

# MEETING MENA REGION

Sharm El Sheikh,  
Tiran Beach Hotel, September 8<sup>th</sup> 2015

## MINUTES

### Participants:

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### Agenda:

1. Associate membership requests
  2. Activities 2016
    - a. Expert groups
    - b. Exchange
    - c. Coordination trips
    - d. Expert Workshop
    - e. Joint Research Proposal
  3. Miscellaneous
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#### 1. Associate Membership Requests

- a. BT reported on the application of Al Balqa University from Jordan as Associate member. The presentation of the university prepared based on a template sent by BT was previously distributed to the partners. In order to give the partners actual information, the representative of Al Balqa University Prof.Rebhi Damseh was invited to participate the regional meeting. A summary of the Al Balqa University-The International Research Center for Water, Environment and Energy (IRCWEE) and potential contributions to Exceed-Swindon Network are given by Prof.Damseh. Following a discussion on the membership it was unanimously decided that the Al Balqa University- The International Research Center for Water, Environment and Energy (IRCWEE) will be the new Associate Member of MENA region.
- b. During the Plenary Meeting in Goslar the name of the region was changed to MENA but till now no partners from North African countries were involved. BT gave short info on the already sent invitation to several potential partners from Tunisia. It is decided to renew the invitation and extend it also to potential partners from Morocco. BT will inform the partners regarding the developments.

#### 2. Activities 2016

- a) Expert groups  
BT reported that an Expert Database will include whole regions. It is expected from the regions to send the list of experts according to the sub-topics developed by TUBS and already send to the partners. It is important to include the specific key words which will define the activities of the respective expert.
- b) Exchange  
BT reported on the application of Mutaz Al Alawi from Jordan who wants to apply for PhD scholarship on water footprint methodology. Prof.Jiries said that he was the supervisor of Mutaz Alawi. Prof.Bahadır highlighted the issue that according to DAAD rules, the time between the MSc degree and the PhD begin should be no longer than 6 years. It was decided to ask for his detailed CV. BT will inform the partners. In case the requirements of DAAD are met, it is decided that his PhD application can be supported in frame work of the exchange activities of Exceed-Swindon Project.

