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# Transboundary Water Management for the MENA Region



IN JORDAN NOVEMBER 2–13, 2008  
AND IN SWEDEN FEBRUARY 16–20, 2009

## Invitation

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) offers, as part of its bilateral development assistance, Advanced International Training Programmes of strategic importance to the social and economic development in the participants' countries. The International Training Programmes are specially designed for persons qualified to participate in reform processes of strategic importance on different levels and holds a position in home organisation with mandate to run processes of change. This methodology is based on the assumption that your country wish to carry out changes and are willing to invest own resources to achieve these changes. In the long-term perspective the programmes shall contribute to institutional strengthening and capacity development in the participants' countries.

Training is focused on support to individual or team plans for change. The plan shall be well established in the participant's organisation and is a basic part of the programme concept.

In this brochure you will find information on the specific objectives for this particular programme, its content and structure, and how and when to apply. You will also find an application form.

**Transboundary Water Management (TWM).** Water is essential to human development and livelihood support systems. Transcending most political and administrative boundaries, the available freshwater and the benefits they generate must be shared among individuals, economic sectors, intrastate jurisdictions and sovereign nations.

The water management challenges are becoming increasingly complex. New and growing demands increasingly strain scarce and erratic supplies, and crosses thematic, cultural and political boundaries.

A dialogue on water and associated benefits from the entire basin area and its role in development provides a means for building trust among the parties in a region. Ultimately shared water implies an opportunity of influencing regional politics in the direction of increased regional co-operation to lay a foundation for social and political stability, economic prosperity and poverty alleviation.

This training programme provides a meeting place for professionals involved in water issues in the MENA region, with the aim of building both personal and institutional bridges. The training programme further draws on regional and global experience from transboundary water resources management and discusses legal frameworks and novel techniques for enhancing the broad benefits of shared waters.



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## Programme Objectives

The overall objective is that the participants identify the advantages with collaborative transboundary water management strategies and improve their ability to apply these strategies in their respective organisations.

### Specific Objectives

- Improve the participants' ability and skills for collaborative transboundary water resources management
- Influence the participants' home organisation to effectively fulfil their mandate in terms of transboundary water resources management activities
- Support emerging and ongoing transboundary water-related management processes in which the participants are involved

### Contents

The training programme comprises a wide range of management and institutional aspects of TWM.

### Individual Project

Each participant will as a central part of the programme undertake an Individual Project. This project shall focus on an TWM process, in which the participant is currently involved. It shall be well established in the participant's organisation. The Individual Project forms the backbone of the learning process during the training programme. Support to the Individual Project will be provided by the programme facilitation team and by peer interaction with fellow participants via group discussions, e-mail and Internet based forums.

### Presentations on Transboundary Management

- Legal aspects
- International conventions
- National vs. international water sharing
- Strategic communication
- Processes of dialogue and trust-building
- The role of TWM for regional peace and stability
- Financial mechanisms across

boundaries (polluters pay, benefit sharing etc.)

- Challenges and opportunities for investing in water infrastructure

### Case Studies

- Presentations of relevant TWM case studies from different river basins of the world
- Field visit to the Jordan River, an on-going TWM case example

### River Basin Commissions

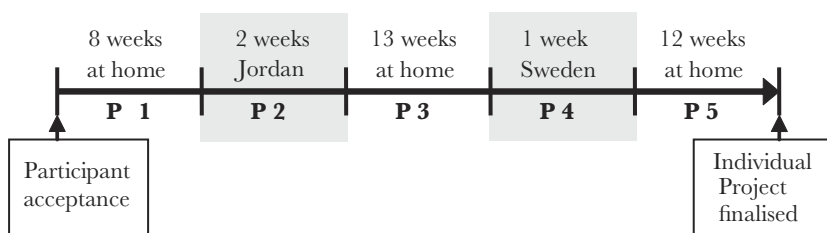
- Presentation by The Helsinki Commission, HELCOM – a large-scale transboundary processes of the Baltic Sea
- Examples from the Mekong River Commission

### Role Play

An extensive role play with focus on stakeholder interaction, negotiation techniques and conflict management. The participants play the roles of different stakeholders in the process of setting up a river basin commission.

### Programme Structure

The training programme consists of five compulsory phases (P 1–5) based



on the development of the participants' Individual Projects.

*Phase 1* – Preparation phase where the participant establishes an informal working group and prepares a short presentation of the transboundary process chosen for her/his project. A start-up workshop is held at the participant's home organisation, attended by a representative of the programme facilitation team.

*Phase 2* – Meeting in Jordan with various presentations, field visits, role play, workshops and presentations of participants' Individual Projects. Supporting the development of the Individual Projects is the focal point.

*Phase 3* – Intermediate phase where the participants, at their home organisation, are further developing their Individual Projects, in collaboration with their respective working group. Each participant is supported through e-mail contact with the facilitation team and other participants.

*Phase 4* – Meeting in Sweden including continued group and individual work on the Individual Project as well as presentations by Swedish TWM expertise.

*Phase 5* – Wrap-up phase where the participant finalises her/his Individual Projects. Each participant plans and conducts a seminar with their working group to share experiences and lessons learned from the training programme and to reflect on future opportunities for improved networking and institutional change.

#### Date and Place

The programme commences in September 2008 after the participants have been accepted. The two weeks scheduled meeting in Jordan will be conducted November 2–13, 2008. The one week scheduled meeting in

Sweden will be conducted February 16–20, 2009.

