Session 3: The Water-Employment-Migration (WEM) Nexus

Workshop Activity 3: Water, Migration and Employment - Global Water Partnership Mediterranean

Purpose: This workshop will identify the challenges and opportunities for water-related employability and entrepreneurship for Mediterranean youth, within the Water, Employment and Migration nexus in the region.

Number of participants: approx. 40, form groups of 10 (4 groups max)
Number of facilitators required: 4 (Konstantina Toli, Michela Miletto, Almotaz Abadi, Asma Bachikh)
Materials required: Matrix print-out & Stickers (to be provided by GWP-Med)
Equipment required: roving mics (of available), 3-4 tables enough to host the groups; 4 Flip-charts and markers

Process: The participants will break out in groups, as assigned by the organisers. Through a facilitated exchange, the groups will be requested to fill in a Matrix of opportunities and of concrete activities (Annex 1) to materialise these.

Indentifying three key levels of intervention (Rural, Urban and Industry), participants will identify, through their lens, the opportunities for water related employability and entrepreneurship, including through technology and innovation transfer, expansion of existing and creation of new markets etc., in a range of fields, like Water Supply and Sanitation, Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem Nexus, Non Conventionnal Water Resources, Sustainable Agriculture and more; according to participants’ experiences.

Elaborating on the enabling conditions, participants would identify what skills, education and training are required to match the needs of the water related jobs and markets, as well as what type of activities are needed for that to happen (e.g. vocational training, certified courses on specialised technical expertise, etc.). Other opportunities, such as social innovation would also be discussed.

Special areas of action will also include responses to refugee challenges, including in camps, as an opportunity both to improve the living conditions and improve management of water resources and also to allow income generation and eventually social integration of refugees in transit and hosting countries. Youth and Gender perspectives would be considered in each area of potential intervention and targeted activities will be articulated.

The enabling environment, including governance structures, legal and regulatory frameworks and financing mechanisms will also be elaborated. The role of media and communication to create a new narrative to promote the water as an opportunity for jobs, entrepreneurship and income generation will also be discussed, proposing actions to promote water jobs.

Identified actions should be categorised according to:

- the possible time line for their implementation, tagged as ‘short’, ‘medium’ and ‘long’ term.
- their feasibility (e.g. due to enabling environment, existing skills, financing, urgency for response, etc.), tagged as ‘doable’, ‘average’, ‘difficult’.

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