



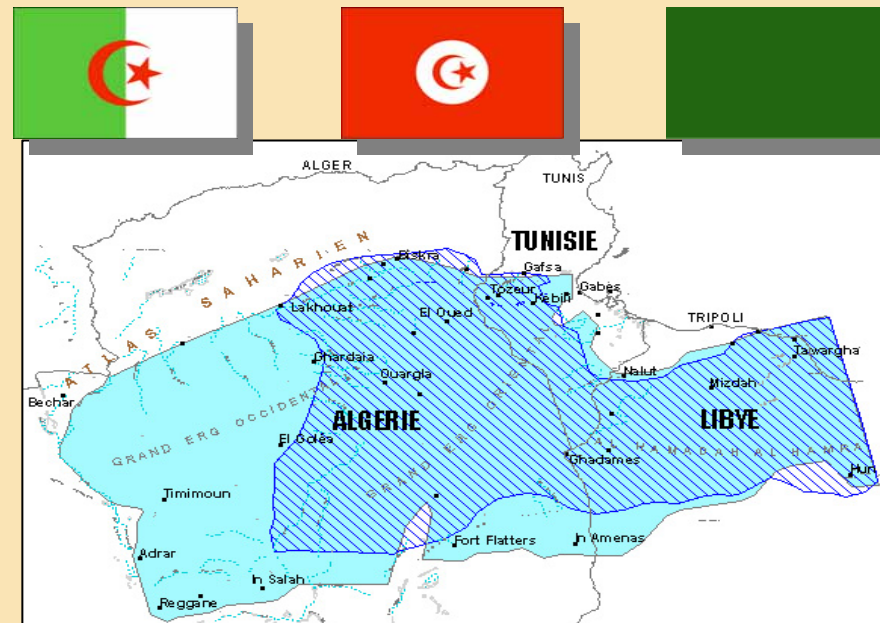
Session 3.1.3: Sustainable Cooperation
Institutional tools & mechanisms
Friday March 20, 2009

**Knowledge & Information sharing
key for sustainable cooperation: Experience of
the North Western Sahara Aquifer System**



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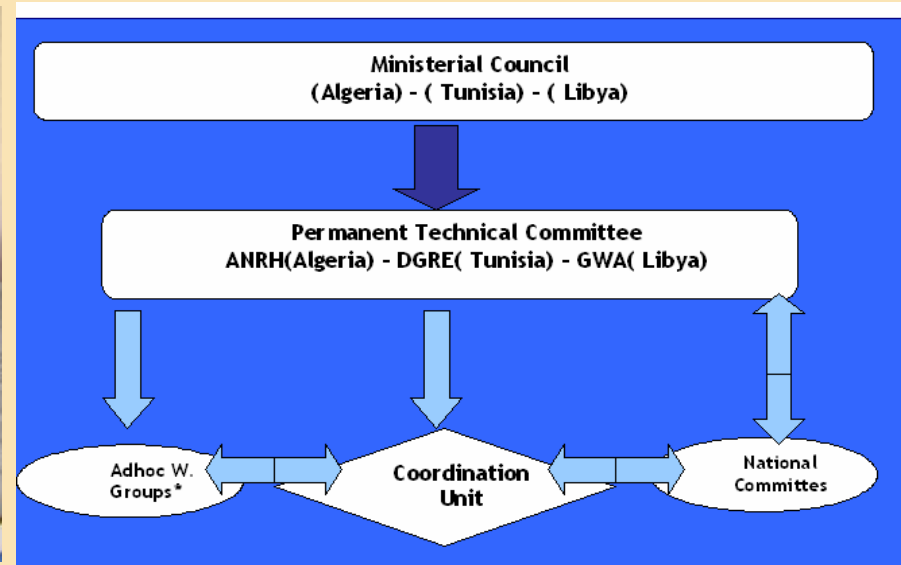
1. The NWSAS's Consultation mechanism
2. The process towards a transboundary cooperation framework
3. Lessons learned & Recommendations



The Consultation Mechanism



- 1999:** Initiation of talks on a regional institutional framework
- 2005:** Ministerial declaration on the consultation mechanism
- 2007:** - Agreement on the structure, operation & funding modalities
- Ownership & accountability by the three countries
- Coordination Unit (CU) hosted by OSS
- 2008:** - Establishment of the CU



