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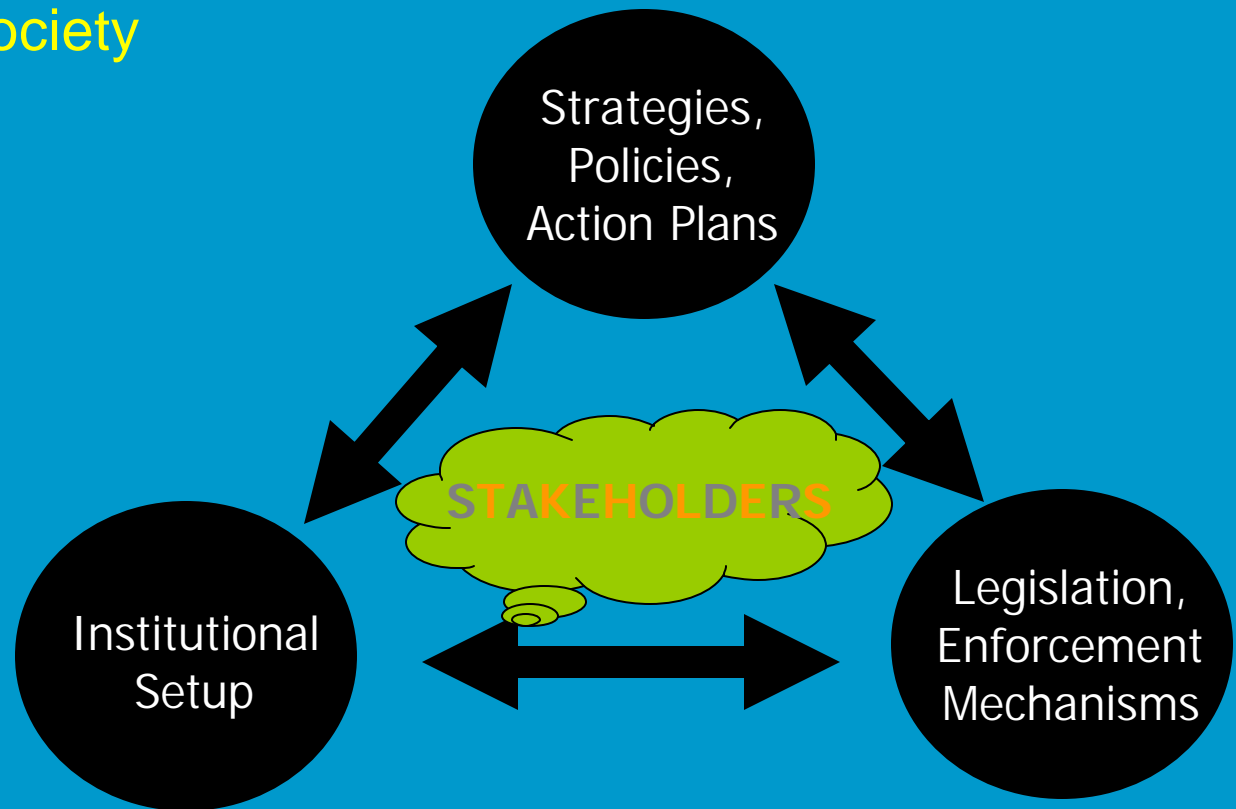
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on
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THE BACKGROUND

Water Governance refers to the different political, social and administrative mechanisms that must be in place to develop and manage water resources and the delivery of water services at different levels of society



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- Water management and security is a high priority in the Mediterranean and the sub-regions of North Africa and Middle East
- Water is approached through a variety of activities at the regional (MAP/UNEP, MCSD, WFD, etc.) and national level
- However, in most cases water governance is not tackled adequately
- Governments have the central role in planning and decision making on all aspects of water issues in the region
- There is a gradually developing trend to transfer partly decision making and implementation to the local authorities and the private sector

