

<b>Water Executive Committee</b>	
<b>2nd meeting</b>	
<b>Date, location</b>	10:00-12:00, Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2017, MoEW L2 conference room
<b>Chair</b>	Rander Nemer, Advisor to Minister on behalf of H.E. Cesar Abi Khalil, Minister of Energy and Water
<b>Notes</b>	David Adams, LCRP Water sector coordinator

**Agenda:**

1. Introductions
2. Endorse minutes of previous meeting
3. Discuss and agree on TOR following comments and feedback, covering the following key aspects:
  - a. Objective/purpose/function
  - b. Scope
  - c. Membership
  - d. Responsibilities
  - e. Sub-groups
4. Discussion regarding sector funding
  - a. LCRP funding concerns
  - b. Strategy to increase funding to water sector
5. AOB and next meeting

**Presentation:**

Refer to attached (*WEC mtg presentations 28Sep2017 v0.pdf*)

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

The revised minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> meeting endorsed with no objections and are attached (*Final MoM 1st WEC mtg of 15Jun2017.pdf*)

**2. Introductions**

A "tour de table" was done to allow participants to present themselves. Participants list at end of these minutes.

**3. Terms of Reference**

Feedback and comments were discussed and alterations to the TOR were agreed. Final draft of TOR is attached (*Final Draft WEC TOR -28Sep2017.docx*). This is to be endorsed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> WEC meeting.

Randa Nemer informed that MoEW will recommence the donor coordination forum meetings in the last week of October. Date and timing to be confirmed. These meetings will be held on a quarterly basis. The scope of these meetings shall cover all water activities in the sector. The committee agreed that the WEC, which focuses on the Syrian Crisis Response with LCRP as its framework, would be a standing agenda item during these meetings.

Randa Nemer informed that all 4 WE DG positions were recently advertised and 72 applicants were received. OMSAR will screen the CVs and together with the Minister of Energy and Water and the Head of Civil Service will interview and shortlist 3 candidates for each of the 4 WE DG positions. The final selection process will be through the Council of Ministers.

David Adams informed that the Canadian Embassy are interested but will not be able to participate in the WEC.

Randa Nemer informed that the Embassy of Switzerland will participate in the WEC with agreement by H.E. Cesar Abi Khalil, Minister of Energy and Water.

The committee agreed that David Adams shall organise elections of the Local and International NGO representatives of the WEC, to be completed by 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October.

#### **4. Funding**

David Adams presented a summary of the LCRP funding status for the water sector highlighting that only 19% of the \$280m appeal had been received as at mid-year and noting that the funding outlook for 2018 was bleak.

Raymond Tarabay suggested the WEC needs a picture of the different water projects being undertaken across the different sectors.

The committee agreed that the David Adams shall organise a technical working group to;

- a. Provide a picture of all the different water projects and initiatives across all sectors,
- b. Develop a strategy for addressing the funding crisis in the water sector.

#### **5. AOB and next meeting**

David Adams informed that the draft LCRP 2018 water sector plan should be reviewed by the WEC in the first week of November, however, this timing needs to be confirmed. Zahi El Haiby agreed to revert, based on the schedule of the LCRP 2018 planning.

**Tentative timing for 3<sup>rd</sup> WEC meeting to be during 1<sup>st</sup> week of November. TBC**

**Meeting attendance:**

#	ORGANIZATION	NAME
1	MoEW	Randa Nemer
2	MoEW	Soha Habib
3	MoEW	Fadia Hayek
4	MoSA	Zahi El Haiby
5	MoSA	Peter Farah
6	The World Bank	Sally Zgheib
8	EU Delegation	José-Luis Vinuesa Santa Maria
9	Germany Embassy	Raymond Tarabay
10	Germany KfW	Hanan Abdul Rida
11	Embassy of Switzerland	Philipp Beutler
12	Embassy of Switzerland	Dalia Lakiss
13	USAID	Sana Saliba
14	CISP	Simone Abou Jaoudeh
15	René Moawad Foundation	Nabil Moawad
16	René Moawad Foundation	Anthonio Moawad
17	UNDP	Celine Moyroud
18	UNDP	Jihan Seoud
20	UNHCR	Mireille Girard
21	UNICEF	Tanya Chapuisat
22	UNICEF	Olivier Thonet
23	UNICEF	David Adams

**Apologies:**

1	Global Affairs Canada
2	MoPH
3	US Embassy/ BPRM