In many countries of the Near East, water scarcity is reaching a point where it affects all the sectors of the economy. New, evidence-based and well informed policies and best practices are needed in order to boost agricultural productivity, improve food security and sustain water resources.

**Questions**

- How sustainable is water use in agriculture?
- What options are available to close the food supply gap?
- How do we reconcile competing objectives of food security, water sustainability, and agricultural development?
- Stakeholders: Who will make things happen?

**Analysis & Benchmarking**

- **Water accounting**
  - How much water is available?
  - How much is being used?
  - What is the efficiency of use of water?
  - What is the potential?

- **Gap analysis**
  - Productivity gap in rainfed and irrigation
  - Technical options
  - Management / organisation
  - Policies
  - Governance

- **Food supply cost curve**
  - Analysis of costs
  - Scenarios

**Strategy**

Regional and national collaborative strategies and partnerships to address the water-food security nexus

**Impact**

Changes in investments, strategies, technical approaches, policies, and institutions with impact on food security and water sustainability