



SIDE EVENT

“Finance for access to water and sanitation”

21 March 2022 - 16.00 to 17.00 on the World Water Council Booth (EXPO area)

« *Water is also a vital resource to be protected and managed for the benefit of all* »

Water is a major challenge for the 21st century. Shortages, poor water quality or lack of sanitation facilities have a negative impact on food security, health, gender equality and the living conditions of the poor.

The problems are numerous and complex: billions of people still lack access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation; there is increasing competition between different water users and uses; significant investments are needed to maintain and improve water infrastructure. The economic, financial and governance aspects of water resources management are usually at the heart of the problem. Only by addressing them can a solution to the critical water problem be found.

These themes are at the core of the Mediterranean Water Institute's action, namely: *putting people back at the centre of access to drinking water and sanitation* through our platform for cooperation and exchanges between peers, open to all, in order to raise the awareness of elected representatives and populations and to provide the most appropriate responses for the managers of public services in order to guarantee the best possible quality/price ratio.

Putting Finance back at the centre of access to water and sanitation for all with two ideas proposed by IME members:

- Measure performance to ensure the confidence of public and private donors
- Propose the creation of a "one-stop shop" for donors in the Mediterranean area

As the topic is cross-sectoral will be addressed during *a side event on 21 March 2022 from 16.00 to 17.00 on the World Water Council Booth (EXPO area)*.

DRAFT AGENDA

- 16:00-16:10 **Opening Speech** by M. Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean
- 16:10-16:20 **Introductory Speech** by M. Alain Meyssonier, IME President
(Short movie on Finance)
- 16:20-16:50 **Point of view of donors / Presentation of financing programmes**
- African Development Bank representative (AfDB)
 - M. Laurent Roy, General Director of the Rhône Méditerranée Corse Water Agency
 - Mrs Ines Gasmî, Project Officer on Water of the Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI)/UNOPS
- 16:50-17:00 **Conclusion** by M. Marc Garcia, IME General Secretary

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