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**Sub-regional Seminar on Development Perspectives in North Africa:
the Challenge of Water and Environment**

Tunis, Tunisia
21-23 February 2006

Provisional Programme of Work

Tuesday 21 February 2006

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| 08:30 – 09:30 | Registration |
| 09:30 - 10:30 | Opening ceremony <ol style="list-style-type: none">i) Statement of Mme Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, Director of the ECA Office for North Africa;ii) Statement of Mr. Youba Sokona, Executive Secretary of the Observatory of Sahara and Sahel;iii) Statement of Mr. Bedoumra Kordjé, Director, African Water Facility, African Development Bank;iv) Opening speech by H.E. Habib Haddad, Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction of the Seminar Objectives and Expected Outcomes- Introduction of Participants- Presentation of keys findings of the Sub-regional Water Resources Development Report in North Africa |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13: 30 – 15: 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Visit to UNDP Office for DSA payment to participants sponsored by ECA |
| 15:30- 18:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Country Presentations on Water, Environment and Development Perspectives |
| 18:00 – 20:00 | Cocktail |

Wednesday 22nd February 2006

09:00 – 10:30 - Transboundary Water Issues: Common Challenges and Perspectives for Regional Cooperation in North Africa (OSS).

- Financing Water Resources in North Africa (ADB)

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:30 - Utilization of Space Applications for the Management of Water Resources in Africa:

- o The TIGER Project
- o UNOSAT

- Status of North Africa Information on the African Water Information Clearing House (AWICH/SDD)

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00- 15:00 - Plenary Session: Introduction of Elements of the Regional Plan of Action on Water, Environment and Development Perspectives in North Africa

15:00 – 18:00 - Break Out Sessions: Development of proposals for the Draft Regional Plan of Action on Water, Environment and Development Perspectives in North Africa

Working Group 1: Cross border environmental issues and actions

Working Group 2: Cross border water management issues and actions

Working Group 3: Existing and New Assessment Tools

Working Group 4: Role of Civil Society in Managing Water and Environment.

Thursday 23rd February 2006

09:00 – 10:00 - Plenary Session: Presentation of Summary Issues and Actions by Working Groups

10:00 – 16:00 **Coffee/Lunch break**

16:00- 17:00 - Plenary Session: Discussions and Adoption of Proposed Elements of the Regional Action Plan

- Closing Remarks by Mrs Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, Director of the ECA Office for North Africa