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Water-Energy-Food Security Nexus

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Dear readers,

We are pleased to share with you the latest news and updates from our five regions of the Nexus Regional Dialogues Programme on the Water, Energy and Food Nexus approach.

First of all, we would like to announce a five-day conference organised by the German development cooperation (GIZ) from the 24th to 28th of August 2020. The conference will cover key topics on water - from Covid19 to climate change, including the Water, Energy and Food Nexus. Please follow our website and social media for more updates. Furthermore, the interrelation of these three topics is addressed in an interview with Claudia Ringler, the Deputy Director of the Environment and Production Technology Division at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), which you will find in the Global News section of this newsletter.

You will also read about the contribution of the NRD Programme to the Dresden Nexus Conference 2020. We further invite you to get to know our Regional Dialogue Manager of MENA, Dr. Nisreen Lahham. She shares with you her personal WEF Nexus journey and the experiences she encountered in mainstreaming the WEF Nexus approach. News from the Niger basin include a study trip to the Songhai centre in Benin, a model training centre and farm, the article will provide you with a deeper insight on how the WEF Nexus approach can be brought to action on a farm-level.

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Yours WEF Nexus Team

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Announcement: Conference // Week on Water for Development in August 2020



Every drop counts – but what is happening in the water sector in times of COVID-19? The Week on Water for Development (WW4D) is a virtual five-day conference from 24 to 28 August 2020, organised by the German development cooperation (GIZ), that connects relevant stakeholders around key topics on water from COVID-19 to climate change. WW4D is also part of SIWI's World Water Week @ home 2020. During those days, GIZ collaborates with more than 50 partners to present and discuss recent findings, publications as well as best practices from the field.

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Nexus Interview // From Climate Change to Covid19: How the Nexus Approach can enhance Sustainable Development

Claudia Ringler is the Deputy Director of the Environment and Production Technology Division at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), while also co-leading the institute's water research program. She has been involved in several WEF-Nexus projects in the past and cooperated with the NRD program in the Niger Basin. This interview features some of her experiences while working in



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Dresden Nexus Conference 2020 // Review: The Nexus Regional Dialogues Programme at the Dresden Nexus Conference



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This year's Dresden Nexus Conference with the title "Circular Economy in a Sustainable Society" was held virtually from the 3rd to the 5th of June 2020. The Nexus Regional Dialogues Programme contributed to the conference with a presentation titled "The Water-Energy-Food Nexus - a peace enabler", discussing experiences on the WEF Nexus governance in the Niger basin.

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Nexus Principles // The Water, Energy and Food security Nexus Principles



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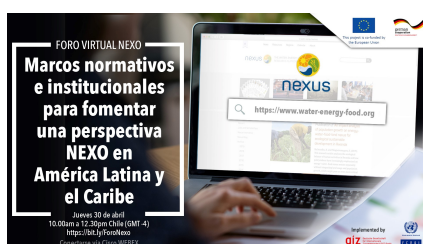
The Water-Energy-Food security Nexus Principles guide towards the application, implementation and operationalisation of the Water-Energy-Food security Nexus (WEF Nexus) approach in different contexts. The Principles were developed by practitioners based on their experience and grounded in research.

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News from the Nexus Regional Dialogue: Latin America and the Caribbean

Nexus Blog // Outcomes of the fourth Nexus Latin America Virtual Forum



The fourth Nexus Virtual Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean organised by the Nexus Regional Dialogues programme together with CEPAL was focused on the question how regulatory and institutional frameworks can be supported to implement a Nexus perspective between water, energy and food in the region. This article was written by Alba Llavona (consultant at CEPAL) and Marina Gil (Water and Energy Unit, Natural Resources Division, ECLAC).

