



5 DECEMBER 2019

Hotel Parco dei Principi – Sala Fernandes

9:00-9:30 Registration of participants

9:30-9:45 **Session 1. Opening of the Annual Conference**

Master of ceremony: Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director for Water, UfM

Welcoming remarks:

- Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
- Niklas Wiberg, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Sweden
- Michael Scullos, Chairman, GWP-Med
- Isidro Gonzalez Afonso, Deputy Secretary General for Water, Environment and Blue Economy, UfM

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9:45-11:15 **Session 2. Implementation of the UfM Financial Strategy for Water**

Chair: Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan

Setting the stage presentation (10 min):

- Activities supported by the UfM Secretariat in 2019, Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director for Water, UfM

Roundtable interventions (60 min):

Questions to be addressed:

- Among the 10 strategic objectives of the UfM Financial Strategy for Water, what are currently the three priority objectives for each UfM member state?
- What actions have UfM member states implemented in 2019 to enhance the financial sustainability of the water sector? What actions would they like to implement in 2020 and beyond?
- How have partners supported UfM member states in 2019 to enhance the financial sustainability of the water sector? How could they support them in 2020 and beyond?

Q&A (15 min)

Session conclusions (5 min)

11:15-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-13:00 **Session 3. Why and how to engage private financiers in financing water investments**

Chair: Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan

Setting the stage presentation (10 min):

- Findings from the OECD Roundtable on Financing Water, Xavier Leflaive, Team Leader for Resilience-Adaptation to Climate Change-Water, OECD Environment Directorate.

Panel (30 min):

- Adli Kandah, General Director, Association of Banks in Jordan
- Ger Bergkamp, Manager Business Development, Climate Investor 2, Climate Fund Managers
- Thomas Van Gilst, Head of Water Management Division, Projects Directorate, EIB
- Oliver Loebel, Secretary General, EurEau

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Questions for panellists:

- What are the opportunities for private financiers to finance water investments?
- What are the main barriers faced by private financiers to finance water investments?
- What can UfM member states do to enhance the contribution of private financiers to the financial sustainability of the water sector?
- What can the UfM process and partners do to enhance the contribution of private financiers to the financial sustainability of the water sector?

Open discussion (30 min)

Session conclusions (5 min)

13:00-14:15 Lunch break

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14:15-15:15 **Session 4. High-Level Session**

“Regional dimensions of water investment and financing”

Moderator: Amb. Enrico Granara, Coordinator of Euro-Mediterranean Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

Keynote speakers (20 min):

- Hon. Emanuela del Re, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- H.E. Nasser Kamel, Secretary-General, UfM

Ministerial/High Level Panel (30 min):

- H.E. Joe Mizzi, Minister for Energy and Water Management, Malta
- H.E. Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
- H.E. Samir Taeib, Minister for Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia

Questions to be explored:

- What are the priority issues regarding water investment and financing in the Mediterranean region?
- How can regional cooperation help to address them?

Session conclusions (5 min)

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15:15-16:30 **Session 5. Public Private Partnerships in the Mediterranean Water Sector**

Chair: Manuel Sapiano, CEO, The Energy and Water Agency, Ministry of Energy and Water Management, Malta

Setting the stage presentation (10 min)

- Findings of the UfM project “Governance and Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector”, Anthi Brouma, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med.

Country experiences (40 min):

- PPPs in Drinking Water Supply, Fadila Hamdoui, Director of Planning and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Water Resources, Algeria
- PPPs in Desalination, Olga Slepner, Advisor to the Director General and head of the International Relations Unit, Governmental Authority for Water and Sewage, Israel
- PPPs in Wastewater treatment, Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
- PPPs in Water Re-use and other Non-Conventional Water, Sadi Ali, General Director of Projects Management Unit, Palestinian Water Authority, Palestine

Questions to be explored:

- What has been the rationale and objectives of Water PPPs in the Mediterranean region?
- How are Water PPPs in the Mediterranean expected to contribute to the financial sustainability of the sector?
- To what extent have those expectations been met?

Open discussion (20 min)

Session conclusions (5 min)

16:30-17:00 Coffee break

17:00-18:15 **Session 6. Why and how to engage private operators in enhancing the financial sustainability of the water sector**

Chair: Manuel Sapiano, CEO, The Energy and Water Agency, Ministry of Energy and Water Management, Malta

Setting the stage presentation (10 min):

- Conclusions of the EU-UfM Water Governance and Business Forum, Roberto Martín Hurtado, Senior Advisor on Water Economics, UfM Secretariat

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Panel (30 min):

- Alain Meyssonier, Secretary, The International Federation of Private Water Operators (AquaFed)
- Andrea Guerrini, President, European Water Regulators (WAREG)
- Nadia Rhatoussi, Head of Division for PPPs, Ministry of Finance, Morocco
- Fadi Comair, Director General of Hydraulic and Electrical Resources, Ministry of Energy and Water, Lebanon

Questions for panellists:

- What should be the role of private sector partners in water PPPs in attracting finance and delivering value-for-money?
- What are the main barriers faced by private sector partners in water PPPs to deliver on that role?
- What can UfM member states do to enhance the contribution of PPPs to the financial sustainability of the water sector?
- What can the UfM process and partners do to enhance the contribution of PPPs to the financial sustainability of the water sector?

Open discussion (30 min)

Session conclusions (5 min)

18:15-18:30 **Session 7. Conclusions and Closing of the Annual Conference**

Chair: H.E. Nasser Kamel, Secretary General, UfM

- Blanca Moreno-Dodson, Manager of the Centre for Mediterranean Integration, World Bank
- Manuel Sapiano, CEO, The Energy and Water Agency, Ministry of Energy and Water Management, Malta
- Eng. Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
- Amb. Enrico Granara, Coordinator of Euro-Mediterranean Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

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