

Conference on Water Governance in MENA and wider Mediterranean region

Strengthening integrity and financing for water security and sustainable development

12-14 December 2017

Barcelona, Spain

Venue: Meliá Barcelona Sarrià Hotel &
Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau

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2020 Support Mechanism (SWIM-H2020 SM)** regional project

Draft Agenda

DAY 1 – Tuesday 12 December 2017 Governance & Financing Day Venue: Meliá Barcelona Sarrià Hotel	
08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	Opening Session Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miguel García-Herraiz, Deputy Secretary General, Water and Environment Division, UfM Secretariat • Esse Nilsson, Senior Programme Officer, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) • Michael Scoullos, Team Leader, SWIM-Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism (SWIM-H2020 SM) • James Leten, Programme Manager, Swedish International Water Institute (SIWI) • Vangelis Constantianos, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean (GWP-Med)
09:30 - 11:00	Session I - Reconstructing the Governance & Financing Nexus: what is happening in the MENA and beyond?

	<p>Moderators: Esse Nilsson, Sida & Miguel García-Herraiz, UfM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote presentation: Overview and main findings from the Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anthi Brouma, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med • Panel Discussion: reflections on the Dialogue processes and next steps in the focus countries & beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mario El Khoury, Head of Section, Financing Unit, Central Bank of Lebanon (BdL) ○ Atef Masmoudi, Director General of Private Public Partnerships, Ministry of Finance, Tunisia ○ Mohammad Said Al Hmaid, CEO, Water Sector Regulatory Council, Palestine ○ Milica Maraš, Advisor in Directorate for water management, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Montenegro ○ +++ National Office for Electricity and Drinking Water, Morocco <p>Discussion</p>
11:00-11:30	<p>Coffee Break</p>
11:30-13:00	<p>Session II – Unlocking the governance of financing: which way forward for regulation and PPPs in the water sector?</p> <p>Moderator: Koussai Quteishat, Senior Expert of the Gov&Fin project, former Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maya Chamli, Project Manager, High Council for Privatization and PPP, Lebanon ○ Mohamed Moustafa, Executive Director, Egyptian Water and Wastewater Regulatory Agency & Consumer Protection (EWRA), Egypt ○ Nadia Rhatousi, Chief of PPP Division, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Morocco ○ Atef Majdoub, President of the General Forum of Public Private Partnership (IGPPP), Ministry of Finance, Tunisia ○ Habib Omrane, General Director, National Sanitation Office (ONAS), Tunisia ○ +++ National Office for Energy and Drinking Water, Morocco <p>Discussion</p>
13:00- 14:00	<p>Lunch</p>
14:00–15:30	<p>Session III – The ‘hidden’ side of sustainable water financing: cross-cutting issues (gender, integrity, rights, CSR, nexus, employment)</p> <p>Moderator: Lesha Witmer, Women for Water Partnership and European Pact for Water, Netherlands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Essam Nada, Executive Director, Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED), Egypt ○ Najet Bacha, Consultant General Reporter-Investigation, National Council to Fight Corruption (INLUCC), Tunisia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Niclas Ihren, External Advisor to Gov&Fin project, Founder of Matters Group ○ Konstantina Toli, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med ○ Gidon Bromberg, Israeli Director, EcoPeace Middle East ○ Anja Nordlund, Gender Expert & Managing Director, NCG, Sweden <p>Discussion</p>
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:30	<p>Session IV – Boosting water investments: old & new actors and the role of a regional interface</p> <p>Moderator: Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director, UfM Sec & Michael Scoullou, SWIM-H2020 SM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aydan Olcer, Corporate Affairs Manager, Coca-Cola Eurasia & Africa / Group ○ Belgacem Ben Sassi, Chief Engineer in Drinking Water and Sanitation, African Development Bank ○ Frédéric Maurel, Expert-Water and Sanitation Division, French Development Agency (AFD) ○ Xavier Tiana Casablanca, General Secretary, MedCities ○ GIZ Egypt or Tunisia ● Targeted roundtable remarks by Commercial Banks from MENA countries <p>Discussion</p>
19:30-21:30	Dinner at the Hotel

