

## **The FAO Inter-Regional Technical Platform on Water Scarcity At Cairo Water Week 2025**

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**Cairo, Egypt, from October 12 to 16  
Triumph Luxury Hotel  
Lower Ground Floor, in front of the Main Hall (Monaco)**

### **Background**

The Water Scarcity Initiative (WSI) by the FAO Near East and North Africa (NENA) region was launched in 2013 to address the region's growing water challenges, exacerbated by climate change, population growth and unsustainable water management. It aims to enhance water productivity in agriculture, improve governance and promote sustainable water resource management through policy support, capacity building, and innovative solutions.

To further facilitate global knowledge exchange and collaboration on water scarcity challenges In June 2022, FAO NENA office launched the Inter-Regional Technical Platform on Water Scarcity (iRTP-WS) as a Centre of Excellence and a Gateway to Coping with Water Scarcity. Its objective is to support countries and regions in scaling up water-related actions, identifying gaps in practice and innovation and fostering transformative change in the management of water, land and agriculture under the impacts of climate change. This platform aims to build action-oriented and results-based partnerships to accelerate progress towards the 2030 SDGs.

The Cairo Water Week (CWW) 2025, under the theme Water for Climate Action, will gather policymakers, scientists, development partners, the private sector and civil society to share knowledge and experiences, strengthen partnerships and shape collective responses to the growing impacts of climate change on water resources. It provides a key opportunity to highlight integrated solutions that connect water scarcity with food security, sustainable agriculture and resilience.

Within this context, the participation of iRTP-WS at CWW 2025 through a dedicated booth addresses a dual purpose: reinforcing the platform's visibility and recognition as a global reference on agricultural water scarcity and creating a physical space for interaction, dialogue and partnership-building. The booth will serve both as a showcase for existing knowledge products and tools and as a meeting point where stakeholders can engage directly with the platform, exchange experiences and explore opportunities for collaboration. It thus represents a strategic investment in positioning iRTP-WS within the international water agenda.



## Strategic alignment between Cairo Water Week and iRTP-WS

The overarching theme of **Cairo Water Week 2025, "Water for Climate Action"**, aligns with the mission of the **Inter-Regional Technical Platform on Water Scarcity (iRTP-WS)**. While CWW offers a global convening space, iRTP-WS brings a technical and inter-regional perspective to the water–agriculture nexus. The Platform supports climate resilience through climate-smart water management, strengthens evidence-based policy with data and knowledge systems, promotes innovation and partnerships and advances food security by optimizing water use in agriculture.

Under the iRTP-WS technical theme For 2024-2025, "Integrated Water Solutions: Navigating Climate Change and WEFE Nexus Dynamics", iRTP-WS contributes to advancing integrated solutions to agricultural water scarcity by fostering inclusive WEFE nexus dialogues among governments, academia, private sector and civil society.

## Objectives

In light of the above, the iRTP-WS booth at Cairo Water Week aims at shedding light on its recent technical achievements through the following specific objectives:

- **Visibility and outreach:** Present iRTP-WS vision, mandate and results, and disseminate knowledge products and communication materials.
- **Partnership development:** Facilitate meetings and networking and capture partner testimonies to showcase collaboration and ownership.
- **Engagement and awareness:** Deliver daily technical talks, stimulate dialogue on WEFE nexus solutions and create interactive opportunities for the booth visitors for possible engagement in future activities.
- **Knowledge management and documentation:** Gather feedback to enrich the knowledge base and align future activities in a comprehensive post-event report.

## What awaits you at our booth:

- **Discover the iRTP-WS 2024–2025 Workplan & Solution Packages** – See how we are advancing integrated water solutions and driving action on the ground.
- **Explore Cross-Regional Collaboration** – Learn how countries are joining forces to share knowledge, co-create solutions, and promote South–South cooperation.
- **Experience the WEFE Nexus in Action** – Understand how we connect Water, Energy, Food and Ecosystems for smarter, more sustainable decisions.
- **Interact with Knowledge Products & Tools** – Access reports, case studies, and interactive materials that showcase success stories and innovative approaches.
- **Meet Our Experts** – Ask questions, exchange ideas and explore opportunities to collaborate on building water-secure futures.

## Calling all water solution stakeholders

The booth is designed to engage a wide range of stakeholders relevant to the mission of iRTP-WS and aligned with the audience expected at Cairo Water Week. We welcome the participation of government officials and policymakers; international and regional donors, funding agencies, and facilities; technical experts and practitioners from key sectors including water, agriculture, energy, gender, climate change, and disaster risk reduction; academic researchers, NGOs, specialized Communities of Practice (CoPs), and private sector representatives.

