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## Sub-regional training course on "the institutional and political dimensions of gender integration in the management of water resources, some experiences and challenges of the maghreb countries", 18- 21 october, Tangier (Morocco)



### Introduction

The undertaking of a sub-regional course was one of the activities to be carried out within the GEWAMED project before its finalization. It was included in the last contract amendment with the purpose of strengthening the capacity building of the Project. Within such a framework, the African Training and Research Centre in Administration for Development (CAFRAD) took the initiative of organizing a 4-day training course with the support of IAM of Bari.

The course title was "How to integrate gender in water management: The institutional and political dimensions of gender integration in the management of water resources, some experiences and challenges of the Maghreb countries " and it was held in Tangier from 18-21 October 2010.

This training course was attended by selected countries of the Maghreb, especially Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia, which participate in the GEWAMED project to share their experiences and challenges with regard to the issues raised above. Originally the presence of some participants from Spain and France was envisaged but in the last instance it was not possible, although Ps-Eau, GEWAMED partner from France, financed one of the participants from Tunisia.

### Objectives and main themes

The objective of the training course was to sensitize participants on gender and water in the Maghreb countries selected by common experiences, challenges and dissemination of information to promote changes that improve gender issues in water management.

The main topics of the course were as follows:

- 1) Presentation of positive experiences;
- 2) Identification of the major constraints that limit the effective participation of women in agricultural water management;
- 3) Gender indicators at macro and micro levels;
- 4) Gender and water management in agriculture;
- 5) The political influence of gender participation in decision making in water management;
- 6) Preparation of an Action Plan to improve the status of women in agricultural water management.

French was the working language of the course and a participatory approach was adopted based on the theory of adult education to enable participants to share their experiences and apply the proposed methodology and tools in real-life cases and practical exercises. For each session there was a brief presentation followed by working groups and plenary discussions to share the lessons learned and the challenges of each participant in the integration of gender into water management programs and projects. On the fourth day of the course a visit was organized by CAFRAD to the pumping stations for drinking water in Tangiers and a wastewater treatment plant.

The resource persons of the training course were Mrs. Reinders Margriet of the Gender and Water Alliance (GWA), Ms. Ilaria Sisto and Mr. Juan Antonio Sagardoy, GEWAMED Project Manager. The Coordinator of the course was Dr. Raphael K. Arinaitwe from CAFRAD.



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Participants were selected from national experts who are engaged in the management of water resources and rural development programs. Most participants have a relatively high level professional position to be able to use the knowledge acquired in the training course in their future activities. A total of 22 experts from Algeria (2), Morocco (13), Mauritania (1) and Tunisia (3) and CAFRAD (3) participated in the sub-regional training course.

The opening session was chaired by CAFRAD Director General, Dr. Simon Lelo Mamosi, who gave welcoming remarks and opened the course, followed by Mr. Sagardoy who spoke to the participants of the main results of the GEWAMED project. There was also the presentation of participants and resource persons, and the introduction and adoption of the curriculum, followed by the adoption of the participatory decision rules.

### Conclusions

The 4-day training course was a success because participants were well motivated, although some of those from local institutions could not follow the entire program. Success was also due to the varied and participatory approach adopted, which allowed an intensive and interesting exchange of knowledge between participants and facilitators.

In general, there was a good level of discussion between participants and resource persons. The discussion on indicators was very interesting for most participants and the results were very positive. There was also a practical session on participatory tools, using the SEAGA methodology. In the future it would be important to update SEAGA hardware and introduce other aspects (e.g. climate change, more information on indicators, etc.).

On the last day of the course, participants prepared action plans to show how they intend to use the new knowledge acquired in their work or community life. Six months after the course the organizers will provide distance support, if needed, and will monitor these actions. It is well to note that the intended Plans of Actions must be integrated into participants' daily work to avoid developing overly ambitious plans that may not be implemented.





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### National Seminar on “Exchange experiences: Reinforcing the Gender Capacity in Water Resources Management in Tunisia” December 10th, 2010 (Tunis, Tunisia)

On the 10th of December 2010 a national seminar on “Exchange experiences: Reinforcing the Gender Capacity in Water Resources Management in Tunisia” was held in Tunis. The seminar was officially opened by the UNDP Environment and Gender focal point Director and the CAWTAR's executive Director. The seminar was organised within the framework of GEWAMED project by the project partner in Tunisia, namely the Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR).

The seminar was attended by interested stakeholders including Tunisian GO, NGOs, research institutions, universities, experts, as well as international NGOs (UNDP, FAO).

The main objective of the seminar was to exchange information, experiences and lessons learnt about gender issues in water management in Tunisia.

The seminar programme included a series of presentations on the lessons learnt from GEWAMED project at regional and national levels. That was the opportunity to recall the GEWAMED objectives, outcomes, outputs and main challenges.

A whole session was dedicated to gender and water indicators. The session addressed issues of gender indicators in water management through two main presentations. The first presentation introduced GEWAMED - gender and water indicators at national and local levels. The second presentation was an opportunity to present and share the results of the final report on gender indicators in FAO's global information system on water and agriculture (AQUASTAT). This initiative was conducted by CAWTAR with the support of FAO and implemented in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia.

