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“Applying a Water-Energy-Food-Environment (WEFE) Nexus Approach to Water Finance and Investments”

30th – 31st October 2023

Cairo, Hotel Nile Ritz-Carlton, Alf Lila We Lila A Ballroom

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Monday, 30 th October 2023	
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:30	<p>Session 1. Opening</p> <p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tahani Sileet</i>, Assistant Minister for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt <p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>H.E. Christian Berger</i>, Head of EU Delegation in Cairo <input type="checkbox"/> <i>H.E. Nasser Kamel</i>, Secretary General, UfM <input type="checkbox"/> <i>H.E. Abdourahmane Diaw</i>, Country Manager for Egypt, African Development Bank <p>Setting the stage remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Roberto Martín Hurtado</i>, Senior Water Economics Advisor
9:30-11:00	<p>Session 2: How investment and finance issues are currently included in WEFE nexus approaches</p> <p>Chair: <i>Ayman Ayad</i>, Water and Social Infrastructure Sector Manager, EU Delegation to Egypt</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Samira Shaban Pina</i>, Project Analyst, UfM Secretariat: The broader context -- The work of the UfM Task Force on the WEFE Nexus <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Olfat Hamdan</i>, Head of MedPol, UNEP/MAP (online): Findings from 1st regional roundtable on WEFE and the development of a Strategic Framework for the WEFE Nexus in the Mediterranean. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Omar Amawi</i>, Deputy Director, PRIMA Foundation: How are investment and finance issues integrated in Nexus projects funded by PRIMA <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Magnus André</i>, Regional Programme Manager, Sida: How are investment and finance issues integrated in Nexus projects funded by Sida (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Michael Scullios</i>, Team Leader, Water and Environment Support Project <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alex Simalabwi</i>, Director, Continental Africa Water Investment (online): How are WEFE investments integrated in the African Investment Programme.
11:00-11:30	Break

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11:30-13:00	<p>Session 3: How water investment policies, plans and programmes apply the WEF nexus approach: experiences at national and basin level</p> <p>Chair: <i>Roberto Martin Hurtado</i>, Senior Water Economics Advisor</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Mohammed Al-Dwairi</i>, Assistant Secretary General for Planning, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Guillaume Choisy</i>, Director General of the Adour-Garonne Water Agency, France (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Dahbi Salaheddine</i>, Director of the River Basin Agency of Oum Er Rabia, Morocco <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Kamel Djelonah</i>, Head of Office, Directorate for Drinking Water Supply, Algeria <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alba Zhori</i>, Head of Sector, Water Resources Management Agency, Albania (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Walid Hakiki</i>, Head of Planning Sector, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Egypt
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:30	<p>Session 4: How investment projects apply the WEF nexus approach: lessons learned by IFIs</p> <p>Chair: <i>Alba Serna</i>, Senior Water and Sanitation Engineer, African Development Bank</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Nadra Wagdy</i>, Portfolio Coordinator, Water Sector, KfW <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Khalid Hamza</i>, Head of Egypt, EBRD <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Michel N'Guessan</i>, Principal Water and Sanitation Engineer (Southern Africa), African Development Bank (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Josep Oriol Bellot</i>, Senior Sector Engineer, EIB (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rajesh Balasubramanian</i>, Senior Water and Sanitation Specialist, World Bank <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Zohair Kashgari</i>, Operations Team Leader, Regional Hub of Cairo, Islamic Development Bank <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Lukas Vesely</i>, Deputy Head of Unit, Financial Instruments and Investment, EU Commission (online)
15:30-16:00	Break



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16:00-17:30

Session 5: How the WEFE approach can leverage green and sustainable finance to support the transformation of the water sector

Chair: *Ousseynou Guene*, Regional Sector Manager, Water and Sanitation Division, West, Center and North Africa, African Development Bank

Speakers:

- Frederico Costa Pereira* (TAIEX, Green and Digital Transitions and Connectivity Team) and *Victor Le Grix*, (Twinning Coordination Team), DG NEAR C3, EU Commission (**online**): TAIEX and Twinning as instruments to support the green transition of the water sector
- Frédéric de Dinechin*, Policy Advisor: UfM partnerships to mobilise new finance for water under a WEFE approach (the Blue Mediterranean Partnership, BMP, and the Local Investment Finance Facility, PLIFF)
- Emmanuel Olet*, Chief Water Development Officer, African Development Bank (**online**): Green and sustainable finance in the African Development Bank Policy and Water Strategy
- Nicolas Farhat*, Manager, WE4F MENA Regional Innovation Hub
- Atter Hannoura*, Director, PPP Central Unit, Ministry of Finance, Egypt

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Tuesday, 31 st October 2023	
9:30-11:00	<p>Session 6. High Level Session: Guiding future work</p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Philip Riddell</i>, Water Resources Policy and Sector Financing Specialist</p> <p>Setting the stage presentation: <i>Roberto Martin Hurtado</i>, Senior Water Economics Advisor: Summary of Day 1</p> <p>High Level Panel:</p> <p>Question for panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> What's the current and future importance of the WEF nexus?<input type="checkbox"/> How can water finance and investment topics be better included in national dialogues around the WEF nexus?<input type="checkbox"/> What key messages around water investment and finance should be included in future regional ministerial declarations on water? <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> <i>H.E. Christian Berger</i>, Head of EU Delegation in Cairo<input type="checkbox"/> <i>H.E. Almotaz Abadi</i>, Deputy Secretary General for Water, Environment and Blue Economy, UfM<input type="checkbox"/> <i>H.E. Mohamed El-Azizi</i>, Director General for North Africa, African Development Bank<input type="checkbox"/> <i>H.E. Manuel Sapiano</i>, CEO, Energy and Water Agency, Malta<input type="checkbox"/> <i>H.E. Afire Sever</i>, General Director, General Directorate for Water Management, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Türkiye (online)<input type="checkbox"/> <i>H.E. Jihad Mahamid</i>, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan<input type="checkbox"/> <i>H.E. Abdelmonem Belaati</i>, Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia (tbc)<input type="checkbox"/> <i>H.E. Prof. Dr. Hani Sewilam</i>, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt
11:00-11:30	Break

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11:30-13:00	<p>Session 7. Multi-stakeholder Roundtable</p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Roberto Martin Hurtado</i>, Senior Water Economics Advisor</p> <p>Working groups (40 minutes)</p> <p>Topic A. Investment Planning. Working Group Chairs: <i>Alain Meyssonnier</i>, President, IME and <i>Philip Riddell</i>, Water Resource Policy and Sector Financing Specialist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are good examples of applying a WEF E approach to water investments in your country? - How can water investment planning be improved in your country to secure the benefits of a WEF E approach? <p>Topic B. Green Finance . Working Group Chairs: <i>Frédéric de Dinechin</i>, Policy Advisor, UfM; and <i>Alba Serna</i>, Senior Water and Sanitation Engineer, African Development Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are good examples of attracting green and sustainable finance for water investments in your country? - What reforms does the water sector need to undertake in your country to attract more green and sustainable finance? <p>Presentations from working groups (25 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alain Meyssonnier</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Phillip Riddell</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Frédéric de Dinechin</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alba Serna</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Samira Shaban Pina (online working group)</i> <p>General discussion (25 minutes)</p>
13:00-13:30	<p>Session 8. Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ayman Ayad</i>, Water and Social Infrastructure Sector Manager, EU Delegation to Egypt <input type="checkbox"/> <i>H.E. Almotaz Abadi</i>, Deputy Secretary General for Water, Environment and Blue Economy, UfM <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ousseynou Guene</i>, Regional Sector Manager for North, West and Center Africa, African Development Bank <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Samaa El-Baroudy</i>, General Director for Strategic Cooperation Department at Nile Water Sector, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt
13:45 – 14:30	Lunch – End of Conference