
MENA Water Scarcity community “MENA-WSC”

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Who we are

Water Scarcity community “MENA-WSC”, an initiative that is launched by IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, and hosted by SciDev.Net in September 2022.

Through the community, which is represented in a Facebook group, we share the latest news and research related to water scarcity in the MENA region, we also post opportunities like, joint research calls, fellowships, scholarships, conferences, trainings, webinars, and even vacancies related to this topic.





What do we do

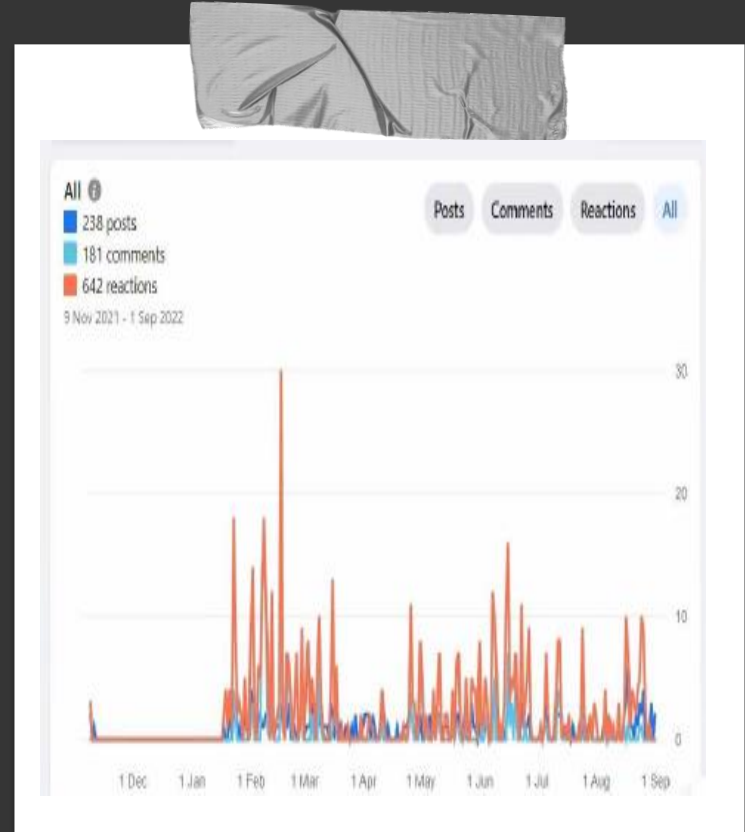
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discussions, webinar sessions, and face to face meetings we were able to take some valuable steps in setting a common ground combating challenges facing the water sector in MENA.

