



Informing the SDGs through the Arab MDG+ Initiative

MENA Focus Event – World Water Week – Stockholm, Sweden
Wednesday, 31 August 2016; 9:00 – 10:30 am; Room FH202

9:00 – 9:35	Session I: Water Cooperation for the SDGs in the Arab Region
9:00 – 9:05	Opening Remarks on the Water-related SDGs in the Arab Region - <i>Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA), Lebanon (Moderator)</i>
9:05 – 9:10	The Arab Ministerial Water Council and its Water Security Strategy for Sustainable Development (2010-2030) - <i>Mr. Hammou Lamrani, Advisor, Department of Environment, Housing, Water Resources and Sustainable Development, League of Arab States, Egypt</i>
9:10 – 9:20	The Human Right to Water and Sanitation - <i>H.E. Mr. Mazen Ghonaim, Minister, Palestinian Water Authority, State of Palestine</i>
9:20 – 9:25	Swedish Support for Arab Cooperation on Water and the SDGs - <i>Dr. Anders Jägerskog, Counselor, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Embassy of Sweden, Jordan</i>
9:25 – 9:35	Discussion
9:35 – 10:30	Session II: Lessons learned from the MDG+ Initiative
9:35 – 9:40	Origins of the MDG+ Initiative - <i>Eng. Khaldon Khashman, Secretary General, Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA), Jordan</i>
9:40 – 9:55	MDG+ Initiative Indicators and Findings for Informing the SDGs (Indicators, key findings, methodology, consumer field surveys, complementarity between MDG+ and SDG-6 indicators) - <i>Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, UN-ESCWA, Lebanon</i>
9:55 – 10:10	Institutional Arrangements for Informing SDG Implementation (MDG+ National Monitoring Teams, country-level coordination for regional level action, twinnings and technical assistance, regional and national workshops) - <i>Dr. Jarrah Al-Zubi, Technical Advisor, MDG+ Unit, ACWUA, Jordan</i>
10:10 – 10:20	Key Performance Indicators for Monitoring Water Services and the MDG+ Initiative Findings for Egypt - <i>Dr. Ahmed Moawad, Vice Chairman, Holding Company for Water and Wastewater, Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities, Egypt</i>
10:20 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30	Closing Remarks