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Forward

Dear Reader:

As part of its efforts to serve its community in a better way, UNESCO-CWR has produced this profile. The purpose is to let you know who we are, what do we do and how best can we serve you or be of help to you.

The profile reflects UNESCO-CWR mandate, objectives, part of its activities and facilities. UNESCO-CWR acquired wide recognition and good relationship with many relevant regional and international organizations. This gives the Chair a distinct advantage to accomplish its objectives, and serve its society more effectively.

We hope, by producing this profile, UNESCO-CWR will interact with its prospective and distinguished Clients, sister organizations and institutions more closely and effectively.

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**1.0 Establishment**

UNESCO Chair in Water Resources-Sudan (UNESCO-CWR) was established in 1994 following the agreement signed by the UNESCO Director General and the Vice Chancellor of the Omdurman Islamic University on behalf of the Sudan Government. UNESCO-CWR serves the local, regional “the Nile Basin, Eastern and Central Africa, and Shared Aquifers” as well as international water community.

**2.0 Mission**

*UNESCO-CWR mission is “to build, enhance and strengthen capacity for sustainable water resources development and management through education, research, consultancy, and knowledge dissemination.”*

**3.0 Vision**

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**4.0 Objectives**

The main objectives of UNESCO-CWR are summarized as follows:

- a) Capacity building in Integrated Water Resources Planning and Management and related fields;
- b) Promote integrated research systems based on multi-disciplinary approach;
- c) Documentation, dissemination and awareness raising;
- d) Facilitate coordination, collaboration and cooperation among universities, research institutions and centers at national, regional and international levels;
- e) Provide consultancy services in its areas of expertise.

**5.0. Areas of Specialization**

*UNESCO-CWR offers training, research and consultancy services on the following areas:

**5.1. Water Resources**
- Water resources assessment
- Design of hydrologic networks
- Integrated WR planning and management
- Design of water projects.
  - urban and rural water supply
  - water harvesting
  - hydropower
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- irrigation and drainage
- Management of water projects
  - operation and maintenance
  - measures of performance

5.2. Environmental Engineering
- Water quality planning and management
- Environmental monitoring and assessment
- Water treatment and waste water disposal
- Restoration of degraded natural resources
- Climate change

5.3. Remote Sensing and GIS
- Soil survey and land use mapping
- Land, wetland and floodplain delineation and mapping
- Environment monitoring

6.0 Organizational Structure

The organization of UNESCO-CWR is structured around the following departments managed by the Director General. A Council of Trustees sets and steers the strategic plans and activities of the Chair:
- Academic Affairs
- Training
- Technical.
- Consultancy.
- Finance and Administration.
7.0 Regular Capacity Building Programs

One of UNESCO-CWR main objectives is to develop human resources and associated infrastructures to ensure that water professionals and other stakeholders have the skills, knowledge and means to realize their full potential and achieve sustainable development.

These are made through:-
1. Master Degree Programs
2. Ph.D. Degree Programs
3. Postgraduate Diploma Program
4. Short Training Courses
5. Monthly Forums
6. Public Lectures

8.0 Available Facilities

In performing its educational, research and consultancy activities, UNESCO-CWR has availed and equipped itself with a wide range of supporting facilities. These comprise:-
- Library;
- Computer & Video Conferencing Hall;
- Lecture Rooms,
- Meeting Halls;
- Remote Sensing & GIS Laboratory
- Water Quality Laboratory;
- Survey Equipment;
- Groundwater Exploration Equipment;

In the following some details are given about these facilities:

8.1. The Library

To help UNESCO-CWR in fulfilling its objectives, a library was established hoping later to be center for information and documentation in the field of Water Resources and related sciences. Currently the library holdings reached more than 3000 copies of books and references, proceedings of conferences, periodicals, and thesis for Higher Diploma, M.Sc. and PhD. The documents are mostly in English. It includes also in the division of e-library a number of compact discs (CD's) and electronic books. Annually the library receives new collections. The main reading room of the library accommodates about 35 researchers at any one time.

The Library provides its services primarily to employees of UNESCO-CWR and graduate students at all levels (PhD- M.Sc. - Higher Diploma). It provides services to researchers and students from other universities and similar research institutes. The services range from using computers, World
Wide Web searching to book lending and information retrieving through the library bibliographic database system established under UNESCO Win / isis for thesis loaded in the auto run CD-ROM, according to UNESCO program Genesis / CD. In addition access to electronic books stored on CD-ROM is also available.

8.2. **The Computer Laboratory:**

The laboratory is equipped with 40 PCs and Tele-conferencing facility. It encompasses a wide range of networking facilities that include sharing programs and internet accessibility. The laboratory witnessed many educational and training programs arranged by UNESCO-CWR. The facility is also available to serve other institutions and organizations. Several NBI, ENTRO, UNICEF, USAID, RTF of France, RTI of USA .... etc. training activities were conducted in this lab.
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8.3. Meeting Halls

UNESCO-CWR has furnished and equipped three medium meeting halls. They are suitable and flexible for various types of functions. In addition UNESCO-CWR has strong linkages with many institutions and hotels to avail larger halls if need arises.

