

WATER INTEGRITY

CONTEXT IN TUNISIA

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Water Integrity



Water sector – Facts & Figures

- Climate : mainly arid and semi-arid
- Population: 10.1 Million
- 480 m³/p/y
- Agriculture : 83% ; households : 11% ; industry: 5% and Tourism : 1%
- National 2030 Strategy : focus on efficiency
- Drinking Water Supply coverage: 100% urban; 92% rural



Institutional framework

La Société Nationale d'Exploitation et de Distribution des Eaux (SONEDE) : publicly-owned water utility established in 1968

Water supply : extraction and transport network
+2 M « customers » served 24/7

Direction Générale du Génie rural et de l'Exploitation des Eaux (DGGREE) : Engineering and infrastructure projects for access to water in rural areas - drinking water supply and irrigation



Institutional Framework

- **Office National de l'Assainissement (ONAS)** : publicly-owned, created in 1974 and tasked with sanitation services provision and pollution reduction
- **Commissariats Régionaux au Développement Agricole (CRDA)**
- **Groupements de Développement Agricole (GDA)** : Water user associations



Political and legal framework

Water : high on the political agenda

- Plans for improving access to drinking water in rural areas
- Plans for underpinning struggling agricultural activities in water-stress hotspots
- Right to Water enshrined in the constitution
- **‘Code des Eaux’** – Water Code (1975)



Weeding corruption out ...

MAIN INSTRUMENTS

- UN Convention against corruption
- National Strategy on the fight against corruption (work/consultation in progress)
- National authority for the fight against corruption (29 May 2013)
- Web portal for the fight against corruption :
<http://www.anticor.tn>



Access to information

MAIN INSTRUMENTS

- Decree 41 – « *Marsoum 41* » (Décret-loi N° 2011-41 26 May 2011)
www.marsoum41.org/fr
- Circulaire d'application n° 25 du 5 mai 2012
- Ongoing consultation on 'stronger' law on Open Government and Citizens' access to information
- Restructuring of public administration (MO)