#### Management and Staff

Ramboll Natura and the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) are overall responsible for the implementation of the training programme. Dr Klas Sandström is the Programme Director and Dr Anders Jägerskog of SIWI is the Co-Director. The meeting in Jordan will be implemented in close collaboration with the Water and Environment Research and Study Center (WERSC) at the University of Jordan and coordinated by Professor Manar Fayyad.

#### Participation

Applicants should hold an academic exam and have at least five (5) years professional working experience. The programme is intended for decision makers, planners, specialists or managers from organisations involved in transboundary water resources management i.e.

- Relevant Ministries and Government departments;
- International water commissions and regional cooperation bodies;
- Research organisations;
- Non-Governmental Organisations;
- Consultancy firms.

Target region is the Middle East and North Africa. List of invited countries can be found on [www.rambollnatura.se](http://www.rambollnatura.se)

Only candidates with an official nomination by an appropriate authority or organisation will be accepted. To achieve good gender balance women are encouraged to apply. In case of two applicants from the same institution, at least one should be a woman.

Due to the character of the programme family members are not allowed to accompany participants to the programme.

#### Language Requirements

The training programme will be conducted in English. Participants shall have proven proficiency of the English language in writing, reading and speaking. An English language-test should be made with an official body in the home country of the applicant, unless the applicant can provide other documentation to support her/his ability. The Swedish embassies/consulates do not carry out language tests but may be able to recommend appropriate language institutes for conducting tests.

The programme organisers might call to check your knowledge of English.

#### Communication

As most communication with the programme secretariat will be made by e-mail, it is important that the applicant has a well functioning e-mail address in regular use.

#### Application Process

**Closing date for application is  
May 19, 2008**

Applications submitted after closing date will not be considered.

The application should be written on the special form attached and include a recent photograph and required information and documents.

Please be informed that in some countries the application should be approved by an official nominating authority of the country.

The application should be submitted to the nearest Swedish Embassy/Consulate. If there is no Swedish Embassy/Consulate in the applicant's country, the application should be submitted directly to the Program Secretariat. A copy by e-mail or fax to the Secretariat is recommended.

Selected applicants will be notified by e-mail or fax within 2 months after the last date of application. Once accepted, the applicant must confirm participation. An invitation letter will be sent out, containing additional information on the programme and the practical arrangements.

#### Cost of Participation

The cost of the programme is divided between a participation fee

and accommodation cost. The participation fee covers all training cost such as lectures, literature, documentation, study tours and certain social activities as well as accommodation costs include board and lodging. The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) will cover these costs. Personal expenses are not included.

**International travel costs to and from the meeting in Jordan are not covered by Sida.** The participants shall find funding and make their own travel arrangements from their home country to Jordan.

Sida pays for international travel costs in connection to the meeting in Sweden and Ramboll Natura will make all the travel arrangements. The participant, however, carries costs incurred in travelling to the nearest international airport as well as costs for visas and any local airport taxes and departure fees.

## Accommodation

Hotel accommodation is arranged for the full duration of both scheduled meetings (Jordan and Sweden).

## Visa

Participants are responsible for obtaining all visas necessary for their journeys and stays during the training programme. The visa should be valid for the whole meeting period and the passport should be valid for three months longer than the entry visa. Inquiries on Swedish visas should be directed to respective Swedish Embassy/Consulate, alternatively other Schengen representation. Participants visiting other countries on their way to or from Sweden must ensure that correct visas are obtained before leaving home country, especially for countries not included in the Schengen agreement. The costs for obtaining visas (for both Jordan and Sweden) are carried by the participant including any travel in relation to obtaining the visas.

For more information about visas please look at:

[www.mfa.gov.jo/pages.php?menu\\_id=85](http://www.mfa.gov.jo/pages.php?menu_id=85)  
(for Jordan)

[www.migrationsverket.se/english.html](http://www.migrationsverket.se/english.html)  
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## Insurance

All participants are covered by a group insurance during the scheduled meetings in Jordan and Sweden. This insurance includes costs for medical care in the event of acute illness or accident. Medical and dental check-ups are not included.

## RAMBOLL

**Ramboll Natura AB** is an international consulting firm in the field of sustainable development, with focus on environment and natural resources management, including forest, land and water. Ramboll Natura is part of the Ramboll Group, the largest Nordic provider of knowledge service within the field of engineering, management, IT and international development projects. The Ramboll group employs around 7,000 people. Ramboll Natura also offers training programmes in IWRM, EIA, and Education for Sustainable Development.

## SIWI

**The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)** is a policy institute that contributes to international efforts to find solutions to the world's escalating water crisis. SIWI advocates future-oriented, knowledge-integrated water views in decision making, nationally and internationally, that lead to sustainable use of the world's water resources and sustainable development of societies. SIWI organises the World Water

Week in Stockholm, administers the UNDP Water Governance Facility and the Swedish Water House, and works in a number of international water projects, above all within the policy development and capacity building areas.



**The Water and Environment Research and Study Center (WERSC)** under the University of Jordan was established in 1982 to support in developing and implementing the national plans for Jordan's scarce water resources management. The Center is involved in several activities related to water and environment in the region through research projects funded by international and national agencies. WERSC is furthermore conducting a number of short training courses for strengthening the capabilities of personnel working in the area of water resources and environment management. WERSC is also a founding member of the Arab Integrated Water Resources Management Network (AWARENET).

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