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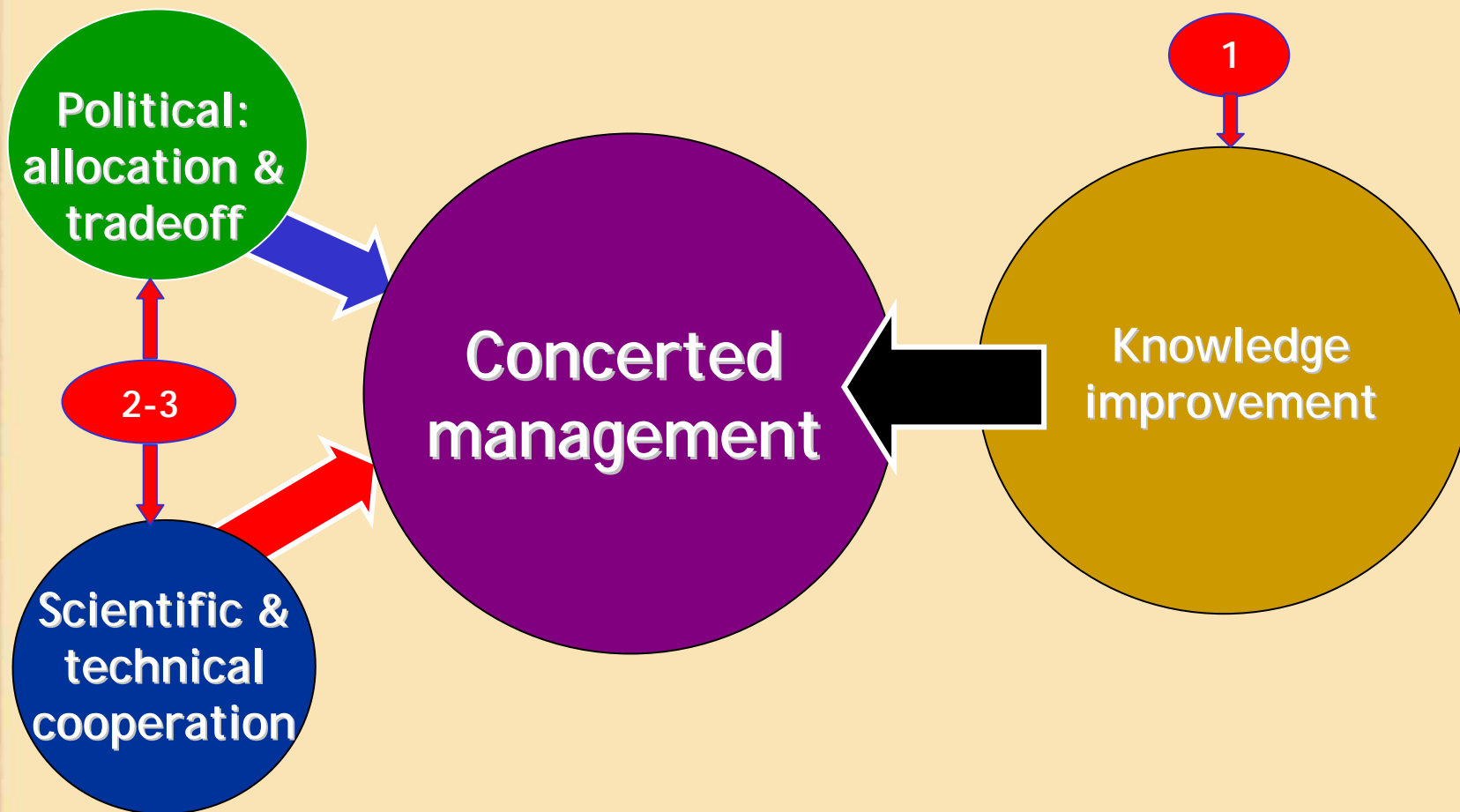
Technical tools

Institutional
agreement

Political
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The process towards transboundary cooperation framework

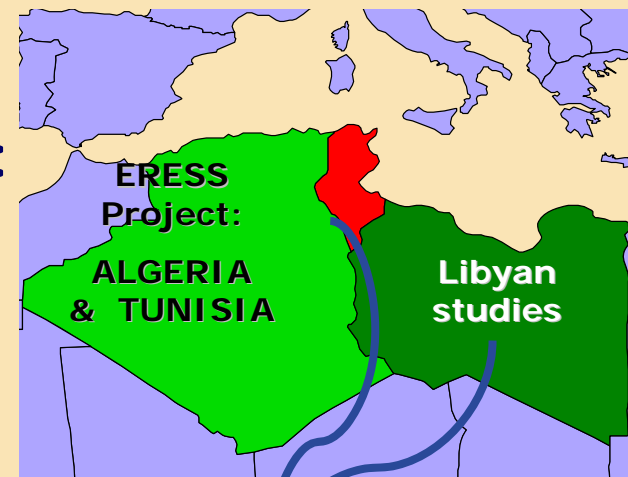


A 3 step process for cooperation in the management of transboundary aquifers

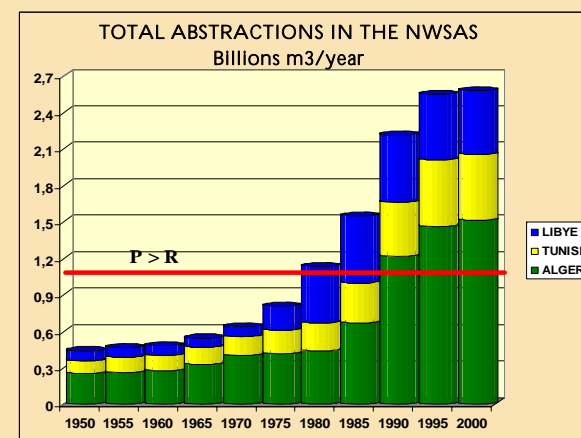


Lessons learned

- Shared aquifers management: a common responsibility
- Data & information sharing
- Political endorsement
- Outcomes, Process, and Political cooperation
- Towards an effective legal agreement to foster regional cooperation



Accelerated
development





- Methodological approach in 3 steps
- No one size-fits-all but the cooperation should remain the ultimate outcome
- Constant dialogue
- Bridging scientific knowledge and policy
- UN Resolution 63/124: articles on the “law of transboundary aquifers”