DAY 2 – Wednesday, 13 December 2017

Water Integrity Day

Venue: Meliá Barcelona Sarrià Hotel

08:45-09:00	Registration
09:00-11:00	<p>Session I: Setting the scene on Water Integrity, international initiatives</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Alejandro Jimenez, Water Governance Director a.i, Stockholm International Water Institute, Sweden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote presentation: “SDGs and water governance: a shared agenda” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marianne Kjellen, Water Senior Advisor, United Nations Development Programme • Keynote presentation: “Accountability the water service delivery model: a conceptual framework” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ José Gesti, Water and Climate Specialist, UNICEF • Keynote presentation: “Integrity Management at utility level: experiences from Kenya” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sareen Malik, Water Integrity Network • Keynote presentation: “Integrity Capacity building programmes: building collective action” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ James Leten, Programme Manager, Stockholm International Water Institute <p>Discussion</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	<p>Session II: Transparency and accountability: practical solutions to advance water governance</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Pilar Avello, Stockholm International Water Institute, Sweden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote presentation: “Regulatory mechanisms to promote Integrity in water services”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jaime Melo Baptista, Principal Researcher, LIS-Water • Keynote presentation: “The Role of the Jordanian Royal Department for Environment Protection/ Rangers (Public Security Directorate) in Water Resource Protection” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Major Ibrahim Alrjoob, Chief of Total Quality Section, Royal Department for environment protection / RANGERS • Keynote presentation: “The role of civil society in defending freedom of expression and information” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Saloua GHAZOUANI OUESLATI, Tunisia Director, ARTICLE 19 • Keynote presentation: “The Stakeholder Engagement Component of the SWIM-H2020 Support Mechanism: Aiming for increased transparency and accountability” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Emad Adly, Stakeholder Engagement Expert, SWIM-H2020 SM <p>Discussion</p>

13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00- 15:30	<p>Session III: Experiences from the MENA programme: Lessons from the field</p> <p>The most promising and innovative 25 Water Integrity Action Plans developed and implemented during the Water Integrity Capacity building programme (2014-2017) will be presented during this session.</p> <p>Posters are from Lebanon, Tunisia, Palestine, Morocco and Jordan; and from both government, water utilities and civil society organizations.</p>
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:30	<p>Session IV: Integrity and good governance, a collective action solution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keynote speaker: “Corruption as social dilemma: how do human communities solve governance problems” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Prof. Alina Mungui, Principal Researcher, LIS-Water - Panel discussion: “Integrity and good governance, a collective action solution: roles and responsibilities” <p><u>Moderator:</u> James Leten, Stockholm International Water Institute, Sweden</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Latiffa Bousselmi, Process Engineer, Centre of Water Research and Technologies (CERTE) o Maroun Moussallem, General Director, Bekaa Water Establishment Lebanon (tbc.) o Sareen Malik, KewasNet o Palestinian Water Authority (tbc)
Free Evening	

DAY 3 – Thursday, 14 December 2017 Water Governance in the MENA & wider Mediterranean Venue: Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau	
08:00-08:45	Departure with buses from Melia Hotel, arrival and entry to Sant Pau
08:45-09:00	Registration
09:00-11:00	<p>Way forward - Working Session 1 Strategic orientations for the sustainable financing of the water agenda</p> <p><u>Moderator / facilitator:</u></p> <p><i>This working session, in the form of an open facilitated discussion, aims to identify key regional challenges for the mobilisation of resources for investments in the water sector, as well as options and priorities for next steps.</i></p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	<p>Way forward - Working Session 2 Strategic orientations for Water Integrity Development in the MENA region</p> <p><u>Moderator / facilitator:</u></p> <p><i>This working session, in the form of an open facilitated discussion, aims to identify key regional challenges to the enhancement of integrity in the water sector, as well as options and priorities for next steps.</i></p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00- 15:30	<p>Panel Discussion: how to capitalise on the findings of the 2 projects in an era of changes and increased needs?</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Dionysia Avgerinopoulou, ED, European Institute of Law, Science & Technology, former Chair, Environment Committee of the Hellenic Parliament and of Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD) & Khaled Abuzeid, Regional Water Resources Programme Manager, CEDARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Francois Brikké, Senior Network Officer, Global Water Partnership, Sweden ○ Sébastien Lubert, Director of Finance and Development, Prince Albert II Foundation, Monaco ○ Mufleh Al Alaween, Regional Water Specialist /MENA, Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), Jordan ○ Faraj El Awar, Head of Secretariat, GWOPA/UN-Habitat ○ Ramiro Martínez, General Coordinator MENBO - Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations, including as Secretariat to the 5+5 Initiative for the Western Mediterranean ○ Milagros Couchoud, President, Mediterranean Water Institute (IME), including as co-

	organiser of Med Regional Process for the 8 th World Water Forum
	Discussion
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:30	<p>Conference Statement and Closing session</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Miguel García-Herraiz, Deputy Secretary General, Water and Environment Division, UfM Secretariat</p> <p><i>The Conference Statement to be presented in the plenary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the high-level panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Saad Abu Hammour, Secretary General, Jordan Valley Authority, Jordan ○ H.E. Walid Bashir Abuabdalla, Chargé d'Affaires and Second Chief, Embassy of Libya in Spain ○ H.E. Gerta Lubonja, National Water Secretary, Technical Secretariat of National Water Council, Albania ○ Ministry of Environment, Algeria (tbc) ○ Ministry of Environment and Water, Morocco (tbc)
End of the Conference	