

# Iraq Waterkeeper Environmental Law and Advocacy Project

Under a project supported by the European Union under Nature

Iraq and in partnership with the Italian Water Rights Foundation,

four capacity building trainings for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

were organized in both Sulaimaniya and Erbil in mid June 2014:

## In Sulaimaniya :

• The first training for CSOs was offered in Sulaymaniyah on the 15th and 16th of June 2014 and 15 participants from eight local groups participated that included (National Breath Org, Green Environment, Sulyon Group, Zhenga dostany garmyan, GKA- Green Kurdistan Association, Development Now, Arab



Youth Climate Movement, Parstni Zhengaw Kalapury

Jwani Kurdistan)

• The second training for

CSOs was conducted on the 17th and 18th of June with 18 participants from seven local participated that included (Srushti Kurdistan, Ainda bo Parstni Zhenga, Zhenga w Parstni Zindawaran, GKA- Green Kurdistan Association, Zhenga Parezy Said Sadiq, Aram bo Parstni Mrovo Zhenga Halabjay Shahid, GKA- Green Kurdistan Association Halabjay Shahid)

## In Erbil:

• The third training for CSOs in Erbil was conducted on 22th and 23th June 2014. There were 14 participants from six local groups including (Ainday Sawz, Parapedani Zhing, GKA- Green Kurdistan Association, Roz org., Arina bo Zhenga Parezy,

Kash.org)

• The fourth training for CSOs was conducted on the 24th and 25th of June where 10 participants from five local groups participated including (Zhenga Tandrusty Sawz, Sidra bo zhengay Nmunay, War bo parstny zhenga, Merga Mir bo gasha Pedany Zhing, Santary Zhengy Shaqalwa



## First Join Meeting:

It is understood that public participation in decision-making is vital. It encourages individual responsibility and creates a more democratic society. It uses the knowledge, skills and enthusiasm of the public to help make decisions and recognizes that the public has a significant role to play. Each person has a stake in protecting and enhancing the environment and citizens are an important source of information on the needs of their own communities. That is why public involvement is

a central part of sustainable development policies. Solutions to achieve economic, social and environmental improvements at the same time will only be

found if everyone is involved and if the discussion is open so that new ideas and approaches can be considered.

For these reasons, in addition to training and capacity



building, the Environmental Law & Advocacy Project also organized a joint meeting on the 18th of June 2014 between 29 participants from CSOs and government agencies responsible for environmental rulemaking in Sulaimani. The aim behind the meeting was to increase information sharing and ensure the rights of CSOs and the public in general to obtain information and understand how government agencies develop and implement rules and regulations that affect the environment and local communities.