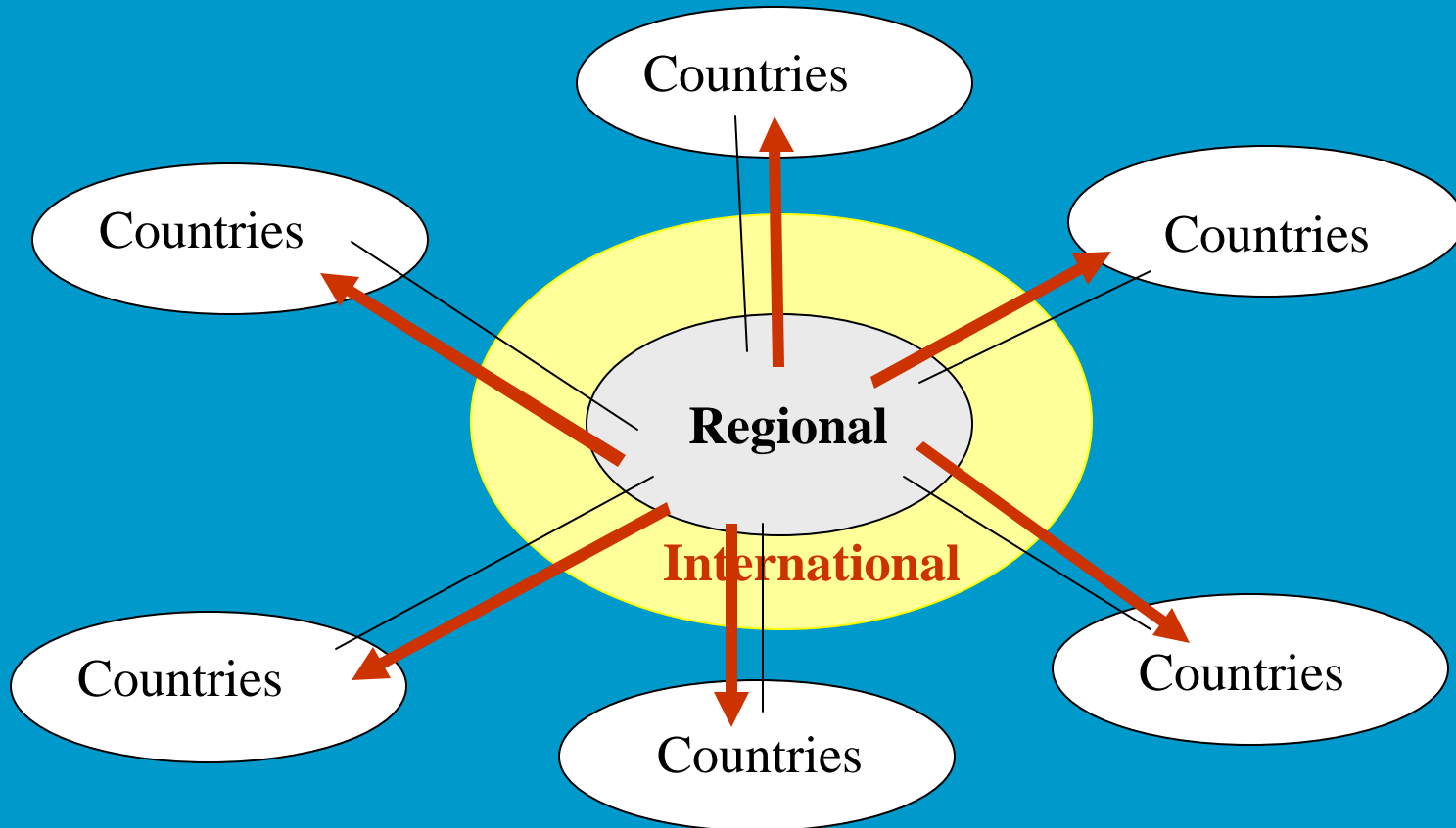
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- The role of users and the civil society in large, is still limited, particularly in the urban areas. In the latter existing infrastructures, investments, tariffs, etc. are in the hands of public companies or private companies working under public contracts
- In rural areas the role of users, mainly farmers, in decision making is higher but the existing water resources are often depleted, infrastructures are poor and new investment is difficult. Room for improvement through activities of Individual farmers is limited

THE BACKGROUND

Governance : Regional – National interaction in the Mediterranean

In the region, policies, legislation and innovative practices are mostly generated and disseminated from regional to national and local level.



Effective Water Governance

Challenges

- **Establish proper governance as a common good**
- **Overcome fragmentation of institutions**
- **Overcome single sector management**
- **Deal with isolated islands**
- **Correct Inappropriate legislative framework (for protecting water quality and eco-systems)**
- **Promote enforcement mechanisms**
- **Mobilize financial resources and attract investment**
- **Promote effective multi-stakeholder participation**
- **Improve accountability and transparency**
- **Utilize and develop knowledge, education, and skills**

EFFECTIVE WATER GOVERNANCE

NEEDS

- **Reform / Enhancement of existing institutional setups.**
- **Revise national policies, strategies and plans to provide for measures of good governance.**
- **Develop effective mechanisms for flow of information and for public participation.**
- **Build capacities for different actors**
- **Share experience and knowledge**
- **Strengthen basin level management**
- **Riparian cooperation for management of shared water resources.**

