

## **Training Course: Water Footprint Awareness Raising for GCC and Arab Countries**

Promoting Integrated Water Resources Management in the Arab Region  
*Muscat, 19 October 2014*

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### **INTRODUCTION**

AWARENET, the Arab Integrated Water Resources Management Network, a Cap-Net Regional Network for Capacity Development in Sustainable Water Management hosted by UN ESCWA, jointly with the Oman Water Society (OWS), the Water Science and Technology Association (WSTA), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA) and Cap-Net UNDP are offering a **Training Course “Water Footprint Awareness Raising for GCC and Arab Countries”** that is designed for professionals in the water and environmental sectors in GCC and Arab countries interested to learn about water footprint assessments for their daily practice.

### **TARGET GROUP**

The training course addresses primarily AWARENET members including water managers, government officials, and researchers and representatives from universities and non-governmental organizations involved in water and environmental management in GCC and Arab countries. If spaces are still available also others, not members of AWARENET can participate in the training.

### **DURATION AND VENUE**

The one day course will be organized at the Al Bustan Palace Hotel in Muscat, Oman (13h00 to 18h00) on Sunday, 19 Oct 2014, directly before the WSTA 11<sup>th</sup> Gulf Water Conference (GWC), 20-22 October 2014.

### **PRELIMINARY TRAINING COURSE OUTLINE**

#### **Session I: Water Footprint Assessment Concepts and Methodology**

Covering understanding of Water Footprint Assessment concepts and methodology, obtaining general overview of the Global Water Footprint Standard. This session provides an overview of experiences in Water Footprint Assessments including accounting, sustainability assessment and formulating response strategies in a variety of settings and cases, incl. blue, grey and green water and their relation to Water Footprint.

## **Session II: Implementing Water Footprint Assessments**

Covering technical know-how to implement Water Footprint Assessments in business water strategy and public sector policy. This module intends to raise awareness of technical capability and skills required for detailed implementation of Water Footprint Assessment with some hands-on examples, incl. incorporation of water footprint into national water policy and practical exercise on water allocation.

## **Session III: Preparing for Application, Case Studies and Training Workshops in GCC and Arab Countries**

This session intends to develop a future training and research agenda for GCC and Arab countries to improve the knowledge about water footprint concepts and information through country case studies and further regional, sub-regional or national training opportunities.

### **PARTNERSHIP**

AWARENET will be partnering for the organization of this training with the Oman Water Society (OWS) as a local host, the Water Science and Technology Association (WSTA) as regional organizer of the 11<sup>th</sup> Gulf Water Conference (GWC), Cap-Net UNDP and UN-ESCWA as funding partners.

### **FACILITATION**

The training will be facilitated by the one leading trainer and AWARENET member who has participated in various activities related to Water Footprint assessments, incl. a Training-of-Trainers that was provided by the Water Footprint Network in collaboration with Cap-Net UNDP in October 2013.

Trainer and AWARENET Network Coordinator will follow up in consultation with training participants during the WSTA 11<sup>th</sup> GWC (20-22 Oct 2014) to investigate potential for further full training courses on water footprint assessments at national level in the respective countries.

### **LANGUAGE**

The course language will be English (only). There will be no simultaneous translation.

### **CERTIFICATES**

After the successful completion and full attendance of the course, participants will receive an **AWARENET Certificate of Attendance**.

### **COSTS**

Participants will be charged a course fee of USD 100 to be collected during the course and donated to the Oman Water Society (OWS). AWARENET members are exempted from course fees.

### **SELECTION AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

Registration will be through filling and signing the enclosed “Expression of Interest” form and submitting it together with a letter of motivation by email to [awarenet-escwa@un.org](mailto:awarenet-escwa@un.org) latest by **30 Aug 2014**. In case of more than 30 Expressions of Interest the AWARENET Secretariat will select max. 30 participants from the submissions, based on criteria such as AWARENET membership, date of submission, motivation, possibilities to apply acquired knowledge in further activities at regional or national level, gender, geographic diversity, etc. Confirmed participants will be notified by AWARENET Secretariat latest by **15 Sep 2014**.

For a limited number of participants from outside Oman some financial support can be made available to partially contribute to costs of participation. A need for financial support shall be clearly indicated on the “Expression of Interest” form.

# Expression of Interest Form

**Training Course “Water Footprint Awareness Raising for GCC and Arab Countries”**

19 Oct 2014, Muscat, Oman

**Deadline for submitting Expression of Interest: 30 Aug 2014**

**By email to: [awarenet-escwa@un.org](mailto:awarenet-escwa@un.org)**

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## **Details of participant / candidate:**

Name, First name

Titles(s)

AWARENET Member?

YES / NO

Gender

male / female

Organization

Type of Organization (NGO,  
government, university, company  
etc.)

Street

City

P.O. Box

Postal Code

Country

Emails

Phone Numbers

Paper Accepted for  
WSTA 11<sup>th</sup> GWC

YES / NO  
If yes title:

How do you intend to apply  
acquired knowledge in further  
activities at regional or national  
level?

YES / NO  
If yes, explanation:

Need for Financial Support?