



**Water Sector Corruption Risk Management Task team  
Field visit Program  
Kairouane, 8 June 2023**

**Overview**

The water resources represent a fundamental element for sustainable development of all economic and social sectors. The water policy in Tunisia aims to ensure water security for both current and future generations, as well as to maintain the water balance between supply and demand in all cases, especially during consecutive periods of drought.

However, the management and conservation of water resources and their efficient use are not solely the responsibility of the Ministry responsible for water. Instead, it's a shared and solidarity-based responsibility among all stakeholders (government, civil society, associations, etc.).

The partnership between the United Nations Development Programme and the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources, and Fisheries has led to the establishment of a national team to conduct a study on 'Managing Corruption Risks in the Water Sector.

**Reasons for the field visit and expected objectives:**

Through the work of the team appointed by the decision dated 27 May 2022, three areas were selected, including licenses related to the exploitation of public water resources, financial advantages, and the field of management in drinking water and irrigation.

The team's work revealed that the existing laws regulating the sector were inadequate, and the involvement of numerous parties, the complexity of regulatory texts governing the sector, their dispersion in some legal areas, and certain orders and procedural guidelines hindered the achievement of the desired goal of these licenses. This complexity made it challenging for the team assigned to the study.

It has become necessary to involve entities in the team's work to identify legislative and legal deficiencies, unify the procedures in place, and diagnose potential corrupt practices throughout

all stages of licensing, considering that the team's work is primarily scientific. This collaboration aims to enable decision-makers to benefit from and enhance strategic plans specific to the sector.

**Location:** Al-Karama Company in Chebika.

**Regional Coordinator:** Mr. Naaman Jbira, Senior Engineer and Head of the Water Resources Department at the Regional Delegation for Agricultural Development in Kairouan.

**Program:**

<b>09:00</b>	Departure
<b>09:30 – 14:00</b>	Site Visit: Al-Karama Company, Chebika

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