**Water Finance in the Mediterranean**

Accelerating the implementation of SDG 6 by enhancing the financial sustainability of water management

**Side Event HQ-112**

**Thursday 23 March 2023, 15:30-16:45 hours (GMT-5)**

**UN Headquarters, Conference Room 6**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**15:30 Welcome and introduction**

* + Roberto Martín Hurtado, Senior Water Economics Advisor, UfM.

**15:35 A regional response to the water finance challenge**

* + H.E. Almotaz Abadi, Deputy Secretary General for Water, Environment and Blue Economy, Union for the Mediterranean
	+ Marjeta Jager, Deputy Director General in the Directorate-General for International Partnerships (INTPA), European Commission

**15:50 Country perspectives on water finance: progress, commitments, and the role of cross sectoral collaboration**

* H.E. Vahit Kirisçi, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Türkiye
* Mohammad Al-Dwairi, Assistant Secretary General for Planning, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
* Mohammed Chtioui, Director of Tensift River Basin Agency, Morocco
* Olli-Matti Verta, Director of Water Resources Management, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

**16:20 Lessons from the global water finance agenda**

* Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Leader, OECD Environment Directorate
* Catherine Collin, Managerial Adviser to the MD, EIB Global

**16:30 Q&A**

**16:40 Key messages and closing**

* + Roberto Martín Hurtado, Senior Water Economics Advisor, UfM