A second session was devoted to participants who have the chance to share their experiences and lessons learnt on gender and water management in Tunisia. This session was a real space to learn, exchange and share with all partners and participants the Tunisian experiences on gender mainstreaming in water management in Tunisia. During this session an UNDP /CAWTAR recent report (2010) was presented on 'Gender and water management in Tunisia' which has been produced in the frame of the UNDP/RBAS programme on « The water governance program for Arab States» and its initiative on the « Regional Gender equality & Women empowerment program for Arab States ». This production of the report was conducted by CAWTAR with the support of the UNDP and implemented in Tunisia.





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The last session of the seminar was to discuss about the Tunisian national water policy where a representative of the Tunisian Ministry of Hydrologic Resources and Agriculture brought more insight on water situation in Tunisia and introduced the new Tunisian Water Strategy.

The seminar resulted in many lessons learnt and recommendations and program opportunities for integrating gender dimensions in water management in Tunisia. Participants including GEWAMED water advisory committee expressed their interest to continue their work within their organisations and institutions to strengthen dialogue, share and disseminate information about the gender issues in water management. They also show interest to be involved in all gender and water related initiatives that may well be conducted by CAWTAR in the future. Furthermore, during the seminar, opportunities raised from discussions with UNDP and FAO which confirm their concern and interest to continue to support efforts on all work and initiatives that aims at the integration of the gender dimensions in water management.

Khadouja Mellouli, CAWTAR





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The event counted with the participation of renowned speakers engaged in gender issues in the rural sector in Italy but also in other Countries.

Among the foreign speakers, it is worth mentioning the participation of Mrs. Bettina Bock from the University of Wagenigen (Holland). She reviewed the problems and opportunities of the European rural women. It was interesting to note that in the South European Countries women's occupation is considerably lower (14-22%) than that of men, but on the other hand the number of women managing farms is much higher (29-32%) in the Mediterranean countries than in the North (12-23%). She elaborated on the reasons behind these facts.

Among the international guests was the Ambassador of Haiti in Italy, H.E. Géri Benoit, with whom ONILFA, in collaboration with the Working Group on Equal Opportunities of the National Rural Network, will launch a project focused on the knowledge transfer to Haitian rural women.

During the event the "Atlante delle donne impegnate in agricoltura" (Data base of the gender indicators of the National Rural Network) was also presented. This data base contains more than 600 indicators that provide numerical but also geographical information of the distribution of the gender and territory indicators over the main administrative units of Italy.

Several other speeches were made by representatives of ministries, institutes, universities and other related institutions. For further information and details you can visit ONILFA website ([www.onilfa.gov.it](http://www.onilfa.gov.it)).

As usual, the event ended with the delivery of the prizes by Minister Giancarlo Galan and ONILFA President Veronica Navarra to the 5 winners of the competition, while 3 won a "special mention".



The From Left to right: Prize winner, Mrs Mimma Cavallo, Minister of Agric. Policies, Giancarlo Galan, and President of ONILFA, Veronica Navarra (Photo: Courtesy of ONILFA).



The Minister of the Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies, Giancarlo Galan and audience (Photo courtesy of ONILFA).



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## Launching of NOWARA Award and distribution of Training Course Attendance Certificates - Beirut (Lebanon) December 13, 2010



On Monday 13th of December, at the UNESCO siege in Beirut, a ceremony for the launching of NOWARA Award took place at the presence of H.E. the Minister of Agriculture Hussein Hajj Hassan, H.E. Randa Assi Berri and the president of NOWARA Mrs. Wafa'a Dikah Hamzé.

NOWARA (National Observatory for Women in Agriculture and Rural Areas) was created in 2008 as one of the action of TERCOM Project supported by the Italian Cooperation.

The National Award for the best agricultural, economic initiative implemented by women in the rural areas, which should be assigned to four winners within March 2011, was a project strongly encouraged by all who worked at NOWARA setting up, also following the positive example of the Italian Observatory ONILFA whose award, assigned on a yearly basis, has a big visibility and impact on the Italian rural world and gives the winners good opportunities to spread the results of their work and to grow up in their professional competence.

Together with the Award launching, the distribution of certificates of attendance to nineteen women who followed a NOWARA training program took place.

Rosanna Quagliariello, from the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (CIHEAM IAM-B) partner of the program, attended the event and gave the regards of the Director Cosimo Lacirignola and of its organization.





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## Capacity Building Training Seminar on Integrated Water Management in the Mediterranean. Venice, 24-29 October 2010

This event was organized in the framework of the MELIA project  
(Mediterranean DiaLogue on Integrated Water ManAgement)  
[www.meliaproject.eu](http://www.meliaproject.eu)



The "MELIA" is a FP6 INCO-MED project (contract number 517612) that aims at evaluating the methods for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in the Mediterranean countries, using the regulations of the European Water Framework Directive (WFD) to harmonize water policies in the Mediterranean basin.

