

## Water Governance Benchmarking Criteria

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### **A. GOVERNANCE FUNCTIONS**

- 1. Organizing and building capacity in the water sector**
  - 1.1 Creating and modifying an organizational structure
  - 1.2 Assigning roles and responsibilities
  - 1.3 Setting national water policy
  - 1.4 Establishing linkages among sub-sectors, levels, and national sub-regions **1**
  - 1.5 Establishing linkages with neighboring riparian countries
  - 1.6 Building public and political awareness of water sector issues
  - 1.7 Securing and allocating funding for the sector
  - 1.8 Developing and utilizing well-trained water sector professionals
- 2. Planning strategically**
  - 2.1 Collecting, managing, storing and utilizing water-relevant data
  - 2.2 Projecting future supply and demand for water
  - 2.3 Designing strategies for matching expected long-term water supply an demand and dealing with shortfalls (including drought mitigation strategies)
  - 2.4 Developing planning and management tools to support decision making
- 3. Allocating water**
  - 3.1 Awarding and recording water rights and corollary responsibilities
  - 3.2 Establishing water and water rights transfer mechanisms
  - 3.3 Adjudicating disputes
  - 3.4 Assessing and managing third party impacts of water and water rights transactions
- 4. Developing and managing water resources**
  - 4.1 Constructing public infrastructure and authorizing private infrastructure development
  - 4.2 Forecasting seasonal supply and demand and matching the two
  - 4.3 Operating and maintaining public infrastructure according to established plans and strategic priorities
  - 4.4 Applying incentives and sanctions to achieve long and short term supply/demand matching (including water pricing)
  - 4.5 Forecasting and managing floods and flood impacts
- 5. Regulating water resources and services**
  - 5.1 Issuing and monitoring operating concessions to water service providers **2, 3**
  - 5.2 Enforcing withdrawal limits associated with water rights **4, 5**
  - 5.3 Regulating water quality in waterways, water bodies, and aquifers (including enforcement)
  - 5.4 Protecting aquatic ecosystems
  - 5.5 Monitoring and enforcing water service standards

## **B. GOVERNANCE PROCESS CHARACTERISTICS**

- 1. Transparency.** 6
- 2. Participation.**
- 3. Accountability and Integrity.**
- 4. Rule of law.** 7, 8
- 5. Coherency and Integration.**
- 6. Responsiveness.**

## **C. CROSS CUTTING CATEGORIES**

### **1. Water Sources**

- 1.1 Surface water
- 1.2 Groundwater 9, 10
- 1.3 Derivative water (reclaimed, reused, desalinated)

### **2. Water Uses**

- 2.1 Irrigation
- 2.2 Municipal 11, 12
- 2.3 Industrial
- 2.4 Environmental
- 2.5 Hydropower
- 2.6 Fisheries, navigation, recreation
- 2.7 Other uses (including social, esthetic, and religious uses) 13, 14, 15, 16

**Order of the Minister of Infrastructures no. 1552-02 of 10 Chaabane 1423 (17 October 2002) relative to the setting of excavation thresholds for wells, drilling operations and abstraction of groundwater inside the area of action of the Souss-Massa Hydrological Basin Agency 1, 4, 9**

**The Minister of Infrastructures,**

In view of decree no. 2-97-487 of 6 Chaoual 1418 (4 February 1998) establishing the procedure for granting authorizations and concessions relative to public domain waters, and in particular its articles 11 and 18; 2, 7

At the proposal of the director of the Souss-Massa Hydrological Basin Agency.

**Hereby orders:**

**Article 1:** Pursuant to articles 11 and 18 of Decree no. 2-97-487 cited above, this Order sets the excavation depth thresholds for wells and the execution of drilling operations, as well as the water abstraction thresholds in groundwater bodies, inside the Souss-Massa Hydrological Basin Agency area of action, in the table below: 3, 5, 8, 10

Sectors	Excavation thresholds for digging wells and drilling	Water abstraction thresholds (M <sup>3</sup> /Day)
Souss downstream and Chtouka sectors	40 m	Drinking water feed: 2 11
		All other uses: 40 12
El Guerdane sector	100 m	All uses: 2 13
Souss middle and upstream sector	50 m	Drinking water feed: 2 14
		All other uses: 20 15
Outside the sectors cited above	40 m	All uses: 10 16

**Article 2:** The boundaries of the sectors mentioned in article 1 above shown, on the map attached to the original of this Order, by:

- the color green for the Souss downstream and Chtouka sector;
- red for the El Guerdane sector;
- yellow for the Souss middle and upstream sector.

**Article 3:** This Order is published in the *Bulletin Officiel* (Official state gazette). 6

Rabat, 10 Chaabane 1423 (17 October 2002).

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