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Venue: Golden Tulip El Mechtel Hotel

Agenda

DAY 1 – Monday, 5 December 2016	
08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00-10:00	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Almotaz Abadi</i>, Managing Director, Water and Environment Division, Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat (UfM Sec) ○ <i>Vangelis Constantianos</i>, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med) <p>Opening Statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>H.E. Fredrik Floren</i>, Ambassador, Embassy of Sweden in Tunisia ○ <i>H.E. Abdallah Rebhi</i>, State Secretary in charge of Hydraulic Resources and Fishery, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fishery, Tunisia ○ <i>Bruno Denis</i>, Head of Division, Lending Operations in EU Neighbouring Countries, Public Sector South, European Investment Bank (EIB) ○ <i>Marcos Martinez</i>, PPP Specialist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
10:00- 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:00	<p>Session I: The Environmental and Socio-Economic Importance of Water Investments for the Mediterranean Region</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <i>Vangelis Constantianos</i>, Executive Secretary, GWP-Med</p> <p>Part I: Addressing the bottlenecks in the governance-financing nexus for the water sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector GWP-Med/OECD project: current status & findings from the National Policy Dialogues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Anthi Brouma</i>, Head of MENA Region, GWP-Med • Commentary on the Dialogue processes and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Atef Majdoub</i>, General Director of the Concession Monitoring Unit, Presidency of the Government, Tunisia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Wael Elayyan</i>, Manager of Finance & International Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of Water & Irrigation, Jordan ○ <i>Mohammad Al Hmaid</i>, Chief Executive Officer, Water Sector Regulator Council (WSRC), Palestine <p>Part II: National Action Plan (NAP) process and investment implication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAP Implementation: Way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Samir Kaabi</i>, MED POL Focal Point, Tunisia • Mediterranean Hot Spots Investment Programme (MeHSIP) & NAP Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Nick Marchesi and Souad Farsi</i>, EIB / MeHSIP • Brief country interventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mohamad Kabriti</i>, MED POL Focal Point, Morocco ○ <i>Samir Kaabi</i>, MED POL Focal Point, Tunisia <p>Discussion</p>
12:00- 13:15	<p>Session II: Socio-economic Benefits from Water and Environmental investments <u>Moderator:</u> <i>Guy Fleuret</i>, Managing Director, Transport and Urban Development, UfM Sec</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business cases from Morocco and Tunisia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Faouzi Ben Amor, Nick Marchesi and Souad Farsi</i>, EIB/MeHSIP • Cases from H2020: Methodology for selecting flagship projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mohamad Kayyal</i>, Environmental Consultant <p>Discussion</p>
13:15-14:15	Lunch
14:15-15:45	<p>Session III: PPPs in the Water Sector <u>Moderator:</u> <i>Almotaz Abadi</i>, UfM Sec</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote on the status of water PPP in the Mediterranean Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Koussai Quteishat, former Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</i> • A structured approach to the PPP project preparation process for public authorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Elena Galan, EIB / EPEC</i> • Water PPPs in the MENA Region: An alternative to traditional procurement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Marcos Martinez, PPP Specialist, EBRD</i> <p>Discussion</p>
15:45- 16.00	Coffee Break
16:00–17:30	<p>Session IV: Addressing the social aspects of investments, including through PSP <u>Moderator:</u> <i>Sarra Touzi</i>, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social aspects of investments: The why and how <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Niclas Ihren, CSR Expert, Matters Group</i> • Water Integrity, cornerstone to good governance – Opportunities in the MENA region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>James Leten, Project Manager, Water Integrity Capacity Building for the MENA, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)</i> • Stakeholders’ Dialogue in Water Governance and Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Essam Nada, Executive Director, Arab Network Arab Network for Environment and</i>

	<p>Development (RAED)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender, Water Management and Rural Women <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Boutheina Gribaa</i>, Project Coordinator, Centre of Arab Women for Training & Research (CAWTAR) <p>Discussion</p>
20:00	Dinner

DAY 2 – Tuesday, 6 December 2016

09:00-09:30	<p>High Level Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>H.E. Mohamed Abdallahi Ould Oudaa</i>, Minister of Hydraulics and Sanitation, Mauritania ○ <i>Miguel García-Herraiz</i>, Deputy Secretary General, Water & Environment, UfM Sec
09:30-11:00	<p>Session V: IFI approaches to debt financing and grant blending for water investments <u>Moderator:</u> <i>Miguel García-Herraiz</i>, Deputy Secretary General, Water & Environment, UfM Sec</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIB approach to debt financing and grant blending for water investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Bruno Denis</i>, Head of Division, Lending Operations in EU Neighbouring Countries, Public Sector South, EIB • Grant blending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Koussai Quteishat</i>, former Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan <p>Discussion</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	<p>Session VI: Emerging financing mechanisms for sustainable water investments – Part I <u>Moderators:</u> <i>Tassos Krommydas</i>, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med & <i>Gilles Berhault</i>, Special Advisor MedCoP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIB and climate action: Opportunities for financing the water sector in the MED region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Monica Scatasta</i>, Head of Environment, Climate and Social Policy, EIB (via video conference) • Climate Financing: the OSS experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Khaoula Jaoui</i>, Expert in Ecosystems and Natural Resource Management, Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) • Integrating mitigation and adaptation in investment projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mohamad Kayyal</i>, Environmental Consultant <p>Discussion</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00- 15:30	<p>Session VI: Emerging financing mechanisms for sustainable water investments - Part II <u>Moderators:</u> <i>Guy Fleuret</i>, UfM Sec & <i>Anthi Brouma</i>, GWP-Med</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involving the private sector in financing Goal 6 of the Sustainable Development Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ivan Draganic</i>, former Global Water Solidarity Manager, UNDP

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insights from the Banking Sector: National Energy & Environmental Incentives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mario Houry</i>, Head of Division, Financing Unit, Central Bank of Lebanon • The experience of CONECT on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Douja Ben Mahmoud Gharbi</i>, First Vice President and Head of CSR Program at CONECT • CSR opportunities for Non-Conventional Water Resources Management: cases from Mediterranean Islands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Konstantina Toli</i>, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med <p>Discussion</p>
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:00	<p>Closing Session: towards a Regional Platform for Water PSP in the Mediterranean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventions by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Fadi Comair</i>, Director General of Hydraulic and Electric Resources, Ministry of Water and Energy, Lebanon ○ <i>Iakovos Gkanoulis</i>, Special Secretary for Water, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Hellenic Republic • