



**Water Governance & Financing in Lebanon:  
the potential for Private Sector Participation in Water Infrastructure  
with emphasis on the role of Banks**

2<sup>nd</sup> Consultation Workshop  
Beirut, 10 October 2017  
Hilton Habtoor Hotel, Hamra Hall

Final Agenda	
08:30–09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00–09:30	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Dr. Fadi Comair</b>, Director General of Hydraulic and Electric Resources, Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW)</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Esse Nilsson</b>, Senior Programme Manager, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)</li> <li>○ <b>Prof. Michael Scullios</b>, Team Leader, SWIM-Horizon2020 Support   Mechanism, Chairperson, Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med)</li> <li>○ <b>H.E. Eng. Cesar Abi Khalil</b>, Minister, Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW)</li> </ul>
09:30–10:30	<b>Session I: Facilitating private sector participation, with emphasis on the role of banks, for financially sustainable and socially acceptable water investments</b> <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Esse Nilsson, Sida</i></p> <p><i>The enabling environment for Private Sector Participation (PSP) in the water sector: findings from a <b>draft National Report</b> that outlines the key governance challenges to sustainable financing and smaller-scale PSP in the water sector, and suggests recommendations in critical areas.</i></p> <p><i>Brief reflections from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Dr. Anthi Brouma</b>, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Barbara Tomassini</b>, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Anja Nordlund</b>, Gender Expert &amp; Managing Director, NCG Sweden</li> <li>● <b>Mr. Niclas Ihren</b>, CSR Expert, Matters Group</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>



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11:00 - 12:00	<p><b>Session II: Expanding the BdL mechanism for supporting water projects</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Dr. Fadi Comair, MEW</i></p> <p><i>Brief review of the existing financial mechanisms supporting environmental projects for energy and water conservation and presentation of the <b>draft criteria for the selection of bankable water/wastewater projects</b> with emphasis on the use of Non-Conventional Water Resources Management (NCWRM)</i></p> <p><i>Brief reflections from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Mario El Khoury</b>, Head of Section, Financing Unit, BdL</li><li>• <b>Mr. Pierre El Khoury</b>, General Director, President of the Board, Lebanese Centre for Energy Conservation (LCEC)</li><li>• <b>Mr. Fadi Doumani</b>, Expert, SWIM-Horizon 2020 SM &amp; GWP-Med</li></ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12:00-13:00	<p><b>Session III: Jumpstarting and 'learning by doing' with demonstration projects</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Prof. Michael Scoullos, GWP-Med/SWIM-Horizon 2020 SM</i></p> <p><i>What kind of smaller-scale projects can be selected for further assessment and implementation as pilot cases through private sector/banks' support to assist in better understanding the enabling conditions for PSP in the water sector? What type of capacity building support is needed to assist with this?</i></p> <p><i>Brief reflections from on projects of potential interest:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Fadi Doumani</b>, Expert, SWIM-Horizon 2020 SM &amp; GWP-Med</li><li>• <b>Commercial Banks (ad hoc)</b></li></ul> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p> <p><i>Coffee to be served inside the room</i></p>
13:00-13:30	<p><b>Conclusions and recommendations on the way forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Fadi Comair</b>, MEW</li><li>• <b>Mr. Mario El Khoury</b>, Head of Section, Financing Unit, BdL</li><li>• <b>Prof. Michael Scoullos</b>, GWP-Med/ SWIM-Horizon 2020 SM</li></ul>
13:30-14:30	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>