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**Re: Invitation to the upcoming workshop "Leadership for Integrated Water Resource Management in arid countries in the MENA region and beyond"
11 – 14 December 2006**

The United Nations University, International Leadership Institute, is holding a workshop "Leadership for Integrated Water Resource Management in arid countries in the MENA region and beyond" on **11 – 14 December 2006**. The workshop venue is the building of the UNU-ILI in **Amman, Jordan**. It is my pleasure to invite you to attend this course. If you cannot attend yourself, we would highly welcome you recommending a representative of your organization.

Water management is one of the many issues that the world faces, where technical solutions exist, yet the continuance of the problem is often attributed to a lack of leadership. Water management has been defined as one of the priorities of development in the early 21st century as articulated by the UN Development Goal to "Reduce by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water" by the year 2015.

The course will focus on "Integrated Water Resources Management" (IWRM), now accepted world-wide as an essential approach for effective freshwater stewardship. It is a contemporary executive training in IWRM in the Arab nations of the Middle East and Northern Africa and a few other selected countries. The course will permit the training, or re-training, of political leaders, high-level executives and future professional water leaders in governments, water agencies and civil society.

The course will examine ethics, history, and cultural aspects of leadership as it pertains to Integrated Water Resource Management. It will also address issues of trans-boundary water management and community and NGO leadership for water management. The course will exchange experiences from the region, and will target some soft skills, such as awareness raising, communication, information management and conflict resolution.

Thank you very much for your attention to this important initiative. I am looking forward to your early registration. Please note that the deadline for application is November 15th 2006. Each participant is requested to bring a poster describing the water project he/she is working on. The posters will be exhibited during the course. The submission of research papers is encouraged.

A limited amount of funding is available for participants from developing countries. Please carefully refer to the application procedure stated in the course description. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 962-06-533 7075 ext. 314 or 312 or neumann@la.unu.edu AND intern5@la.unu.edu.

With best regards,

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Attachments: Description of the workshop
Registration sheet for the workshop