

**Invitation to join the MENA Water Network (the Middle East and North Africa Region  
Water Resources and Wastewater Network)  
To be launched on July 18.**

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in **MENA Water** (the Middle East and North Africa Region Water Resources and Wastewater Network). This newly formed virtual regional network has emerged from the e-Discussion on "Using E-discussions and Regional Networks for Dialog and Knowledge Exchange in the MENA Region", which was hosted by the World Bank Institute's Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) Multimedia Center and took place during May and June 2005.

**MENA Water** represents an ongoing virtual network and moderated discussion forum. The aim of MENA Water is to provide a platform for researchers, experts, practitioners and other stakeholder communities to openly discuss water issues of relevance in the MENA region, with an overall goal of promoting sustainable water management practices and collaboration among the countries of the MENA Region. The forum will seek to identify common issues, objectives, and needs of the participants to establish a fruitful ground for exchange of experiences, sharing of knowledge and identification of best practices and lessons learned. Our focus will not only be on the exchange of knowledge, but also, more importantly, on the translation of this knowledge into action by identifying and promoting opportunities to improve water resources management in the MENA Region.

**MENA Water** will be launched on 18 July 2005 when we will provide an opportunity to all registered participants to introduce themselves, outline their professional backgrounds and the issues of most interest to them. In addition to serving as an ongoing discussion list, the forum will also seek to provide opportunities for participants to discuss relevant background documents in special sessions having a pre-defined start date and a deadline.

**MENA Water** moderators and participants represent NGOs, public and private sector, academia and international development agencies.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to any of your colleagues and contacts who might also be interested in participating in the network and e-discussion.

To join **MENA Water**, please log onto the following website and click "Join" in the upper right-hand corner: <http://www.dgroups.org/groups/worldbank/MENA-Water/>

We look forward to your participation and to a rich discussion.

With warm regards,

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**MENA Water** Moderator