EFFECTIVE WATER GOVERNANCE DIALOGUE

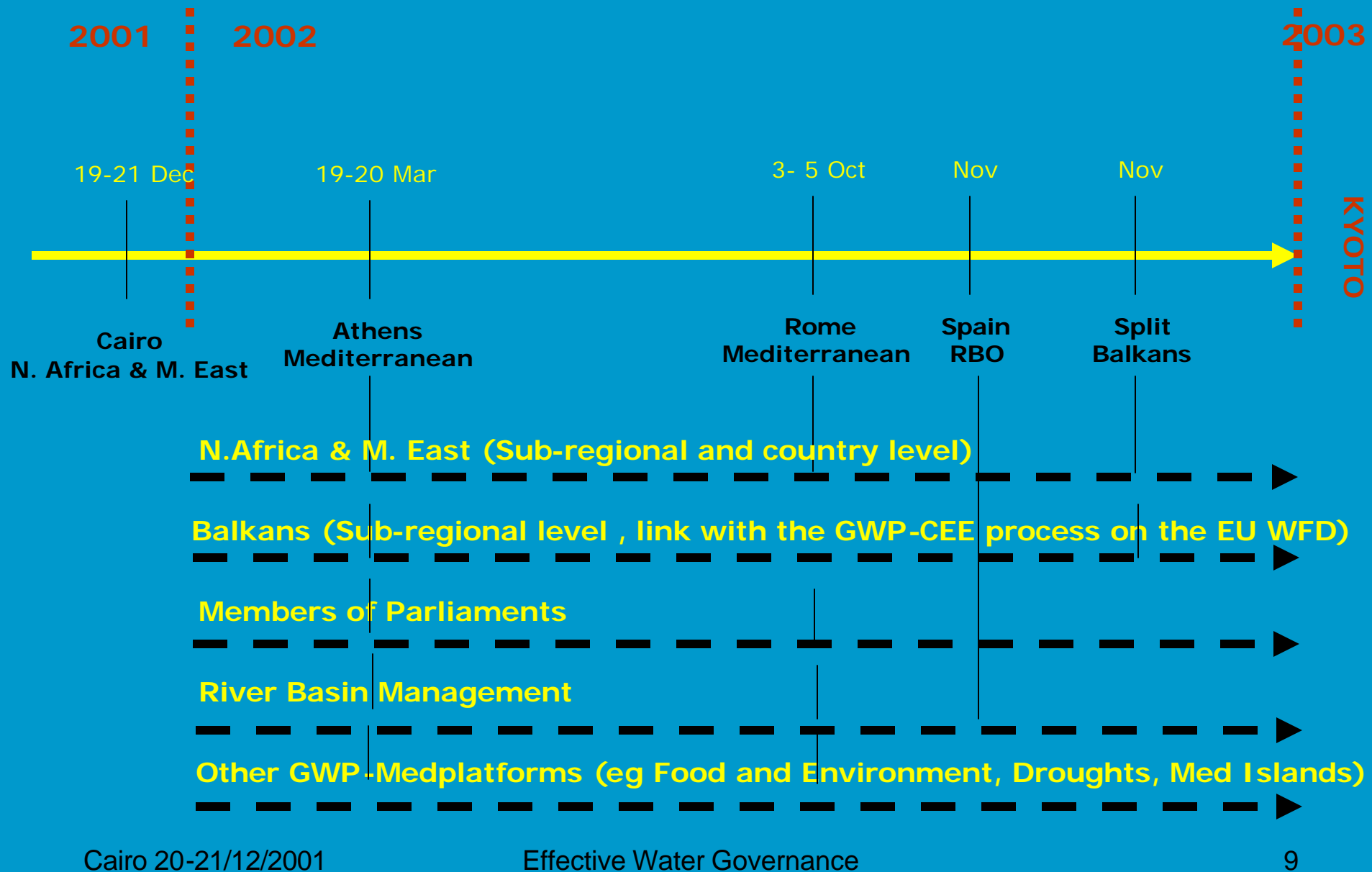
Possible issues for national discussions

- **Policy and institutional reform**
- **Participatory processes and civil society empowerment**
- **Legal frameworks and law enforcement – Access to Justice**
- **Financial instruments and incentives**
- **Monitoring, utilization of data and access to information**
- **Water reallocation - Conflict resolution for competing uses**
- **Capacity building in decision making**
- **Multi-faceted approach in education (technical, economic social and environmental)**

Possible local dialogues in Med – Suggestions by participants

- **Jordan – Public Private Partnerships**
- **Egypt – Financing the Water Sector**
- **Egypt - Capacity Building for Good Gover.**
- **Egypt – Water Resource Development for
Desert Communities**
- **Morocco – Water Governance**
- **Europe – Water Eco-certification**

GWP-Med process on Effective Water Governance



EFFECTIVE WATER GOVERNANCE

Follow up Local Dialogues

- Dialogue among politicians/ leaders and some informed stakeholders
- 10-15 persons, focus on selected number of water management issues
- Identify 'local' issues – translate into talking points
- Preparation and facilitation
- Conclude with short summary statement – Political Voice for 3WWF

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Open for more suggestions

- A process (regional, sub-regional –and eventually- national, local roundtables) has been planned for tackling the issue in the Mediterranean
- Open for more suggestions
- GWP-Med screen suggestions and prepare plan/modest budget
- Identify facilitators
- Link to the already planned roundtables / activities
- Keep the process going