

Second meeting of the Joint Water-Agriculture Ministerial Council
27th January 2022

Resolutions

Item 1: The Action Plan for Cairo Declaration Operationalization

The Joint Ministerial Council, after review of:

- The report of the third meeting of the High-Level Joint Technical Committee, held virtually on 26th October 2021 (Attachment no. 1);
- The final version of the Action Plan to operationalize the Cairo Declaration, after incorporationg countries' comments to its first draft (Attachment no. 2).

And taking note of the presentation made on the subject,

After exchanges and in light of the discussion

It was decided to

1. Adopt the attached version of the Action Plan to operationalize Cairo Declaration and refer it to the next Arab Summit or the one after, according to the standing procedures of the League of Arab States.
2. Invite the Joint Technical Secretariat and its partners to communicate with Arab Funds, Regional Banks, and relevant Organizations and Donors to mobilize resources and support to implement the Action Plan to operationalize Cairo Declaration.
3. Invite the Joint Technical Secretariat to report on the progress in implementing the resolution and present it during the next meeting of the Joint Ministerial Council.

Item 2: Elaboration and implementation of the Guidelines on Water Allocation for Agriculture

The Joint Ministerial Council after review of:

- The report of the third meeting of the High-Level Joint Technical Committee, held virtually on 26th October 2021 (Attachment no. 1);
- The final version of the Guideline on Water Allocation for Agriculture, after incorporating countries' comments to its first draft (Attachment no. 3).

And taking note of the presentation made on the subject,

After exchanges and in light of the discussion

It was decided to

1. Adopt the attached version of the Guideline on Water Allocation for Agriculture and refer it to the next Arab Summit or the one after according to the standing procedures of the League of Arab States.
2. Invite countries, willing to voluntarily implement the Guidelines, to communicate with the Joint Technical Secretariat before the end of April 2022, to enable its partners to prepare an action plan to support the application of the Guidelines in interested countries.
3. Invite the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) to provide support to countries willing to voluntarily try applying the proposed Guidelines on Water Allocation on the field at the level of pilot projects.
4. Invite countries, which have Guidelines on Water Allocation, to share them with the Joint Technical Secretariat by email (shuhryar@yahoo.com and kamel.mostafa.elsayed@gmail.com) to enable dissemination among countries to benefit from their experience in this regard.
5. Invite the Joint Technical Secretariat to report on the progress in implementing the resolution and present it during the next meeting of the Joint Ministerial Council.

Item 3: The use of Non-Conventional Water Resources in Agriculture

The Joint Ministerial Council, after review of:

- The report of the third meeting of the High-Level Joint Technical Committee, held virtually on 26th October 2021 (Attachment no 1);
- The final version of the scoping paper on the use of non-conventional water resources in agriculture (Attachment no. 4).

And taking note of the presentation made on the subject,

After exchanges and in light of the discussion

It was decided to

1. Invite the Joint Technical Secretariat, The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) to prepare a report on the status, challenges and future of non-conventional water in the Arab region and the way to expand its use, based on the presented scoping paper.
2. Present the report to the upcoming meeting of the High-Level Joint Technical Committee for discussion and submit a recommendation to the Joint Ministerial Council on the necessary next steps to benefit from the outcomes of the report.
3. Invite the Joint Technical Secretariat to report on the progress in implementing the resolution and present it during the meeting of the next Ministerial Council.