



A Workshop on
Promoting Urban Nexus in the MENA Region
A side event at Cairo Water Week II

The Nexus Dialogue Programme of GIZ in Collaboration with The League of Arab States

Al-Manara International Conference Center, New Cairo

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The workshop on “Promoting Urban Nexus in the MENA Region” comes under the framework of the Nexus Regional Dialogue (NRD) -MENA/GIZ ¹ activities in the region on Urban Nexus. It is organized based on the expressed interest of the Egyptian Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation and in collaboration with the League of Arab States (LAS); the partner of the NRD. The importance of promoting the Urban Nexus approach stems from the role of the urban sector in achieving water and energy efficiency, and hence, enhancing water and energy security on national and regional levels.

This workshop aims at: discussing the concept of Urban Nexus and the mechanisms of achieving the Urban Nexus approach, shedding light on the central role of cities & municipalities in achieving water-energy Nexus on the local level, presenting success stories on implementing Urban Nexus in the MENA region and in Asia, and illustrating some Urban Nexus initiatives in the region. By the end of this workshop the participants would define the way forward for applying Urban Nexus in Egypt and in other countries of the region.

The participants in this workshop will be high-level participants from Morocco, Lebanon, Jordan, Oman and Egypt, representing of governmental entities working on water, energy and urban development and local government. This is in addition to representatives from the private sector, Academia, International and regional organizations and NGOs.

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Agenda

09:00 - 09:30	Registration	
09:30 - 09:40	Opening of the workshop	GIZ- LAS- MWRI
09:40- 09:50	Introduction of participants (tour de table)	
09:50 - 10:00	Introduction to the Nexus Dialogue Programme	Dr. Nisreen Lahham/NDP-GIZ
10:00 - 10:20	Why Urban Nexus? Concept and importance	Dr. Hammou Laamrani/ LAS
10:20 - 10:40	Framework conditions for applying Urban Nexus (presentation)	Dr. Nisreen Lahham, NDP-GIZ
10:40 -11:00	MINARET Project: achievements and prospects (presentation)	Eng. Muhieddin, NERC, RCS/ Jordan
11:00- 12:00	Success stories of implementing Urban Nexus in the MENA region: Morocco, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt (panel discussion)	Mr. Wael Tabti/ Chefchaouen Group, Mr. Hisham Fatayri/ Mayor of Jdaideh Municipality, Karak Municipality, Giza Governorate
12:00 - 12:30	Coffee Break	
12:30- 12:45	Initiatives on Urban Nexus in the region: objectives & way forward (presentation)	Dr. Jauad El-Kharraz, MDRC/ Oman
12:45 - 14:00	Applying Urban Nexus in the MENA region- challenges and opportunities (Panel discussion)	<i>RCREEE, Green Building Council, TU Berlin- MoE – MoH- construction company (Egypt)</i>
14:00 - 15:00	Lunch	
15:00 -16:00	Urban Nexus in Asian cities- The Asian Cities Network: Lessons learnt (presentation)	Ruth Erlbeck/ GIZ Cairo
16:00 - 16:30	Applying Urban Nexus in the MENA region- Way forward (open discussion)	
16:30 - 16:40	Wrap up, feedback	GIZ/Rapporteur