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## MENA focus: Addressing water-employment-migration in the mediterranean

Tuesday 27 August | 16.00-17.30 | L12



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Recognising that ‘water security and growth are symbiotic’, Mediterranean countries should become more water-efficient economies, enabling income generation and employment opportunities, including for youth and women, and reach SDGs. These will assist tackling certain root causes of migration being a major challenge of our time. Indeed, 3/4 jobs are water-dependent while water technology and innovation advance. If

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mainstreamed, supported by political will, planning tools, and investment, these can create opportunities for new markets, skills and job fields. On the migration front, related streams usually start as rural-urban movements and, when urban pressures intensify, turn transnational. Climate change aggravates pressures. Mediterranean countries that are transit and/or hosting refugees should be assisted to assess impacts and respond to challenges. Water-related jobs may contribute to refugees' income generation and, in longer term, social inclusion. Furthermore, water solutions can improve refugees' livelihoods, including health. The session will elaborate on how to mainstream WEM approaches and actions to increase water-related employability and entrepreneurship in countries of migration origin/transit/hosting, while promoting sustainable water management, gender equality and youth objectives. It will pinpoint facts and experiences and identify action points for advancing objectives of the WEM thematic area of the UfM Water Agenda.

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## Programme

### 16:00 **Introduction and welcome remarks**

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Almotaz Abadi, UfM Secretariat

Yosra Albakkar, Sida

Monika Weber-Fahr, GWP

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16:10 **Water-Employment-Migration in MENA: interlinkages and opportunities**

Konstantina Toli, GWP-Med

16:25 **Q&A**

16:30 **Lightning talks and panel discussion on Water-Employment-Migration**

Blanca Moreno-Dodson, CMI

Carlos Carrion-Crespo, ILO

Michela Miletto, UN WWAP

Mediterranean Youth for Water Network (tbc)

Ministry of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water, Morocco (tbc)

Therese Noorlander, The Coca-Cola Company

Jaime Melo Baptista, LIS-WATER (tbc)

17:15 **Interaction with the audience and Q&A session**

17:25 **Key messages and conclusion**

17:30 **End of session**

## Resources

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