



**Training Workshop on
Integrated Flood Management**

Scope, objectives and expected outputs

Structure of the workshop sessions

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countries in Western Asia and the Arab region
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Background

- Integrated Flood Management as a new approach to manage floods in the context of IWRM
- IFM developed and advocated since early 2000s by WMO and GWP
- Since 2005 as the central policy concept of UNWater in the area of water hazards, and of the International Flood Initiative (UNU, UNISDR, WMO, UNESCO, etc.)
- Training workshops as a major forum for policy debate among policy makers and flood managers, etc.

Scope

- In depth exposure to the social, economic, environmental and institutional dimensions of flood management to develop an integrated perspective on floods, floodplains and the development process
- Focus on Western Asia the Arab States
- Target audience: policy and upper water resources management levels

Expected outcomes from the training

- ✓ A **balanced outlook** on floods, flood plains and development processes, and their role in IWRM
- ✓ A **basis for future self-study** on the issue and for network exchange
- ✓ An **analytical framework** to analyze the various dimensions of flood management and to identify multidisciplinary requirements for IFM
- ✓ **Exchange of knowledge** about available **tools and methodologies** to improve flood management practices

Expected outcomes from the participants

- ✓ **Thinking out of the box** about possible ways of addressing the issue of floods within your own context
- ✓ **Sharing your conceptions and ideas** with water/disaster managers from other countries.
- ✓ **Sharing your own experiences and best practices** regarding the national situation of Integrated Flood Management in your countries
- ✓ A commitment to **disseminate and replicate** the lessons learnt from this training workshop in your own institutions and concerned structures in your countries
- ✓ **Suggestions for follow-up activities** and case studies in your countries and regions and **feedback** on the training ([Questionnaires](#))

Overview of the training sessions

Session I: Setting the scene for Integrated Flood Management (Day 1)

- Training modules
- Plenary discussion

Session II: Getting and integrated perspective on floods (Day 2)

- Training modules and practical exercises
- Moderated breakout group discussions

Session III: Technical tour of flood management sites (Day 3)

- Field trip and “on the site” discussions

Session IV: Tools and pathways for Integrated Flood Management implementation (Day 4)

- Training modules and practical exercises
- Moderated breakout group discussions

Wrap-up and conclusions (Day 4)