8.4 Remote Sensing & GIS Laboratory

This unit was established in 2005. It provides hard and digital copies of satellite imageries and thematic maps. Topographic and land use maps are also produced at different scales. The laboratory enables UNESCO-CWR to acquire data bank, digital satellite imageries and high thematic maps. Moreover the laboratory built a GIS geo-database that includes a very wide range of thematic geospatial layers. The laboratory has the following facilities:

**Hardware:**
- Three high capacity computers
- Large format digitizer
- Large format scanner (A0)
- Large format color plotter (A0)
- High sensitive and modern Total Station
- Several handsets GPS
- Color printer (A3 size)

**Software:**
- ERDAS IMAGINE 9.2
- ARCGIS 9.3
- ENVI 4.7
- Global Mapper11
- PCI 10

Remote Sensing and GIS Laboratory
8.5. Water Quality Laboratory

This laboratory is equipped with very advanced instruments that especially suit the Sudan environment and needs. Moreover, the lab covers a wide range of tests and offers services for testing physical, chemical and biological properties of water. The lab was built in a flexible way to accommodate future development in basic and applied research, beside the general services for the society. Total quality central management program is initiated to combine both efficiency and precision. The state of the art of the laboratory system allows creating multi-analytical approaches to solving problems and generates strategic data and information.

The Water Microbiology division provides testing services for numerous water types including, potable water, waste water, bottled water, food processing water and dialysis water. UNESCO-CWR lab provides advice and assistance on water quality monitoring and water sample collection. The laboratory provides bacteriological analysis of water for the private sector, researchers, students, government departments and the general public. Various water quality tests are available to detect the number and types of microorganisms in water and assist communities in keeping the microbial content of their water supplies at safe level. These tests and standard procedures include:-

- Most Probable Number (MPN) using liquid media
- Presence/absence test using liquid media
- Total Bacterial Count
- Membrane Filtration Technique

Further the following analysis can be performed in the lab.

- Physicochemical analysis;
- Major cations;
- Major anions.
8.6 Survey Equipment:

Field data measurements are crucial for the proper planning, design and management of water resources projects. UNESCO-CWR acquired modern Hydrographic and Land Survey equipment such as Total Station, Levels, GPS Sounder, ADPC, Engine-boat and other survey accessories.

The field survey team is well trained and very experienced in conducting survey works efficiently and on time.

8.7 Groundwater Exploration Equipment

Here the main concerned is groundwater exploration for drinking water and irrigation. We possess a sophisticated and advanced piece of equipment (ABEM Terrameter 4000) which provides valuable information on water availability in the underground strata (depth, quantity, quality and extension) using advanced software. The investigations are conducted by qualified and experienced experts and technicians.
9.0. Completed Projects

UNESCO-CWR conducted and completed a wide range of projects ranging from desk studies to intensive field works. Some samples of these projects are given below:-

9.1 “Nile Banks Protection in Khartoum State” It was conducted for Khartoum Development Corporation, (2002).


9.9 Flow Regimes from International Experimental and Network Data (FRIEND/NILE PROJECT)

Phase I (2000 – 2005):-
- Sediment Transport and Watershed Management Component (STWM).
- Flood Frequency Analysis Component (FFA).
- Rainfall-Runoff Modeling Component (RRM).
- The Drought and Low-Flow Component (DLFA).
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**Phase II (2005 -2010)**

- Hydrologic Modelling Component (HMC)
- Erosion and Sediment Transport Modeling Component (ESTMC).
- Stochastic Modelling Component (SMC).
- Eco-hydrology Component (EHC).
- Integrated Water resources Management Component (IWRMC).


**10.0 Current Projects**

10.1 “*Eastern Nile Forecast, Data Collection and Communication Systems*”,
conducted for ENTRO, NBI, (2010 – 2011)


**11.0 Proposed Research Topics**

UNESCO-CWR has identified a range of research topics (listed below) that will address certain problems of practical and economic values that contribute towards efficient and sustainable management of our water resources. The Chair is currently seeking funds to carry out some (if not all) of these projects.
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11.1 Water Resources Engineering
1. Irrigation water practices and management for optimum efficiency
2. Water resources development in Jabel Marra Area – Darfur - Sudan
3. Inventory and Assessment of the Hydrometric Network in Sudan
4. Optimal Utilization of Surface and Groundwater: a Case Study of Dinder and Rahad
5. Optimal Utilization of Surface and Groundwater: a Case Study of Elsileim Aquifer
7. Suitability of small dams as water harvesting techniques in wadi Kutum, N- Darfur
8. Identification of potential projects for utilization of non Nilotic surface water
9. Modeling of Flood Magnitude and Inundations
10. Groundwater Assessment in Sudan using GIS
11. Hydrological Criteria for Design
12. Water Resources Development Issues in River Nile State – Northern Sudan
13. Identification of Potential Projects for Groundwater utilization
15. Use of Remote Sensing in GW exploration in basement area in western Sudan
16. Irrigated Agricultural sector challenges and mitigations