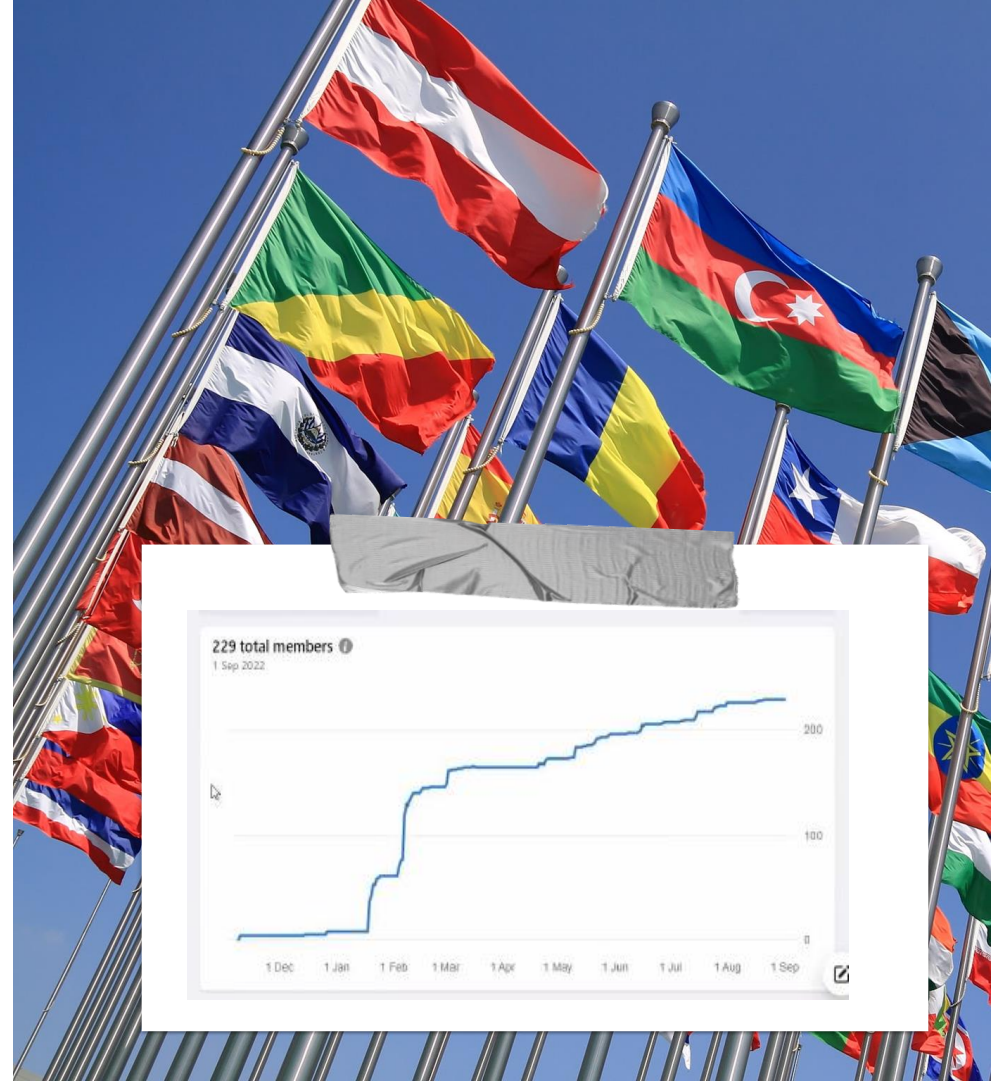
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The community group is private and only members who get accepted by moderator join the group. Members are encouraged to share their knowledge, ask questions, participate in discussions



The Community launch was announced through IHE Delft facebook page, and newsletter, and ScieDev.Net/MENA newsletter, and other social media platforms. The group received more than **600 membership requests, the moderator investigated them and accepted 350 members from 181 countries**





Water scarcity in COP27 Agenda

Hosted in Egypt, this webinar will discuss how increasing water scarcity, as one of the impacts of climate change, will be included in COP27 discussions



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Regional Researcher, Agriculture
Water Solutions at WWF



Ajit Govind
Climatologist at ICARDA



Khalil Ammar
Program Leader, Sustainable
Natural Resources
Management at ICBA



Rehab Abdalmohsen
MENA Water Scarcity
Community Moderator

Date: June 16, 2022 15:00

What we achieved .

- Organizing two webinars on water on the agenda of COP27, and 2) Ground water: making the invisible visible. The webinars are entirely organised, hosted and promoted by SciDev.Net and other prominent entities such as: ICBA, ICARDA and IWMI.

What we achieved



 **WEBINAR**  **Sci
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Preserving Groundwater Resources in the MENA region

Given the limited surface water resources in the MENA region, which exert pressure on groundwater, this webinar will explore techniques for mapping the groundwater status, assess the extent of depletion, and showcase success stories from countries effectively managing their groundwater resources.



Speaker
Dr. Mohamed Dawoud
Advisor for Water Resources,
Environment Quality of Abu Dhabi
Environment Agency, UAE



Host
Rehab Abd AlMohsen
Award-winning science journalist

Date: Thurs 21 Nov 2023 – 5pm Makkah time

What we achieved



- Issuing two press releases per year about the Community activities, and sending them to the members mailing list.
- Covering the webinar through writing blogs and publish it on SciDev.net MENA edition.

