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EU-UfM Water Governance & Business Forum 20-21 October 2019

Al-Manara International Conference Center (Senegal River Hall)
Nasr City, Cairo

Agenda

Day (1) - Sunday 20 October 2019	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration and welcoming coffee
09:30 – 10:30	Session (1): <i>Setting the stage for the EU and UfM water governance and business forum</i>
<p>Master of Ceremony: Mr. Vangelis Constantianos, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med)</p> <p>Brief welcome by the co-organising partners and introduction to the Forum (20')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Ayman Ayad, Sector Manager for Water and Utilities, EU Delegation in Egypt (EUD) ○ Mr. Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director, Water and Environment Division, Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat (UfM Sec) ○ Dr. Tahani Sileet, Head of Central Department for External Cooperation, AMCOW TAC, PMU Director & Regional Coordinator-VICMED Project Director- NBI National Office, Nile Water Sector- Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (MWRI), Egypt ○ Dr. Hammou Laamrani, Senior Expert, Water, Energy, Food Security and Climate Change Nexus, Economic Sector, League of Arab States (LAS) ○ Dr. Anthi Brouma, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med/ Team Leader for UfM TA: Context and objectives of the EU-UfM Water Governance & Business Forum <p>Setting the scene (30')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Ayman Ayad, Sector Manager for Water and Utilities, EU Delegation to Egypt: <i>The new European Investment Plan (EIP) and the new European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD) guarantee scheme</i> ○ Mr. Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director, UfM Sec: <i>The UfM Water Agenda and Financial Strategy</i> <p>Discussion (10')</p>	
10:30 – 12:30	Session (2): <i>Strengthening adaptive capacity building and institutional frameworks</i> Moderator: Dr. Mustafa Nasereddin , UfM/GWP-Med Advisor on WASH
<p>Objectives of the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To share the current situation from monitoring SDG6 in the region, utilising the case with Egypt as a case study • To familiarise the audience with efforts to support institutional capacity building • To explore ways to further support the engagement of civil society in the process <p>The session involves targeted interventions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prof. Michael Scoullios, Team Leader, Water and Environment Support (WES): <i>EU Water and Environment Support in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood region</i> ○ Dr. Khaled Abu Zeid, Senior Regional Water Resources Director, Centre for Environment & Development for the Arab Region & Europe (CEDARE): <i>Monitoring of SDG6 in the MENA/Arab region</i> ○ Eng. Nahla Abdel Salam, Holding Company for Water and Wastewater (HCWW): <i>Update on SDGs in Egypt and identification of capacity building needs</i> ○ Mr. Xavier Mathieu, Middle East Area Manager, SEURECA-Veolia: <i>Utilities restructuring and performance</i> 	

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<p><i>improvement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Emad Adly, General Coordinator, Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED): The role of civil society in institutional capacity strengthening ○ Mr. Hachmi Kennou, Director, Mediterranean Water Institute (IME): <i>Main components of the WASH in the Mediterranean region</i> 	
Discussion (30')	
Note: Coffee to be served inside the room	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:30	<p><i>Session (3): Ensuring Water Security and Climate Resilience for all</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director, UfM Sec</p>
<p><i>Objectives of the session:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To create common understanding on the situation and challenges relating to climate resilience in the region • To familiarise the Forum participants with ongoing initiatives/processes under the UfM framework on climate change adaptation and mitigation • To explore options for utilising climate-related financing tools for enhancing water security • To create linkages for action with the new post-2020 EU Agenda <p><i>The session includes targeted interventions by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Marlene Tomaszewicz, ESCWA Region Advisor for Climate Change Analysis, UN ESCWA: <i>Overview on the state of climate resilience in the MENA region and challenges</i> ○ Prof. Khalid Tamsamani, UfM/GWP-Med Expert on Climate Change Adaptation: <i>Findings of a UfM mapping on ongoing Mediterranean initiatives on climate change adaptation</i> ○ UfM Secretariat: <i>Findings from a desk review of UfM Climate Finance Studies</i> ○ Dr Sami Ahmad Faruqi, Head of Social Infrastructure Global Practices, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB): <i>The role of communities for effective delivery of water sector project</i> ○ Dr. Hammou Laamrani, LAS: <i>Opportunities and challenges for regional cooperation on water security and climate resilience</i> ○ Mr. Vangelis Constantianos, Executive Secretary, GWP-Med: <i>Towards a UfM/GWP partnership for mobilising international climate finance in the Mediterranean</i> 	
Discussion	
15:30 – 16:15	<p><i>Official High-Level Opening</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Ayman Ayad, Sector Manager for Water and Utilities, EU Delegation to Egypt</p>
<p>Keynote Speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Ambassador Nasser Kamel, Secretary General, UfM Sec ○ H.E. Ambassador Ivan Surkoš, Head of the European Union Delegation to Egypt ○ H.E. Minister Dr. Djameleddine Djaballah, Head of Department Environment, Housing and Water Resources, League of Arab States ○ H.E. Dr. Joe Mizzi, Minister for Energy and Water Management, Republic of Malta ○ H.E. Dr. Mazen Ghuneim, Minister of Water, Palestinian Water Authority, State of Palestine ○ H.E. Dr. Mohamed Abdelaaty, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Arab Republic of Egypt 	
<i>Press Conference & Coffee Break to follow the Official High-Level Opening</i>	
17:00 – 18:00	Cairo Water Week II Official Ceremony
20:30	Closed High level Reception (Via Invitations Only)

