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The Rabat Declaration of the Maghreb WEF Nexus

The Maghreb WEF nexus experts and participants from other MENA countries at the International Workshop “Water-Energy-Food Nexus implementation in the Maghreb” held during 18-20 December 2017, UIR, Rabat (Morocco) and organized by MEDRC Water Research in collaboration with the recently installed Regional Program Energy Security and Climate Change in the Middle East and North Africa (REMENA) of the German Foundation Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and the International University of Rabat (Morocco):

1. Emphasize the importance of implementing a Water-Energy-Food (WEF) nexus framework in the Maghreb region given the stressors, constraints and strong interdependencies between the three sectors on the one hand and the opportunities present for promoting this nexus on the other.
2. Acknowledge that the understanding of the dynamics of the water, energy and food sectors is essential for developing effective strategies for the sustainable use of these resources.
3. Affirm the importance of putting in place policies in the Maghreb region that take into account the WEF Nexus perspective in order to create opportunities for green economic growth and achieve the SDGs.
4. Emphasize that coordination mechanisms between ministries to bridge the gap and avoid overlapping mandates will help drive change and support actions to enhance the nexus implementation.
5. To this end, the Maghreb WEF nexus experts and other participants at the International Workshop “Water-Energy-Food Nexus Implementation in the Maghreb” held during 18-20 December 2017, UIR, Rabat (Morocco):
 - Agree to work together on: organizing educational meetings, training courses and capacity building activities on the nexus for specific groups (policy makers, researchers, students, community leaders),
 - Agree to work together on: elaborating nexus indicators that are adapted to each Maghreb country,
 - Agree to work together on: encouraging the use of low cost technology that minimizes energy cost,
 - Agree to work together on: establishing a network of WEF nexus experts:

This network will share information and becomes updated regularly. It will be also involved in a regional workshop covering the whole MENA region to be held in 2018. The network will be also a potential platform for networking and submitting joint projects proposals to regional programs such as PRIMA. In addition, this network will discuss further implementation of activities such as joint training or capacity building activities, and also coordinating with other regional initiatives led by the UfM Secretariat, the Arab League, UN-ESCWA.