

Strengthening Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making: Building Connections for Africa and the Middle East

January 7 – 9, 2013 * Rabat, Morocco



Agenda

Monday, January 7, 2013 (Day 1)

9:00am Registration



9:30am Introductions, Goals, and Objectives

- Opening Session
 - Moroccan Ministry of Energy, Mining, Water and Environment
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Overview of workshop from EPA/workshop organizers
 - Workshop Facilitator
 - Why it's important
 - How it helps



Break



Making Connections

- Icebreaker exercise to introduce participants and begin to make connections
- Jointly create a visual of the countries, sectors, and roles of individuals represented in the room.



What is Public Participation and Why do we do it?

- What is public participation?
- Public Participation Principles
- What are the advantages?
- When do we use it?
- Purpose, organization, and use of *EPA's Public Participation Guide and International Toolkit*



1:00pm LUNCH



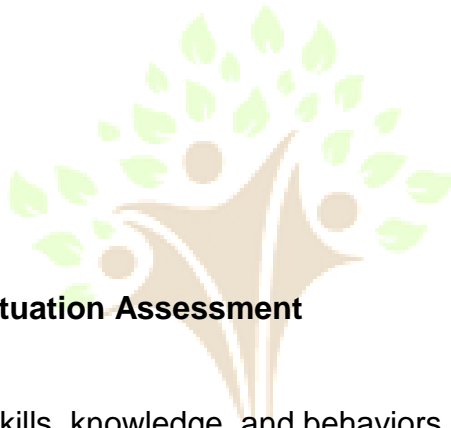
Stories from the Region

Snapshot of public participation experiences from different countries

- How do you view public participation?
- How are you using it?
- What successes and challenges have you faced?



BREAK



Public Participation Situation Assessment

Presentation to address:

- Internal assessments
- Public Participation Skills, knowledge, and behaviors
- External assessments and relationship-building



Community Exercise: Situation Assessment

Based on a case study provided, small groups will work together to explore:

- What resources and capacity do we currently have at our disposal? What additional resources, capacity, and commitments do we think will be necessary to conduct meaningful public participation?
- What is the range of stakeholders we need to reach? Who is already engaged and who is not? How will we build and strengthen relationships with different stakeholder groups?
- Will begin a “Resource Wall” to identify:
 - Resources we have
 - Resources we need
 - Resources we can share



Community Exercise: Sharing Results

- Key results and learning
- How will you implement what you have learned?

Wrap Up



05:30 pm Good Night * Bonsoir * تصبح على خير

Tuesday, January 8, 2012 (Day 2)



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Selecting the Right Level of Public Participation: The Spectrum

Presentation to address:

- IAP2 Spectrum
- Defining the challenge to be solved and the public's role
- How to select the right level of public participation
- Setting goals and promises



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Community Exercise: Using the Spectrum

Based on a case study provided, small groups will be asked to do the following:

- Define the challenge
- Identify appropriate questions for public input
- Identify the level to which public input will be considered
- Selecting the level on the spectrum
- Develop appropriate goal and promise statements

Participants will continue to add to the “resources wall” as new ideas emerge



12:00pm LUNCH



Community Exercise: Sharing Results

- Key results and learning
- How will you implement what you have learned?



Public Participation Tools and Techniques

Presentation to address:

- The range of tools and techniques available
- Considerations in selecting and implementing public participation tools



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Community Exercise: Using the Tools

Based on a case study provided, small groups will be asked to design a public participation event:

- Define goals and desired outcomes
- Identify who should attend
- Identify information and preparation needed
- Design the event agenda and tools to use
- Identify key facilitation needs to achieve success
- Participants will continue to add to the resource wall as new ideas emerge



Community Exercise: Sharing Results

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- How will you implement what you have learned?

Wrap Up



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Wednesday, January 9, 2013 (Day 3)



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Community Exercise: World Café

The exercise will introduce the world café technique and focus on the following question:

- What are the specific activities you can do to build your capacity to meaningfully engage stakeholders?



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Community Exercise: Sharing Results

Results will be displayed and then prioritized. These results will be typed up and provided to all participants as a key outcome of the workshop.

Wrap Up

- Identify the key lessons learned and takeaways from the workshop.
- Each country will identify at least three things that it can begin doing to improve public participation in its programs
- Closing remarks



1:00pm

Lunch/Certificate Ceremony/Photo-op

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