

## **OUTLINE of RECOMMENDED CONCLUSIONS**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

- Recall the 2008 Declaration and the validity of the commitments therein as well as the technical relevance of the issues identified in the 2010 SWM.
- Recall the challenges of the region and identify new emerging ones, as per the Concept Note, e.g.,:
  - Natural (water scarcity, arid/climate conditions, hydro-morphologic, hydrologic, droughts and floods, etc.);
  - Socio-economic;
  - Human-made (pollution, pressures from agriculture, tourism, hydropower, industry, migration and refugees, etc.)
  - Cross-cutting and transboundary issues: Climate Change, Biodiversity loss including the Mediterranean Sea conditions
- A number of initiatives (including legal frameworks, platforms or projects) are working in parallel in the region with similar lines of action (5+5 WMS, Strategy SEE2020 (RCC), UNECE Water Convention, Nexus dialogues existing or about to be launched, UNEP/MAP, SIDA-supported projects Austria, etc.); New international and global commitments (e.g., support to the SDGs follow up and implementation) offer new opportunities, including opportunities for funding.
- Recall the items of the agenda and the attached Concept Note and presentations

### **2. REAFFIRM THE NEED OF JOINING EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES AND THE NEED FOR COOPERATION**

### **3. TO ELABORATE A ROADMAP with OBJECTIVES, ACTIONS, and ASSOCIATED WORK PLAN (to be revised on a 2 to 3-year basis)**

- Analyse how the initiatives/existing legal frameworks/organisations/ can work together and ensure synergies and efficient cooperation;
  - Identify existing and potential funding mechanisms and agencies and encourage synergies between them;
  - Identify the commonalities and gaps;
  - Identify an overview of guiding principles and objectives;
- Draft a Roadmap bringing the initiatives together and develop an operational work programme

### **4. ACTORS INVOLVED**

- WEG (giving a mandate to a smaller drafting group to work on the Roadmap and associated Work Plan), duly coordinated/supported by the UfM Secretariat with the technical assistance continued to be provided by GWPMED

Drafting group will include:

- Co-Presidencies (Jordan and European Commission);
  - UfM Secretariat (with GWP as technical facilitator);
  - Country representatives (1 representative Maghreb, 1 representative Middle East, 1 representative Balkans & Turkey, and 1 representatives from EU MS);
- Outcome of the Drafting Group will be presented for discussion and approval to the WEG. This may involve discussion by the WEG of interim report(s) prior to final approval.
  - Political level: Ministers to validate the process, including the Roadmap and Work Programme

### **5. TIMELINE**

- 2016 preparation (including 1+ (1 provided funds available) WEGs meetings

- Mid 2017 approval during the Maltese Presidency of the EU

Nominations representing the sub-regions for the drafting group to be sent to the UfM Secretariat (water@ufmsecretariat.org) by 31/12/2015