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Day (2) - Monday 21 October 2019

09:00 – 09:15	Registration and welcoming coffee
09:15 – 11:15	<p><i>Session (4): Sustainable Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector: Role and Requirements of Public Private Partnerships</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Roberto Martin-Hurtado, UfM Expert on Water Financing</p>

Objectives of the Session:

- To present the UfM Financial Strategy for Water.
- To identify what PPPs can and cannot do today to support UfM member states in their efforts to make the water sector financially sustainable.
- To identify what actions UfM member states need to implement in order to attract private investors to the water sector
- To identify how the UfM process, the EU programmes, and other development partners can support progress in the above delineated agenda.

The Finance Focus Session will be structured around four presentations, from the following panellists:

- **Mr. Xavier Leflaive**, Head of Water Programme, OECD Environment Directorate
- **Mr. Atter Hannoura**, Director, PPP Central Unit, Ministry of Finance, Egypt
- **Mr. Victor Garnreiter**, Senior Vice-President International Development, SUEZ: *Innovative public private partnerships for long-term sustainability*
- **Mr. Lars Anwandter**, Head of Mashreq Unit for Public Sector Lending, European Investment Bank (EIB): *The importance of regulation for sustainable water financing: examples from EIB's experience*
- **Mr. Alain Meyssonier**, President, Mediterranean Water Institute (IME)

Discussion

Note: the conclusions of the Finance Focus Session will be gathered in a short (2 pages) outcome document and transmitted to the first UfM Annual Conference on Water Investment and Financing.

11:15 – 11:45	Coffee Break
11:45 – 13:45	<p><i>Session (5): Development Partners coordination and Harmonisation for optimal Water Resources Management</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Anthi Brouma, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med</p>

Objectives of the session:

Introductory presentation by **Dr. Ayman Ayad**, Sector Manager for Water and Utilities, EU Delegation to Egypt: *The European Union External Investment Plan: a game changer to mobilise the private sector for development cooperation*

- Panel discussion among development partners and IFIs on coordination and ways to further support the water sector, including reflections on the way to utilise To look into current practices in development partners' coordination & familiarise the audience with ongoing efforts in this direction, in Egypt and in the region
 - To explore options for engaging more actively less conventional actors in the water sector
 - To outline the roadmap for regional work on financing and investment in the water sector, utilising also the regular interface of the UfM Water Investments Forum
- best the EU External Investment Plan:
- **Mr. David Tyler**, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD): *Financing a Sustainable Water Sector*
 - **Ms. Atika Ben Maid**, Senior Program Officer, Water and Sanitation, Agriculture & Environment, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) -Cairo Office: *The modalities of cooperation among partners (joint financing, policy dialogue) and ways forward in Egypt: examples of AFD in Egypt and in the region*
 - **Ms. Isabel Hofmann**, Senior Project Manager, KfW Office Cairo
 - **Mr. Gustavo Saltiel**, Global Lead for Water Supply and Sanitation, World Bank: *Addressing Policies, Institutions and*

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Regulations to Achieve Sustainable Development Goal #6

- **Mr. Zohair Kashgary**, Operation Team Leader, Regional Hub of Cairo, Egypt, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
- **Dr. Jerome Priscoli**, Chair of Technical Committee, Global Water Partnership (GWP)

Discussion

13:45 – 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 – 16:00	<i>High level panel on Regional Cooperation - Session</i>
Facilitated interventions by: Dr. Ayman Ayad and Mr. Almotaz Abadi	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Ambassador Nasser Kamel, Secretary General, UfM Sec ○ H.E. Dr. Joe Mizzi, Minister for Energy and Water Management, Republic of Malta ○ H.E. Dr. Mazen Ghuneim, Minister of Water, Palestinian Water Authority, State of Palestine 	
16:00 – 17:00	<i>Session (6): Synthesis and way forward</i>
Brief presentation of key highlights by the sessions' moderators (20')	
Discussion and next steps (40')	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Almotaz Abadi, UfM ○ Dr. Tahani Sileet, MWRI ○ Mr. Manuel Sapiano, EWA ○ Dr. Hammou Laamrani, LAS ○ Mr. Vangelis Constantianos, GWP-Med ○ Dr. Ayman Ayad, EU Delegation to Egypt 	
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