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REF: MAWAC-ENAR Steering Committee Meeting Invitation
Tuesday, September 21, 17:00 – 19:00 Paris Time (11:00 to 1:00pm EST);

Dear All,

We would like to thank the members of the MAWAC-ENAR Acting Steering Committee who have attended and contributed to the meeting held on July 22, this summer.

The meeting, jointly organized by NYU, ARCEAU-IdF, W-SMART and UNESCO (for meeting recording please refer to <https://youtu.be/pDCtanm0I7k>), has, in particular, enabled to engage an introductory discussion with the executives and the experts of the water utilities and academics of the Cities of Paris, New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago, on the objectives, scope, and expected outcome of the MAWAC Alliance initiative on a global and regional scales for the megacities involved. It provided also a planning framework for the strategic development of a regional experience sharing platform that could effectively support their needs facing the ever-growing climate impacts, and for reviewing the milestones in preparing the 1st Global MAWAC General Assembly of the World Megacities, during the EAUMEGA 2022 Conference that will be hosted by UNESCO, January 11 to 14, 2022.

The purpose of the MAWAC-ENAR Acting Steering Committee meeting was to share vision on the objectives, scope and framework for experience sharing among the megacities, exchange ideas on priority themes of common regional interest, discuss the way forward, and prepare the framework for establishing the MAWAC-ENAR Alliance of the 7 megacities: Chicago, Istanbul, London, Los Angeles, New York, Moscow, and Paris.

The second international conference on “Water, Megacities and Global Change” (EUAMEGA2022) in Paris, at UNESCO-HQ, 11-14 January 2022, is expected to hold the first General Assembly of the Global MAWAC Alliance with the Mayors and Governors of the megacities invited to join. Within this context, the MAWAC-ENAR Alliance is expected to: i) review the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Global MAWAC Alliance, which are already under discussion (attached for reference), and ii) engage the preparation of the MAWAC-ENAR Terms of Reference, consistently with the goals and the ToR proposed at the Global MAWAC level.

The purpose of our next meeting is to further the dialogue on the objectives, scope and framework of experience sharing among the megacities involved and engage the discussion on the ToR at the global and regional levels.

The proposed meeting agenda will focus on:

- i. **Initiating the dialogue among the delegates** of all the 7 megacities involved in the development of the MAWAC-ENAR Alliance on the objectives, scope, framework and priority themes for the ENAR experience sharing platform;
- ii. **Setting up the MAWAC-ENAR steering committee**, consisting of representative stakeholders of the 7 megacities (i.e., local government decision-makers, water service operators, researchers, and other civil society stakeholders) and establish its objectives, scope and timeline;
- iii. **Engaging the preparation of the regional ToR for the MAWAC-ENAR Alliance** and defining its collaborative and organizational relationships with the Global MAWAC Alliance of Megacities, represented by UNESCO as its secretariat, and other regional MAWAC alliances;
- iv. **Planning the preparation of the MAWAC-ENAR General Assembly meeting**, tentatively re-scheduled for End of November and the required documentation for the stakeholders of each megacity, including review of global and regional ToR, as well as coordination issues of the global and regional MAWAC alliances.

The Regional MAWAC-ENAR ToR - It is envisioned that a draft document of the regional RoR will be prepared by the Acting Steering Committee before the official virtual General Assembly meeting of the MAWAC-ENAR, which is tentatively scheduled for the End of November 2021. The regional ToR will describe the purpose and the objectives of the MAWAC-ENAR, its particularities compared to other existing groups, its management rules, scoping strategy for experience sharing framework among the cities, potential resources for mutually engaged collaborative initiatives, as well as its relations with the Global and Regional MAWAC Alliances.

More specifically, the proposed agenda of the Acting Steering Committee’s meeting will focus on:

- Presentation of the Global MAWAC Alliance Goals and the role of its Regional Alliances;
- The MAWAC-ENAR Agenda, Experience Sharing Framework and Milestones (including a brief discussion of the issues proposed by the different city delegates);
- Preparation of the MAWAC-ENAR ToR, including the following issues to be addressed:
 - Objectives of the MAWAC-ENAR Alliance;
 - Definition of memberships of the MAWAC-ENAR Alliance including organizations representing the 3 colleges of stakeholders;
 - Governance of the MAWAC-ENAR & its structural organization;
 - Strategic Partners (global/regional/local expertise on urban, climate, social issues and more..);
 - Technical collaborative initiatives scoping and managing;
 - Potential resources & budget for the MAWAC-ENAR program development;
 - The conceptual framework for the regional experience sharing among the stakeholders of the megacities, including regional/global databases for data sharing, interactive accessibility terms, knowledge-base administration, etc.;
 - Relationships between the MAWAC-ENAR and the Global MAWAC Alliance
 - Relationships between the MAWAC-ENAR and the other Regional MAWACs
- Milestones for program development
- Preparation of the MAWAC-ENAR General Assembly meeting, tentatively re-scheduled for End of November, including documentation, global and regional ToR, as well as coordination issues;
- Next Step – Scheduling the next Steering Committee meeting for the End of October;

The proposed meeting agenda will include

17:00 –17:10 (Paris Time)	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Agenda & Introduction of Participants Prof. Ilan Juran, NYU
17:10 –17:30	Global MAWAC Alliance & Regional Framework of Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global MAWAC Alliance Philippe Pypaert , Program Specialist, UNESCO (5 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptual Framework, Stakeholders & Current Development; • Regionalization Purpose & Current State of Regional Alliances; • The Euro-North American Regional (ENAR) Alliance • Global & Regional Terms of Reference - Current status • The Steering Committee Objectives & Scope Bruno Nguyen , Honorary President, W-SMART Association & Prof. Jean-Claude Deutsch , ARCEAU-IdF, ENPC
17:30 –18:00	Priority Issues of regional interest & Expected Outcome Moscow, Istanbul; Q&A with US/Euro Executives & Experts	Brief Presentations: Evgenia Semutnikova MOSCOW, Deputy Head, Department of Natural Resources Management and Environmental Protection Tugba Olmez Hanci Head of Strategy Development Department, Istanbul Water and Sewage Administration Q&A (10min) with US/European Executive Officers & Experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYC-DEP; Paris; LA; Chicago;
18:00 –18:15	ToR & Strategic Planning Program Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing the MAWAC-ENAR Steering Committee for the strategic program development, objectives, scope, resources; • Terms of Reference for governance, scope, strategic partnership, data sharing framework, project financing; resources; etc. • Initial discussion on the regional info/data-sharing framework Bruno Nguyen , Honorary President, W-SMART Association & Prof. Jean-Claude Deutsch , ARCEAU-IdF, ENPC
18:15 – 18:30	1st General Assembly Meeting, tentatively scheduled Nov. 2021;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milestones for program development; • 1st Global MAWAC-ENAR General Assembly of Megacities Agenda, Preparation, documentation for each city, ToR status; Prof. Ilan Juran & Philippe Pypaert , Program Specialist, UNESCO
18:30 -18:45	Next Step & Closing Remarks	Q&A; Next Step Prof. Ilan Juran, NYU