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Nexus Blog // The Nexus Regional Dialogues Programme received an award for promoting innovative Nexus solutions

The Nexus Regional Dialogues Programme in Latin America and the Caribbean, together with the ProAgenda 2030 program in Bolivia, was recently awarded EUR 17,000 from an innovation fund of the GIZ-sponsored Environmental Management and Rural Development Network in Latin America and the Caribbean (GADER-ALC) to develop a workstream for promoting innovative solutions using digital tools for sustainable development in the water, energy and agriculture sectors.



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News from the Nexus Regional Dialogue: MENA

Interview Series // Introducing the Nexus Dialogue Programme and the People behind it



Interview Series // Introducing the Nexus Dialogue Programme and the people behind it:
Dr. Nisreen Lahham, Regional Coordinator for the Nexus Dialogue in the MENA region



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With this interview series, we aim to provide a better picture about the people working for the Nexus Dialogue Programme and their individual perspectives on WEF Nexus challenges and opportunities stemming from their personal experiences. The Nexus team is active in five regions: Central Asia, Latin America, MENA, Niger River Basin and Southern Africa. In doing so, we ask the three same questions within each interview: What does WEF Nexus

mean to you and how would you describe it in one sentence? What are the main Nexus challenges in the respective region? In your opinion, what is the most promising approach for implementing/ mainstreaming WEF Nexus in the respective region? This interview features Dr. Nisreen Lahham, Regional Coordinator for the Nexus Dialogue in the MENA region.

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Nexus Blog // Access to finance for WEF Nexus projects in the MENA Region

How can Nexus projects get better access to financial resources in the MENA region? During this Year's Annual Meeting of the MENA Region Initiative as a Model of NEXUS Approach and Renewable Energy Technologies (MINARET), participants discussed and learned about an array of financing modalities available for municipalities. The meeting also included a workshop on financing options at decentralised scale.



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Nexus Blog // Workshop on Transboundary Water Cooperation in the MENA Region in Beirut



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On the 3rd and 4th March of 2020, a workshop on Transboundary Water Cooperation in the MENA Region took place in Beirut, where the Nexus Regional Dialogue Programme (NDP)-MENA shared some of the experiences made with applying the WEF Nexus approach in the Niger Basin.

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News from the Nexus Regional Dialogue: Niger Basin

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Nexus Blog // A study trip to Songhai center of Porto Novo in Benin



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A delegation of various stakeholders of the Niger Basin area undertook a study trip to the Songhai center in Benin, a model training center dedicated to rural and agricultural development and capacity building. The establishment of such a training centre could be a chance for communities that will be displaced due to the construction of the Kandadji dam, that foster new employment opportunities and to integrate the WEF Nexus approach into local farming practices.

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News from the Nexus Regional Dialogue: Central Asia

Article // The power of best practice WEF Nexus cases

How can the Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus support an expansion of development possibilities in times of increasing competition over water, energy and food resources? The publication “Increasing returns on investment opportunities by applying a nexus approach: Best practice nexus case studies”, prepared in the frame of the EU-funded Central Asia Nexus Dialogue Project, draws on eight best practice cases from around the world, proposing the nexus as an approach that could resolve potential resource conflicts. It covers a range of water, energy and food security concerns of interest for a variety of key stakeholders.



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News from other regions

Nexus Fact Sheet // Frexus: Improving security and climate resilience in a fragile context through the Water-Energy-Food Security Nexus

With the FREXUS project, is aimed to improve security and climate resilience in a fragile context through the Water-Energy and Food Security Nexus (Frexus), in Mali, Niger and Chad. The objective is to increase peace and stability in areas where resource conflict is exacerbated by climate change. Read more about the project and its goals in the factsheet.



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Nexus Fact Sheet // Support of the water resources management at Lake Kivu and the Ruzizi River



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The aim of the project is to support the regional river basin organisation ABAKIR (Autorité du Bassin du Lac Kivu et de la Rivière Ruzizi) to improve the hydrological and operational management of Lake Kivu and the Ruzizi River with a Nexus perspective. Read more about the project and its goals in the factsheet.

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