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OF THE SECOND WORKSHOP ON THE PREPARATION OF A "NATIONAL ICZM STRATEGY FOR EGYPT": ICZM PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES WORKSHOP

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Background information

1. The project was initiated at the request of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) addressed to PAP/RAC to provide assistance in the preparation of a National ICZM Strategy for Egypt. The initiative falls within the objectives of SMAP III project "Promoting awareness and enabling a policy framework for environment and development integration in the Mediterranean with focus on Integrated Coastal Zone Management", and is a step forward in the implementation of the ICZM Protocol for the Mediterranean. This project is supported also by the decision of the Egyptian ICZM Committee to prepare such a document. The structure of the ICZM Strategy and the process of its preparation were discussed and agreed upon at the meeting of PAP/RAC and EEAA representatives, held in Cairo, in November 2008.
2. The main idea is to come to this important document in a participatory process by involving the major stakeholders that are responsible for the implementation of ICZM in the country. The Second Workshop will concentrate on the objectives and priorities, and the Third one on the road map for the Strategy implementation.
3. The Second Workshop of the ICZM stakeholders in Egypt on the process for the preparation of a "National ICZM Strategy for Egypt": ICZM Priorities and Objectives Workshop was held in Cairo, on 5 March 2009.

Participation

4. The Workshop was attended by 39 participants. In addition to representatives of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) and Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC) of UNEP-MAP, the representatives of coastal Governorates, the National Committee for ICZM (NCICZM), relevant ministries and organisations, and a representative of the World Bank participated at the Workshop. Complete List of Participants is attached as Annex I to this report.

Objective of the Workshop

5. The objective of the Workshop was to set the ICZM priorities and strategic objectives.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Workshop (welcome and introduction)

6. Mr. Mohamed Farouk (EEAA General Director) opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. He welcomed the participants, and expressed his appreciation to PAP/RAC for supporting and assisting in the development of Egypt's National ICZM Strategy. He pointed out the activities undertaken by the Coastal Zone Sector/ICZM in EEAA, the development of guidelines on the coastal area, the issuance of the Law on the Environment No. 4/1994, the establishment of the NCICZM and the development of the "Framework Programme for the Development of National ICZM Plan for Egypt" in 1996. In particular, he stressed the identified issues of the Framework Programme, including:

- Shoreline erosion and flooding;
- Irrational land use;
- Water pollution; and
- Deterioration of natural resources and habitats.

He, further, identified the short-, medium- and long-term objectives of the Framework Programme.

7. Mr. Farouk mentioned that the amendments to the Law No. 4/1994 regarding the definition of the coastal zone in Egypt and the need to develop a National ICZM Strategy were approved in 2009. He, then, highlighted the Workshop objective and stressed that according to the sub-national priorities, the coastal Governorates could develop sub-national ICZM plans. He, finally, raised hopes that the participants would contribute actively to the discussion and come out with a shared vision.

8. The floor was, then, given to Mr. Marko Prem (PAP/RAC Deputy Director). He emphasised the importance of this Second Workshop on identifying the ICZM priorities and long-term objectives for national and sub-national level in order to develop the National ICZM Strategy in accordance with the Barcelona Convention and the ICZM Protocol.

9. The Workshop participants agreed to follow the proposed Agenda items. The Agenda of the Workshop is contained in Annex II of this report.

ICZM PRIORITIES

Agenda item 2: Introduction: Deciding on ICZM issues. Agreeing on the list of relevant ICZM issues and discussing linked issues

10. In the introduction to the subject topic, Dr. Phillip MacClenahan (PAP/RAC Consultant) presented the four main issues in the coastal zone, namely:

- 1) Solving inter-sectoral disputes;
- 2) Adapting governance;
- 3) Leveraging for implementation; and
- 4) Guaranteeing capacity building.

Agenda item 2: Prioritising issues. Agreeing on priority issues.

11. Thereafter, he elaborated in detail each of the four main issues. His elaboration was followed by a discussion on linked issues.

1) Solving inter-sectoral disputes

12. Dr. MacClenahan presented a template based on a participatory approach, asking the participants to assess and prioritise the issues for the Mediterranean and the Red Sea. The main issues and prioritisation are presented in the following table.