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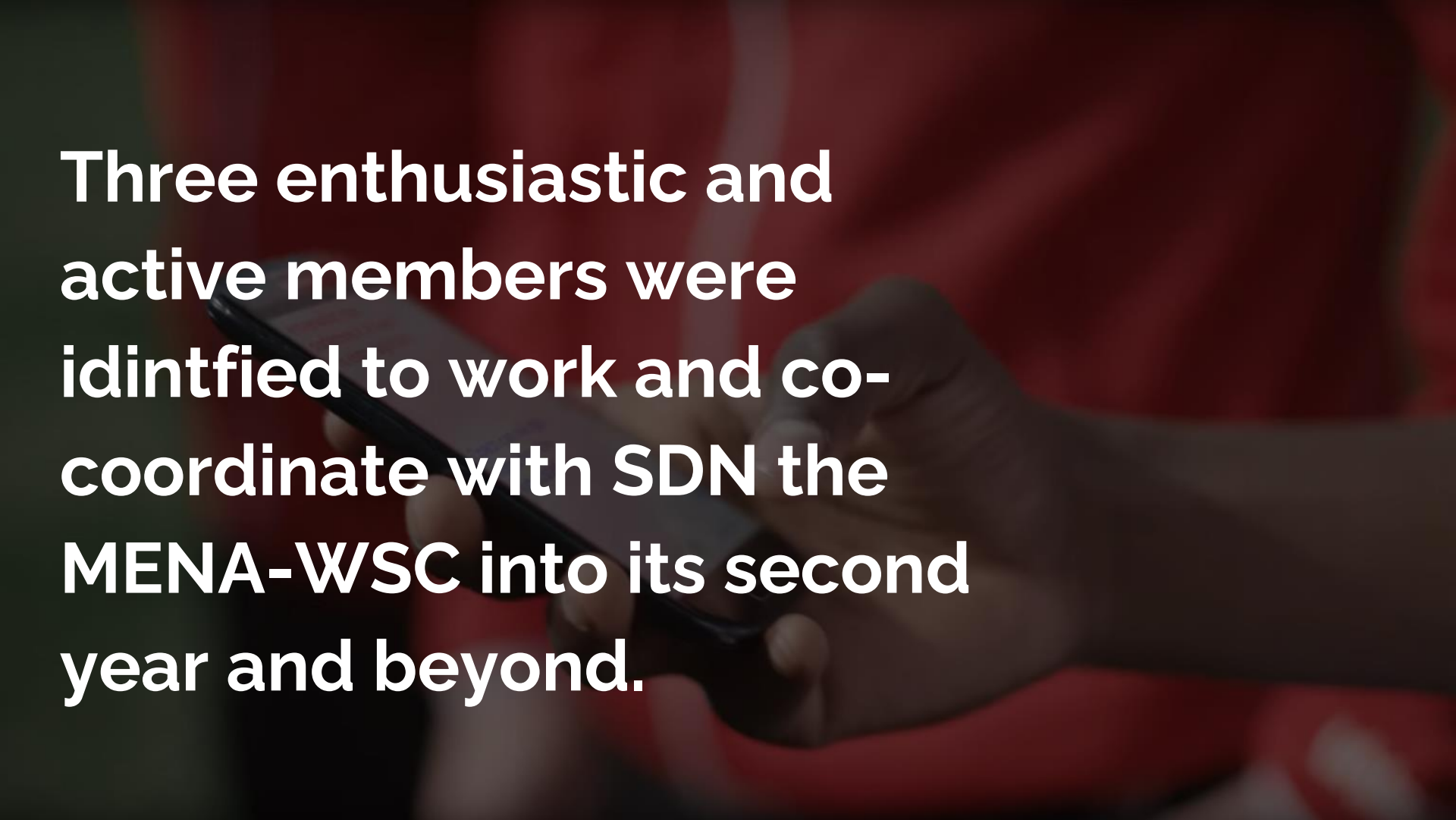


