

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

MENA Region

**Water- Energy-
Food (WEF)
Nexus Training**

Online Masterclass
5 to 7
December 2023

**In-person Advanced
School for MENA Region**
4 to 8
February 2024



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Achieving water, energy and food (WEF) security is a priority for southern Africa and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, especially under unfavorable climate change, increasing urbanization, population growth, and advanced ecosystems degradation. Achieving WEF securities will require a collaborative and inclusive approach, which considers the interconnections and interdependencies between the three sectors. Since 2011, when the WEF nexus first came to prominence, various actors have been championing it at various levels. There has been progress in building a shared understanding of the WEF nexus concept, using it to facilitate discourse through various dialogues, and recently developing frameworks and analytical models/tools.

The WEF Nexus Masterclass and in-person Advanced School are capacity-building initiatives to support early career researchers,



postgraduate students, managers, and practitioners in understanding nexus thinking, particularly the WEF nexus, as a transformative approach to sustainable natural resources management and socio-economic development. As the field of nexus research is relatively recent, participants will be exposed to this rapidly developing and critically important way of thinking. Participants will improve their knowledge of the WEF nexus and get acquainted with the concepts, how to facilitate discourse and new frameworks, tools and methods for analysing the WEF nexus. The online WEF Nexus Masterclass is a feeder and preparation for the in-person Advanced School.

MENA WEF Nexus in-person Advanced School

The objective of the WEF Nexus in person Advanced School is to build on the understanding of the WEF nexus (from the Masterclass) to improve evidence-based decision-making capacities of current

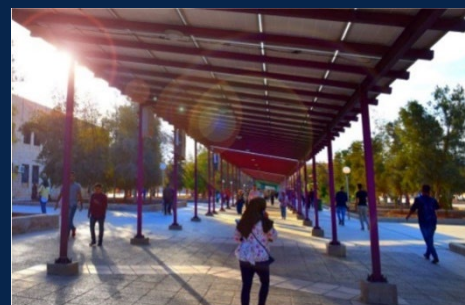
masters students, early career researchers (< 5 years post PhD), postgraduates (Master and PhD), managers and practitioners towards:

- (i) achieving simultaneous WEF securities,
- (ii) sustainable natural resources management,
- (iii) socio-economic developments,
- (iv) understanding WEF trade-offs and synergies, (v) innovating through the WEF nexus for job and wealth creation, and
- (v) linking science to informing policy and decision-making in their respective countries. Particular emphasis is set on developing transdisciplinary professional competencies to prepare participants to address complex grand challenges through transformative approaches.

Therefore, the advanced school will focus on:

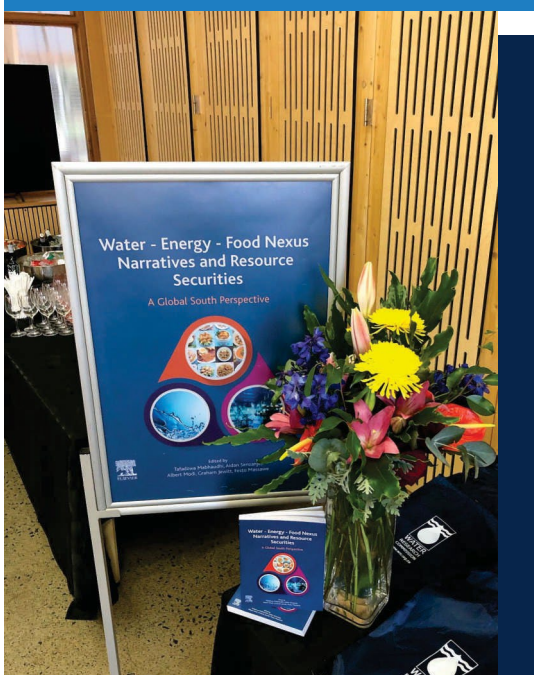
- Improving the ability to conceptualise the WEF Nexus linkages and potential impact on resource management and regional policies;
- Strengthening skills and knowledge about tools and methods for WEF Nexus assessments, planning, monitoring and evaluation; and
- Networking and mentoring, i.e., improving international communication between practitioners, postgraduates, early career researchers, senior researchers, and experts to build and consolidate a WEF network in southern Africa and the MENA region.

Upon completion of the in-person Advanced School, participants will be issued Certificates of Attendance.



WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Masters students | Early career researchers (< 5 years post PhD) | Postgraduates (Masters and PhDs) | Managers, practitioners (NGOs, Government, River Basin Organizations) | Stakeholders conducting research and development related to the WEF nexus and related fields such as agriculture, forestry, water, energy, engineering, climate change, ecosystems, and environment. Applicants must demonstrate a high level of English proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening (please, see the application form).



Where?

- The WEF Nexus Masterclass will be delivered online for three hours per day from **5-7 December 2023**.
- The WEF Nexus in-person advanced school for the MENA region will be held at Zain Platform for Creativity at the Hashemite University in Jordan (<https://hu.edu.jo/>) from **4 to 8 February 2024**. There is no opportunity for online participation.
- The venue does not provide accommodation facilities outside the designated hours of the in-person Advanced School. For assistance with bookings, please contact Dr Ahmed Bdour at bdour@hu.edu.jo
- Participants are, however, encouraged to do accommodations bookings once selected for the event. You are encouraged to book your accommodation on time (check-in 3 February & check out 9 February 2024).

PROGRAM COST

Participation in both the online WEF Nexus Masterclass and the in-person Advanced School is entirely free of cost. The expenses for registration, as well as lunch and refreshments during the in-person Advanced School, including the field trip, will be all covered by the WEF course organization team

- The selected participants from Jordan attending the in-person event will not incur any charges.

Traveler Participants are kindly requested to arrange and cover the costs for their accommodation, flights, airport transfers, and meals outside the designated hours of the in-person Advanced School.

A limited number of full and partial sponsorships are available to financially needy traveler candidates from MENA countries (outside Jordan) who meet the criteria to participate in the WEF Nexus in-person Advanced School (see application form for details).

More details on the sponsorship are found on the application form.



Traveler participants can start booking only after they have received the confirmation of their attendance at the in-person event. *This confirmation should be expected after the end of the masterclass.*





To Apply

Visit this [link](#) to fill in the application form for the WEF Nexus Masterclass and in-person Advanced School for Southern Africa and the MENA region. When applying, participants should indicate whether they wish to be considered for the Masterclass and in-person Advanced School or to participate in either.

Applicants should participate in the Masterclass to be accepted for the in person Advance School. This can be waived if participants previously attended the Masterclass in 2021 and 2022.

All enquiries should be emailed to weftools@gmail.com

Applicants resident in MENA region are recommended to apply for the in-person Advanced School in Jordan.

Kindly note that the Hashemite University is required to process any Personal Information submitted by candidates when applying for positions at the University. The provision of Personal Information is a requirement in terms of the University's recruitment and selection process. The retention of any personal information is a consequence of the University being bound by legislative requirements and / or good governance practices and record-keeping for statistical purposes. The University will endeavor to ensure that the appropriate security measures are in place and implemented for electronic and paper-based formats used to process the personal information recorded through this recruitment and selection process.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 23 NOVEMBER 2023

(Late and incomplete applications will not be considered)



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