ISSUES	MED	RED	RANK
3. Halting urban sprawl by respecting land-use planning	+++++	++++	9
6. Maintaining coastal biodiversity and protected areas	+++++	++++	9
8. Application of fishing regulations	+++++	++++	9
12. Mitigation of impacts of natural hazards (RSL, erosion, sea water intrusion, flooding, drought)	+++++	+++	8
5. Provision of public access to beaches	++++	++++	8
9bis Choice of industrial development area between coast and inland	++++	++++	8
9ter Take into account diversity of ports uses and functions	++++	+++++	8
1. Control of eutrophication in hot spots (sewage, waste)	+++++	++	7
4. Regulation of migration (permanent & seasonal) to coastal areas (settlements & cities)	+++	++++	7
7. Increase in oil & gas exploitation / production and transport safety	+++++	++	7
	++	+++++	7
9. Application of environmental management to ports	++++	+++	7
11. Improvement of tourism development planning (resorts, water activities)	+++++	++	7
10. Consistent enforcement of construction setback lines	+++	++	5
2. Maintain the activities of local traditional population	++	+++	5

As it can be seen from the above table, (10) is a top priority issue and in a descending order all issues are ranked to be considered in the Strategy.

2) Adapting governance

13. This issue has the following objectives:

- Ensuring efficient co-ordination;
- Enabling a balanced subsidiary; and
- Supporting a lasting involvement.

14. Mr. Farouk demonstrated the progress made by the Ministry of Environment in the domain of coastal zone management, summarising as follows:

- Restructure of the ICZM Sector should include the coastal lagoons and lakes besides a general unit for pollution monitoring and harbours. Specialised units for coastal areas have been established in the EEAA Regional Offices.
- The Law No. 9/2009 amended the definition of the coastal zone given in the Law No. 4/1994 and called on EEAA for the preparation of a National ICZM Strategy.
- The NCICZM is upgraded both in structure and mandates.
- At Governorates level, specialised coastal zones units have been established.
- A revision and update of the administrative organigram/flowchart of ICZM in the Framework Programme of 1996 should be proposed.

3) Leveraging for implementation

15. Dr. MacClenahan highlighted the key areas in this issue, including:

- Legal;
- Financial; and
- Managerial.

He further introduced a template to this issue and requested the identification of the controlling factor. The participants of the Workshop succeeded in bridging the factors and finding the root causes to be considered in the Strategy.

ISSUES	Legal	Financial	Managerial
3. Halting urban sprawl by respecting land-use planning	1	3	2
6. Maintaining coastal biodiversity and protected areas	3	1	2
8. Application of fishing regulations	1	3	2
12. Mitigation of impacts of natural hazards (RSL, erosion, sea water intrusion, flooding, drought)	3	1	2
5. Provision of public access to beaches	1	3	2
9bis Choice of industrial development area between coast and inland	3	2	1
9ter Take into account diversity of ports uses and functions	3	2	1
1. Control of eutrophication in hot spots (sewage, waste)	3	1	2
4. Regulation of migration (permanent & seasonal) to coastal areas (settlements & cities)	3	2	1
7. Increase in oil & gas exploitation / production and transport safety	3	1	2
9. Application of environmental management to ports	2	1	3
11. Improvement of tourism development planning (resorts, water activities)	2	3	1
10. Consistent enforcement of construction setback lines	1	3	2
2. Maintain the activities of local traditional population	2	3	1

The controlling factors are identified as high (1), moderate ((2) and low (3).

4) Guaranteeing capacity building

16. Dr. MacClenahan mentioned that guaranteeing capacity building was to be considered in light of:

- Areas of focus;
- Beneficiaries; and
- Delivery means.

The participants managed to contribute to the focus, beneficiaries and means fields in the following template.

FOCUS	BENEFICIARIES	MEANS	PRIORITY
ICZM planning concept	Middle Mngmnt	Guidelines ? Website	
ICZM tools	Technical staff (environment, sectoral- natural resources)	Training	
Increase the No. of qualified staff	Technical staff	Training	

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

17. Because the time foreseen for the discussion and set up of ICZM objectives run out, Dr. MacClenahan proposed to include these issues in the Agenda of the next workshop to be held in April.

Agenda item 3: Next steps. Closure of the Workshop.

18. Mr. Farouk expressed his thanks to all the participants for their efforts and assistance in inducing constructive ideas, and appreciation to the PAP/RAC for supporting and assisting in the development of Egypt's National ICZM Strategy.

19. The participants agreed that the next workshop would be held in April 2009.

20. The Workshop was declared closed on 5 March 2009, at 5 p.m.

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ANNEX II
Agenda

9.00 - 10.00 Opening of the Workshop.
Welcome addresses.
Introduction.
(Mr. M. Farouk - EEAA, Mr. M. Prem - PAP/RAC)

ICZM PRIORITIES

10.00 – 12.00 Introduction: Deciding on ICZM issues.
Agreeing on the list of relevant of ICZM issues and discussing linked
issues.
(Mr. P. MacClenahan, PAP/RAC Consultant)

12.30 – 15.30 Prioritizing issues.
Agreeing on priority issues.

16.30 – 17.00 Next steps. Closure of the Workshop.
(Mr. P. MacClenahan and Mr. M. Farouk)