation of the regional study's results, Ms Alessandra Scardigno (IAM Bari, Italy)

15h00-15h30

Debate

Session 8 International cooperation and development aid in the «water field» in the Mediterranean: how is demand management taken into account?

Chairman : Mr Michael Scoullou, President of the Global Water Partnership Mediterranean (GWP Med)

15h30-15h45

Presentation of the regional study's results, Mr Georges Corm, consultant (Lebanon)

15h45-16h15

Discussion with donors

16h15-16h45

Coffee break

16h45-18h00

Chairmen and rapporteurs of the thematic working groups : synthesis of the working groups' conclusions and recommendations

18h00-20h30

**Side event (free participation): Public session of the Expo Zaragoza 2008
Permanent forum on water and sustainability: «Water and demand management in the Mediterranean»**

09h30-10h00 *Reception of participants at the Center Joaquín Roncal (Zaragoza city center)*

Session 9 **Main conclusions and recommendations**

Chairman : Mr Mohammed Ennabli, President of the Mediterranean Water Institute and Vice-President of Plan Bleu

10h00-10h40 Presentation of the debates' conclusions on the various themes, rapporteurs of the thematic working groups

10h40-11h00 Synthesis and general recommendation suggestions, Mr Henri-Luc Thibault, Director of Plan Bleu

11h00-11h30 Discussion

11h30-11h50 Adoption of the general recommendations and conclusions by the Chairman

Session 10 **Closing speech**

11h50-12h00 Water demand management in the Mediterranean: from prospective analysis to policy making, Mr Pascal Berteaud, Water Director at the Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development (France) and President of the Euro-Mediterranean Information System on the know-how in the Water sector (EMWIS)

12h00-12h15 Closing of the workshop by Mr Luis Esteruelas, Director of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza, and a representative of Expo Zaragoza 2008

12h30-14h00 *Lunch*

Afternoon (field trip)

14h00-15h00 Visit of the Expo Zaragoza 2008 site

15h00-17h30 Visit of Zaragoza City center