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The seminar was jointly organized by CIHEAM-IAMB (Italy), IUAV, Venice (Italy), TUDELFT (The Netherlands), CSIC (Spain) and CIRF (Italy) and is hosted by the IUAV School of Doctorate Studies in collaboration with blue in architecture10 University IUAV of Venice Faculty of Architecture.

The audience was made up of scientists, policy-makers, water managers, operators, PhD students and stakeholder representatives, including water-user associations and NGOs, 70 trainers and trainees from 16 euro Mediterranean countries.

The seminar focused on strengthening the ability to assess integrated water management issues, aiming at the support of improved integrated and effective water resources management in the Mediterranean environment. Sharing and discussing views and experiences on IWRM provided the opportunity to directly address the challenges of sustainable development.

The seminar included knowledge and skill-building tools such as lectures, case studies, exchange of local and global experience, a field visit and facilitated group exercises.

Rosanna Quagliariello, as a representative of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari, took part to the Seminar with a presentation on "Gender Empowerment for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean Area" highlighting the social approach to be applied for the solution of water problems and speaking about the important role women are increasingly playing in the agricultural sector which is experiencing a phenomenon of "feminization" that cannot be ignored.

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### UN Creates New Structure for Empowerment of Women

On 2 July 2010, the United Nations General Assembly voted unanimously to create a new entity to accelerate progress in meeting the needs of women and girls worldwide, thus taking an historic step in accelerating the Organization's goals on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

The establishment of the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women to be known as UN Women is the result of years of negotiations between UN Member States and advocacy by the global women's movement. It is part of the UN reform agenda, bringing together resources and mandates for greater impact.

UN Women, which will be operational by January 2011, merges and will build on the important work of four previously distinct parts of the UN system which focus exclusively on gender equality and women's empowerment:

- **Division for the Advancement of Women** (DAW, established in 1946) International Research and Training
- **Institute for the Advancement of Women** (INSTRAW, established in 1976) Office of the Special Adviser on
- **Gender Issues and Advancement of Women** (OSAGI, established in 1997) United Nations Development
- **Fund for Women** (UNIFEM, established in 1976)

UN Women will have two key roles:

1. It will support inter-governmental bodies such as the Commission on the Status of Women in their formulation of policies, global standards and norms, and
2. it will help Member States to implement these standards, standing ready to provide suitable technical and financial support to those countries that request it, as well as forging effective partnerships with civil society.

It will also:

- help the UN system to be accountable for its own commitments on gender equality, including regular monitoring of system-wide progress;
- work for the elimination of discrimination against women and girls;
- Work for the empowerment of women; and
- work for the achievement of equality between women and men as partners and beneficiaries of development, human rights, humanitarian action and peace and security.

"I am grateful to Member States for having taken this major step forward for the world's women and girls," said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in a statement welcoming the decision. "UN Women will significantly boost UN efforts to promote gender equality, expand opportunity, and tackle discrimination around the globe."



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## WEBSITES SECTION



This Database offers easy access to up-to-date information on gender and land rights at country level and it includes some of the Mediterranean Countries participating in the GEWAMED Project, namely Algeria, Egypt, France, Italy, Morocco, and Spain.

It contains information on the 6 following categories:

1. National legal frame
2. International treaties and conventions
3. Customary law
4. Land tenure and related Institutions
5. Civil society organizations
6. Selected Land Related Statistics

You can choose between 3 types of reports:

- **Full Country Report** to view reports on 24 subjects searching by country.
- **Topic Selection** to create reports on 1 category selecting 1 topic and one or more countries.
- **Comparative Report** to compare 2 or more countries selecting one subject and two or more



### Full Country Report



### Topic Selection



### Comparative Report



To browse the database you can click on <http://www.fao.org/gender/landrights/home/>



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Gender

Agri-Gender Statistics Toolkit



### THE AGRI-GENDER DATABASE OF FAO

The regional office of for Africa of FAO has developed a statistical toolkit for the production of sex- disaggregated agricultural data.. The toolkit was developed in response to a request from the African Commission on Agricultural Statistics (AFCAS) for clear technical guidance on the collection of sex disaggregated data.

The data base is structured in nine areas concerning the role of men and women in the agricultural sector and development issues.

The main areas are:

1. **Agricultural Population and households,**
2. **Access to productive resources,**
3. **Production and Productivity,**
4. **Destination of Agricultural production,**
5. **Labour and time use,**
6. **Income and expenditures,**
7. **Membership of agricultural/farmers organizations,**
8. **Food Security and**
9. **Poverty indicators.**

The tool kit is can be used as a reference document by organizations or individuals wishing to collect gender specific information.

For more information on the Agri-Gender Data base or to down load the toolkit connect to the link:  
<http://www.fao.org/gender/agrigender/en/>



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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS National Policy Seminar in Syria

A **National Policy Seminar** on "*Women's role in on-farm water management*" will be organized by GCSAR/MAAR in the **2nd half of January 2011** in Deir Ezzor province. The details of the Seminar will be provided as soon as possible.



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