

FIRST UfM ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WATER INVESTMENT AND FINANCING

Public Private Partnerships and the Financial Sustainability of the Water Sector

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Draft Agenda

9:00-9:30	Registration of participants
9:30-9:45	<p>Session 1. Opening of the Annual Conference</p> <p>Master of ceremony: Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director for Water, UfM</p> <p>Welcoming remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan • Maciej Popowski, Deputy-Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission (tbc) • Peter Lundberg, Regional Head for Development Cooperation in the Middle East and North Africa, Sweden (tbc) • Michael Scoullios, Chairman, GWP-Med • Isidro Gonzalez Afonso, Deputy Secretary General for Water, Environment and Blue Economy, UfM
9:45-11:15	<p>Session 2. Implementation of the UfM Financial Strategy for Water</p> <p>Chair: Manuel Mendez Prieto, Director General for Water, Ministry for the Ecological Transition, Spain</p> <p>Setting the stage presentation (10 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities supported by the UfM Secretariat in 2019, Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director for Water, UfM <p>Roundtable interventions (60 min):</p> <p>Questions to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Among the 10 strategic objectives of the UfM Financial Strategy for Water, what are currently the three priority objectives for each UfM member state? • What actions have UfM member states implemented in 2019 to enhance the financial sustainability of the water sector? What actions would they like to implement in 2020 and beyond?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How have partners supported UfM member states in 2019 to enhance the financial sustainability of the water sector? How could they support them in 2020 and beyond? <p>Q&A (15 min)</p> <p>Session conclusions (5 min)</p>
11:15-11:45	Coffee break
11:45-13:15	<p>Session 3. Public Private Partnerships in the Mediterranean Water Sector</p> <p>Chair: Manuel Sapiano, CEO, The Energy and Water Energy, Malta</p> <p>Setting the stage presentation (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Findings of the UfM project “Governance and Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector”, (Vangelis Constantianos, Executive Secretary, and Anthi Brouma, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med) <p>Country experiences (60 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPPs in Drinking Water Supply: lessons learned in (Algeria?) PPPs in Desalination: lessons learned in (Israel?) PPPs in Wastewater treatment: lessons learned in (Jordan?) PPPs in Irrigation: lessons learned in (Morocco?) PPPs in Flood Management: lessons learned in (Spain?) Lessons from Energy PPPs (Italy?) <p>Questions to be explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What has been the rationale and objectives of Water PPPs in the Mediterranean region? How are Water PPPs in the Mediterranean expected to contribute to the financial sustainability of the sector? To what extent have those expectations been met? <p>Q&A with audience (15 min)</p> <p>Session conclusions (5 min)</p>
13:15-14:30	Lunch break
14:30-15:15	<p>Session 5. Introduction to the High-Level Segment</p> <p>Chair: Amb. Giampiero Massolo, President, ISPI</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Hon. Emanuela del Re, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy. “The importance of water cooperation for regional security in the Euro-Mediterranean region”</p> <p>Keynote speaker: H.E. Nasser Kamel, Secretary-General, UfM. Supporting our Common Water Goals: The UfM Financial Strategy for Water and the Annual Conference on Water Investment and Financing”</p>

	<p>Ministerial/High Level Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Joe Mizzi, Minister for Energy and Water Management, Malta • Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General for Environment, European Commission (tbc) • Manuel Mendez Prieto, Director General for Water, Ministry for the Ecological Transition, Spain (tbc) • Dario Scannapieco, Vice-President for Mashreq, EIB (tbc) <p>Questions to be explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the priority issues regarding water investment and financing in the Mediterranean region? • How can regional cooperation help to address them?
15:15-16:30	<p>Session 6. Why and how to engage private operators in enhancing the financial sustainability of the water sector</p> <p>Chair: TBC</p> <p>Setting the stage presentation (10 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusions of the EU-UfM Water Governance and Business Forum, Roberto Martín Hurtado, Senior Advisor on Water Economics, UfM Secretariat <p>Panel (30 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private water operators: Mamadou Dia, President, Aquafed (tbc) • Water regulators: Andrea Guerrini, President, European Water Regulators (WAREG) (tbc) • Ministries of finance: Atter Hannoura, Director, PPP Central Unit, Ministry of Finance, Egypt (tbc) • Ministries of water: Fadi Comair, Director General of Hydraulic and Electrical Resources, Ministry of Energy and Water, Lebanon (tbc) <p>Questions for panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What should be the role of private sector partners in water PPPs in attracting finance and delivering value-for-money? • What are the main barriers faced by private sector partners in water PPPs to deliver on that role? • What can UfM member states do to enhance the contribution of PPPs to the financial sustainability of the water sector? • What can the UfM process and partners do to enhance the contribution of PPPs to the financial sustainability of the water sector? <p>Open discussion (30 min)</p> <p>Session conclusions (5 min)</p>

16:30-17:00	Coffee break
17:00-18:15	<p>Session 7. Why and how to engage private financiers in financing water investments</p> <p>Chair: TBC</p> <p>Setting the stage presentation (10 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Findings from the OECD Roundtable on Financing Water, Xavier Leflaive, Team Leader for Resilience - Adaptation to Climate Change - Water, OECD Environment Directorate (tbc) <p>Panel (30 min):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic private banks: Adli Kandah, General Director, Association of Banks in Jordan (tbc) Investment funds: TBC International financial institutions: TBC (World Bank? EIB? EBRD? AFD? KfW?) Water operators: Oliver Loebel, Secretary General, EurEau (tbc) <p>Questions for panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the opportunities for private financiers to finance water investments? What are the main barriers faced by private financiers to finance water investments? What can UfM member states do to enhance the contribution of private financiers to the financial sustainability of the water sector? What can the UfM process and partners do to enhance the contribution of private financiers to the financial sustainability of the water sector? <p>Open discussion (30 min)</p> <p>Session conclusions (5 min)</p>
18:15-18:30	<p>Session 8. Conclusions and Closing of the Annual Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maciej Popowski, Deputy-Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission (tbc) Eng. Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan H.E. Nasser Kamel, Secretary General, UfM