



Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystem

**MedPartnership**

Together for the Mediterranean Sea



## **MedPartnership – Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem**

### **UNESCO-IHP Sub-component 1.1 “Management of Coastal Aquifers and Groundwater”**

#### **“First Meeting on the Legal, Institutional and Policy Aspects of Coastal Aquifer Management”**

**3-4 October 2011, Room B6.19, UNESCO Paris**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Monday 3 October**

**09:30 Welcoming of participants and introductory remarks**

Ms Alice Aureli, UNESCO-IHP Chief of Section on Groundwater Systems and GEF Focal Point of UNESCO's Science Sector  
Mr Jose Luis Martin-Bordes, UNESCO-IHP Project Coordinator MedPartnership  
Ms Raya Marina Stephan, Coordinator of the legal component, Consultant, UNESCO-IHP

**10:00 Roundtable and introduction of participants**

Short intervention on background, area of expertise, expectations for the meeting (all participants)

**10:45 Overview of the MedPartnership: goals, common challenges and harmonization of the components**

Mr Jose Luis Martin-Bordes, UNESCO-IHP Project Coordinator MedPartnership

**11:00 *Coffee break***

**11:15 UNESCO-IHP Sub-component: Management of Coastal Aquifers and Groundwater: Overview of objectives, activities and perspectives**

Mr Jose Luis Martin-Bordes, UNESCO-IHP Project Coordinator

**11:45 The legal, institutional and policy on the Management of Coastal Aquifers and Groundwater: Objectives, activities and perspectives**

Ms Raya Marina Stephan, Coordinator of the legal component

Questions & answers

- 13:00** Lunch
- 14:30** **The role of FAO Legal Office, Development Law service**  
Mr Patrice Talla, Legal officer, Development Law Service, Legal and Ethics Office, FAO
- 15:00** **The framework for Water in the UFM**  
Mr Fuad Bateh, Senior Advisor for Environment and Water, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean
- 15:30** **Linkages with other initiatives:  
GEF Groundwater governance project**  
Ms Christine Abdalla-Iskandar, Consultant, UNESCO-IHP
- 16:00** *Coffee break*
- 16:30** **Linkages with other initiatives:  
Protection and Sustainable use of the Dinaric Karst Aquifer System (DIKTAS)**  
Mr Holger Treidel, UNESCO-IHP  
**ISARM (International Shared Aquifer Resources Management)**  
Ms Raya Marina Stephan, Coordinator of the legal component
- 17:00** **Roundtable and discussion with participants**
- 17:30** End of Day 1

## **Tuesday 4 October**

- 9:30** **The legal framework for coastal aquifers in the Mediterranean : The Barcelona Convention and related protocols and instruments**  
Ms Raya Marina Stephan, Coordinator of the legal component
- 10:00** Country presentations  
(10 min each)
- 11:00** *Coffee break*
- 11.30** Country presentations (continued)
- 12.30** Lunch
- 14.00** **Activities under component 1.1.3**  
Presentation by Ms Raya Marina Stephan, Coordinator of the legal component  
**Preparation of the national reports**  
Methodology  
TOC

**Regional report: findings, gaps, recommendations**

**Timetable and work plan**

Discussion with participants

**17.00 Final remarks and closing of the meeting**