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ACWUA

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- History of the Association
- ACWUA Membership & Partners
- ACWUA Vision & Mission Statement
- Achievements to Date
- Future Activities Aspirations



Arab Countries Water Utilities Association

جمعية مرافق المياه في البلاد العربية

HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Spring 2006

ACWUA
Inception
Supported by
ESCWA &
German
Government
through GTZ



Sep 2006

Consultative
Meeting Held
in Cairo



Dec 2006

1st Steering
Committee
Meeting Held
in Germany



Apr 2007

Formation of
Foundation
Committee in
Abu Dhabi



Jul 2009

Official
Launching
Ceremony in
Amman



Jan 2009

Start of
Activities
from HQ in
Amman



Dec 2008

MoU Signed
with
Government
of Jordan to
Host ACWUA
in Amman



Nov 2008

General
Assembly
Meeting Held
in Alexandria

The establishment process included:

- Finalizing legal status, charter and by-laws
- Renting offices, availing infrastructure and hiring of staff

In the interim:

ACWUA held two “Best Practices” conferences during 2008 at the Dead Sea and in Alexandria

Water Utilities

- Public & Private Water Utilities from Arab Countries
(Represented on BoD)

Individuals

- Individuals, Arab and Non-Arab
(Represented on BoD)

Associate Members

- Private Sector (1 Rep on BoD)
- Int'l Organizations, NGOs, Academic, Research & Universities
(1 Rep on BoD)

Honorary Members

ACWUA members represent utilities from countries such as:



* Yemen & Syria to be represented in BoD in the near future

Government of Jordan

- Ministry of Water & Irrigation

Government of Germany

- GTZ
- CIM

Arab League States

- ACWUA Member Countries

United Nations

- UN ESCWA
- UN University, Dubai

USAID

- ABRI
- O & M Training Program

International Associations

- IWA
- DWA
- WOPs
- Global Water Partners

International Agencies

- SIDA (Sweden)
- JICA (Japan)
- European Union

Government of Germany

- BGR
- InWEnt

United Nations

- UNESCO (Cairo)
- UNDP

Regional Organizations & Associations

Research Centres & Universities

We are proud to be member of the Steering Committee

During/after the Stockholm Water Week details of our cooperation will be discussed

A visit of Dr. Faraj al Awwar to ACWUA Secretariat is scheduled for 25 August 2009



ACWUA, as a regional center of excellence, will partner with water supply and wastewater utilities in Arab countries to provide best practice service delivery to their customers.

- Serve as regional platform for exchange of knowledge and best practice amongst member experts and professionals
- Develop resources, facilitate training programs, and advocate for professional certification to enable member staff to perform their duties in a professional, reliable and cost-effective manner
- Promote standards of performance for the operation, maintenance, management and governance of water supply and wastewater utilities

- Represent the interests of water supply and sewerage utilities, and other professionals in the water supply and wastewater sector, including the provision of advice and consultation in water legislation, policies, and sector management and reform
- Develop and disseminate publications and other knowledge products to meet the needs of regional professionals

Technical Working Groups (TWG) were formed, and guidelines were developed for the following issues:

Management of Utilities

- Cost Recovery
 - Non Revenue Water
 - Water for the Poor
 - Energy Efficiency
- Asset Management

Management of Water Resources

- Governance
- Master Planning
- Protection of Resources
- Adaptation to Climate Change
- IWRM

Utilities Reform

- Autonomy/Commercialization
- Public-Public Partnership
- Private-Public Partnership

Capacity Building & Training

- Training Strategy
- Certification

Water & Health

- Domestic Water Supply
- Waste Water Treatment and Re-use

Benchmarking

- Signing MoU between GoJ and ACWUA
- Signing Financing Agreement between GTZ and ACWUA
- Signing MoU between IWA and ACWUA
- Developing action plan for support activities for ACWUA, GTZ, USAID/ABRI and IWA
- Assignment of long-term advisor for ACWUA by GTZ through ESCWA
- Selection of ACWUA in the steering committee of Water Operators Partnerships (WOPs)

- Participation of ACWUA in the following conferences and workshops:
 - 2nd Beirut Water Week in Feb 2009
 - International Water Forum in Istanbul in Mar 2009
 - Arab Water Ministerial Conference in Algeria in Jun 2009
 - Workshop with IWA, GTZ, USAID/ABRI and in the Hague in July 2009

- Finalizing Draft Agreement with UNU Dubai to support training activities and Water & Health TWG
- Preparation of MoU with SIDA (Sweden) to support activities of some of the TWG
- Conclude agreement with CIM to support ACWUA by an expert in Knowledge Management for at least two years
- Provision of equipment, IT and other infrastructure for the office
- Updating ACWUA website by consultant commissioned for the specific purpose

- Initiation of staffing
- Development of membership register
- Development of accounting procedures
- Expansion of 5 year ACWUA business plan
- Formulation of communication, knowledge management and training strategies
- Formation of TWGs as nominated by BoD-members
- Preparation for ACWUA launch

ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Ongoing

Membership expansion through different communication mechanisms



Aug 2009

Participation in WWW in Stockholm; meeting with exec. directors of water associations, e.g. IWA, AfWA,...



Jan 2010

Holding 3rd Best Practices Conference in Non-Revenue-Water in Morocco



Jan 2010

Concurrently with 3rd Best Practices Conference, holding BoD meeting in Morocco



4th Quarter

Preparation for the ACWUA Annual Conference & Exhibition to be held annually



Sep 2010

Participation in IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition in Montreal



Sep 2010

Participation in IFAT, International Trade Fair and Conference in Munich



Jun 2010

Participation in InWent-Conference on Water Sector Governance in Tunis



to be a **Centre of Excellence** in the region for:

- Best Practices in Water and Wastewater Services in the Arab Countries
- Training facilitation on a regional level
- Bringing together the expertise in water in the Arab World through TWGs



Thank You For Your Patience!

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