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”الشرق الأوسط منطقة شديدة الجفاف، وهو ما يعني أن قدرة دولها على مواجهة آثار التغيرات المناخية ستكون ضعيفة“، هكذا عبّر أجييت جوفيند -خبير المناخ بالمركز الدولي للبحوث الزراعية في المناطق الجافة 'إيكاردا'- عن العلاقة الوثيقة بين التغيرات المناخية وشح المياه وما ينتظر المنطقة في المستقبل.

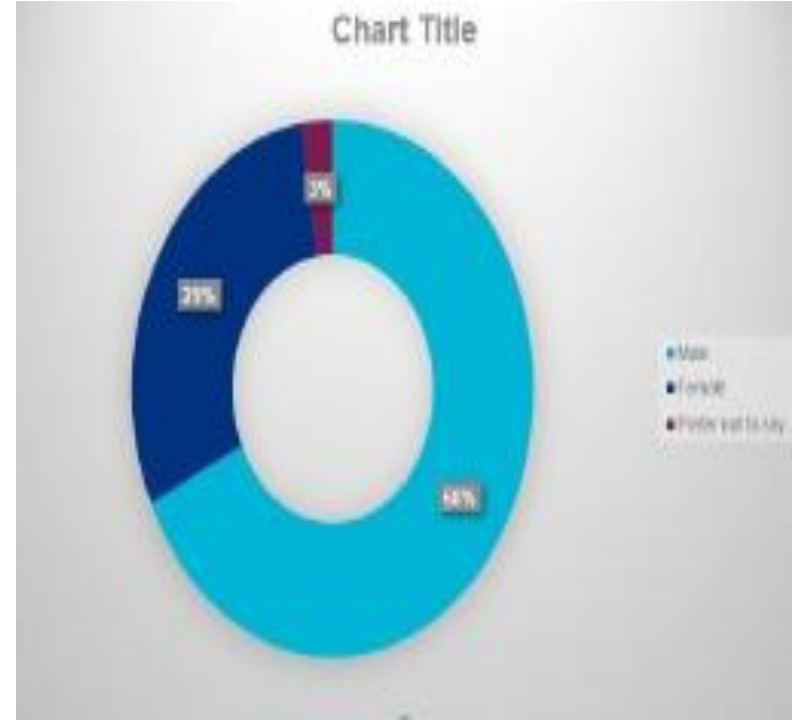
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Three enthusiastic and active members were identified to work and co-coordinate with SDN the MENA-WSC into its second year and beyond.



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The Community attracted both genders. Mail members representing 68% and female applicants representing 29% of the members, as shown in Figure (1).



Among Our Members:

Essam Heggy NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Caltech

Maha Al-Zu'bi: Manager: Global Research Initiative in Sustainable Low Carbon Unconventional Resources (GRI) at University of Calgary, Member, Board of Directors at Plan:Net Limited - Canada and Member, Board of Advisors at Arab Youth Sustainable Development Network.

Jauad El Kharraz: Executive Director at the Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE).

Khaled AbuZeid: Executive Committee Member at Arab Water Council (AWC), Managing Director at Egyptian Water Partnership - EWP الشراكة المصرية and Regional Water Program Director at Cedare - Centre for Environment & Development for the Arab Region & Europe.



Tip

Stories become more credible when they use concrete details such as the specific complex moves Alberto learned through Translate and his 30 goals in 21 games performance stats.



Stay tuned!

We are planning to host 3 webinars

→ **Water in the conflict zones**

How Sudan and Yemen are handling their water system in such a stressful situation

→ **Initiatives for cooperation**

We will explore 2 initiative by: FAO and IWMI to help researchers come together.

→ **Groundwater, the forgotten water**



Thank you!

We hope you'll be able to join the group and click

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/263796395569765>

For more about the community please email:

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