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Third EU-UfM WATER INVESTMENT POLICY FORUM organised in the framework of 2021 Cairo Water Week

The Nile Ritz-Carlton, Alf Lila We Lila Ballroom
Cairo (Egypt) and on-line

25th October 2021, 9:45-16:00 CET

AGENDA

<p>9:45-10:00</p>	<p>Session 1. Setting the Stage: the EU-UfM Water Investment Policy Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Welcome and objectives</i> Tahani Sileet, Head of Central Department for External Cooperation, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt • <i>The importance of improving water investment policies and the joint EU-UfM response</i> Ayman Ayad, Water and Utilities Sector Manager, EU Delegation in Cairo • <i>Deepening regional learning and policy dialogue to achieve the objectives of the UfM Water Agenda and the UfM Financial Strategy for Water</i> Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director, UfM-Water
<p>10:00-11:30</p>	<p>Session 2. Multi-stakeholder Roundtable: Improving Water Investment Policies</p> <p><i>Questions to be explored:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some examples of improvements in water investment policies in the Southern Mediterranean? • What aspects of their water investment policies do Southern Mediterranean countries need to improve the most to mobilise and sustain investments in water security? • How can EU, UfM and other partners best support the efforts of national authorities to mobilise and sustain investments in water security? <p><i>Moderator:</i> Roberto Martín Hurtado (Senior Advisor, UfM-Water)</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ali Hayaine, Water and Climate Programme Manager, IUCN Regional Office for West Asia • David Hernández Gómez, Coordinator, Euro-Mediterranean Irrigators Community

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mamdouh Raslan, Chairman, Holding Company on Water and Wastewater (HCWW), Egypt • Neil Dhot, Executive Secretary, AquaFed • Marwan Alraggad, Executive Director, Inter-Islamic Network on Water Resources Development and Management (INWRDAM) • Vangelis Constantianos, Executive Secretary, GWP-Med • Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Leader, OECD
11:30-12:00	Break
12:00-13:30	<p>Session 3. Special Focus Topic: Investing in desalination</p> <p><i>Moderator: Ahmed Gaber</i> (Chairman, Chemonics Egypt)</p> <p><i>Questions to be explored:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have desalination investments contributed to water security in Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries in the last decade? What is the expected future role of desalination in the face of climate change? • What have we learned about the development and implementation of desalination investment policies, plans and programmes? • What could the water policy community do to enhance the financial sustainability of desalination investments? <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alain Meyssonier, President, Mediterranean Water Institute (IME) • Hayet Ben Mansour, Director, Surface Waters, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia • Wafae El-Harraki, Head of Service, Non-Conventional Water Resources Development, Water Directorate, Ministry of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water, Morocco • Ignacio González-Castelao, Deputy to the CEO, Acuamed, Spain • Issa Al Wer, Project Manager, Aquaba-Amman Water Desalination and Conveyance Project, Jordan • Atter Hannoura, Director, PPP Central Unit, Ministry of Finance, Egypt • Mohammad Abdelqader El Ramahi, Director, Asset Management and Technical Services, Clean Energy, Masdar • David Tyler, Associate Director, Water and Wastewater Sector, EBRD • Harald Scholzel, Water Engineer, European Investment Bank
13:30-14:30	Lunch Break

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14:30-15:45	<p>Session 4. High Level Panel: Investing in water security post-COVID-19</p> <p><i>Questions to be explored:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected investments in water security in the Southern Mediterranean? • To what extent do post-COVID-19 recovery packages integrate water security investments? • What could the water policy community do to enhance the integration of water investments in economic recovery and green growth packages? <p><i>Moderator:</i> Khaled Habib (Senior Business Consultant)</p> <p><i>High-Level Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ambassador Nasser Kamel, Secretary General, UfM Secretariat • H.E. Ambassador Christian Berger, Head of the European Union Delegation to Egypt • H.E. Dr Mohamed Abdel Aty, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Arab Republic of Egypt • H.E. Mr Wissam Fattouh, Secretary General, Union of Arab Banks • Ms. Maria Selin, Regional Director, MENA Unit, Sida
15:45-16:00	<p>Session 5. Conclusions and closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isidro González Afonso, Deputy-Secretary General, UfM • Ibrahim Laafia, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation in Cairo

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