What is the role of water policies in achieving water security? What is the Palestinian experience in this field?

1. Given the importance of the water sector to all aspects of life and development; National Governments should review and develop national water regulations and policies in order to contribute effectively to the achievement of water security. This review should consider priorities and water usages allocation, sustainable management and good governance, in parallel with dealing with new affecting developments and meeting existing challenges.

2. There is a growing need to build water policies based on Food-Water-Energy Nexus, since food security depends on water security. This issue becomes a major global concern and can be addressed through water policies, governance and adopting of IWRMS principles. It also
needs to create the right environment for investment in the water sector by enhancing best practices of PPP.

3. The challenges facing the water sector management regionally and globally, are not limited to the process of formulating and preparing policies, strategies and relevant plans, but rather and most importantly is the implementation and evaluation of their achieved results and implications. This is depends on the level of efficiency of coordination among all stakeholders, and the level of accountability and transparency, which all can be achieved by adopting the principles of Good Governance.

4. In the framework of Water Sector Reform Process, PWA leads all efforts towered restructuring the water sector to ensure the creation of an effective and sustainable institutions capable of implementing policies and strategies developed by PWA to achieve water security.