## Daily Schedule

Time	Activity	Notes
Day 1: 12 October, 2025		
9 AM - 12 PM	Knowledge products showcase and open engagement: videos, interactive presentations, interactions with visitors Partner testimonies and stakeholder engagement (filmed): short interventions (5–10 min each), captured on video for post-event communication	Moderated by iRTP-WS team
12h – 12h30	Official opening of the exhibition	
1 PM – 2 PM	Daily iRTP-WS presentation (fixed slot, 1h): FAO inter-Regional Technical Platform on Water Scarcity (iRTP-WS): Building Water-Resilient Agri-Food Systems	Giveaways will be delivered to active participants during this slot
2 PM – 3 PM	Lunch break	
3 PM – 4.30 PM	Interactive dialogue and knowledge: informal exchanges and / or demos of digital tools	Team members and partners
4.30 PM – 5 PM	Coffee Break	
Day 2: 13 October, 2025		
9 AM – 11 AM	Knowledge products showcase and open engagement: videos, interactive presentations, interactions with visitors	iRTP-WS team
11 AM – 12 PM	Daily iRTP-WS presentation (fixed slot, 1h): FAO inter-Regional Technical Platform on Water Scarcity (iRTP-WS): Building Water-Resilient Agri-Food Systems	Presenter from team Giveaways will be delivered to active participants during this slot



12 PM – 1 PM	Partner testimonies and stakeholder engagement (filmed): short interventions (5–10 min each), captured on video for post-event communication	Moderated by iRTP-WS team
1PM – 2 PM	Bilateral meetings and networking slot for iRTP partners	By appointment
2 PM – 3 PM	Lunch Break	
3.30 PM – 4.30 PM	Interactive dialogue and knowledge: informal exchanges and / or demos of digital tools Focus on the role of Academia	Team members and partners
4.30 PM – 5 PM	Coffee Break	
Day 3: 14 October, 2025		
9 AM – 11 AM	Knowledge products showcase and open engagement: videos, interactive presentations, interactions with visitors	iRTP-WS team
11 AM – 12 PM	Daily iRTP-WS presentation (fixed slot, 1h): FAO inter-Regional Technical Platform on Water Scarcity (iRTP-WS): Building Water-Resilient Agri-Food Systems	Presenter from team Giveaways will be delivered to active participants during this slot.
12 PM – 2 PM	Bilateral meetings and networking slot for iRTP partners	By appointment
2 PM – 3 PM	Lunch Break	
3.30 PM – 4.30 PM	Interactive dialogue and knowledge: informal exchanges and / or demos of digital tools Focus on women’s engagement	Team members and partners
4.30 PM – 5 PM	Coffee Break	
Day 4: 15 October, 2025		
9 AM– 11 AM	Knowledge products showcase and open engagement: videos, interactive presentations, interactions with visitors	iRTP-WS team
11 AM – 12 PM	Daily iRTP-WS presentation (fixed slot, 1h): FAO inter-Regional Technical Platform on Water Scarcity (iRTP-WS): Building Water-Resilient Agri-Food Systems	Presenter from team Giveaways will be delivered to active participants during this slot.
12 PM – 2 PM	Bilateral meetings and networking slot for iRTP partners	By appointment
2 PM – 3 PM	Lunch Break	



3.30 PM – 4.30 PM	Interactive dialogue and knowledge: informal exchanges and / or demos of digital tools Focus on youth	Team members and partners
4.30 PM – 5 PM	Coffee Break	
Day 5: 16 October, 2025		
9 AM– 11 AM	Knowledge products showcase and open engagement: videos, interactive presentations, interactions with visitors	iRTP-WS team
11 AM – 12 PM	Daily iRTP-WS presentation (fixed slot, 1h): FAO inter-Regional Technical Platform on Water Scarcity (iRTP-WS): Building Water-Resilient Agri-Food Systems	Presenter from team <b>Giveaways will be delivered to active participants during this slot.</b>
12 PM – 2 PM	Bilateral meetings and networking slot for iRTP partners	<b>By appointment</b>
2 PM – 3 PM	Lunch Break	
3.30 PM – 4.30 PM	Interactive dialogue and knowledge: informal exchanges and / or demos of digital tools	Team members and partners
4.30 PM – 5 PM	Coffee Break	