11.2 River Engineering
1. Mitigation of Sand Encroachment on the Nile river channel
2. Delta formation upstream the High Aswan Dam in Sudan
3. Sabaloga Dam project on the Main Nile
4. The effects of Siltation on Reservoirs and Agricultural Projects
5. Gash River: challenges and mitigation measures
6. Akrip Dam multipurpose Project on upper Atbara
7. Design Procedures for Silting Irrigation Channels
8. Tuti island bank protection – Blue Nile and White Nile confluence
9. Impact of sedimentation on hydropower generation, Roseires Dam.

11.3 Environmental Engineering
1. Mitigation measures for contamination from petroleum production in Sudan
2. The environmental impacts of groundwater development
4. Economical and Social Impacts of Water Harvesting Projects
5. Land use changes in Gash river basin
6. The negative impacts of Floods and Droughts
7. Natural Resources assessment in Darfur

11.4 Water Supply and Sanitation
1. Drinking water standards and Health
2. Options to mitigate quality of water supply during flood season in Khartoum State
3. Development of Groundwater Database for Khartoum State
4. Assessment of available models used in design of wastewater networks
5. Development of drainage system in Khartoum State
11.5 Socio-economic Impacts of water projects

1. Economical and Social Impacts of Water Harvesting Projects
2. Economical and Social Impacts of Water borne diseases
3. The Effect of Privatization on Agricultural Sector

11.6 Hydro-Informatics

1. Groundwater encyclopedia in Sudan
2. Relationships among Nile Basin Countries in issues related to water

12.0 Conferences and Workshops

Since its inauguration, UNECO-CWR has managed to launch a number of workshops and conferences at local, regional and international levels addressing a wide spectrum of topics. The following tables list locations and dates of some conferences and workshops events that were solely organized by UNESCO-CWR.

12.1 Local Workshops and Conferences:-

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<td>Future of Scientific Research</td>
<td>El-Shaheed El-Zibair Hall</td>
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<td>Water Supply: Risks and Remedies</td>
<td>Arab Organization for Agricultural Development</td>
<td>21 to 23/10/02</td>
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12.2 Regional Workshops and Conferences:-

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<td>NBCBN-RE</td>
<td>HQ of UCWR</td>
<td>Feb. 2005</td>
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<td>FRIEND/Nile Programme</td>
<td>HQ of UCWR</td>
<td>July 2005</td>
<td>Under the Auspices of the Vice Chancellor of OIU</td>
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<td>NBCBN-RE</td>
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<td>Hydro-Informatics</td>
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<td>HQ UCWR</td>
<td>Nov. 2007</td>
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12.3 International Workshops and Conferences:-

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<td>Training of Trainers in the field of IWRM</td>
<td>El-Shaheed</td>
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<td>GIS &amp; RS- USGS-USA</td>
<td>HQ of UCWR</td>
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<td>International Sediment Initiative Conference</td>
<td>Friendship Hall</td>
<td>12 to 15 Nov. 2006</td>
<td>Under the Auspices of the President of the Sudan</td>
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<td>Ground Water Management Using Radar Technology</td>
<td>HQ of UCWR</td>
<td>16 to 20 Oct. 2006</td>
<td>Under the Auspices of the Director of UCWR</td>
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<td>Meeting of the UNESCO Water Expert with The UNESCO National Committee</td>
<td>HQ of UCWR</td>
<td>24 to 30 Aug. 2007</td>
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13.0 Prizes and International Participations

In recognition of its excellent performance in the field of water resources and related fields, research and capacity building, UNESCO-CWR was awarded the UNESCO UNITWIN Distinction Award, UNESCO-HQ-Paris, November, 2002.

The Chair was also distinguished by an Appreciation Award for outstanding performance and efforts by the National Water Research Centre of Egypt in April 2004, Cairo during the 2nd Arab Conference.
**14.0 Short Profile of UNESCO-CWR Staff**

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- **Areas of Interest**: River Morphology

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<td>Water Quality, Clinical Microbiology</td>
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4. Prof. Nour Eldin Almosharaf (Poultry Production)
5. Prof. Hassan Salim (Horticulture)
6. Dr. Babiker Abdallah (Environmental Sciences)
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18. Prof. Sef El Din Hamad (Water Resources)
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23. Mr. Hassein Mhd Ahmed (Range Specialist)
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To: abdalla ahmed
Date: Monday, 20 November, 2006 11:34:02 AM
Subject: Back in Paris

Dear Abdallah,
First of all I would like to thank again your kind hospitality. As always, I had a fantastic time in Sudan. Secondly, I wish to congratulate you and your colleagues for the impeccable organization of the Conference. It was a great success, both technically and organization wise. I am editing a little bit the Declaration and will send it to you in a few days time.

With best regards,
András

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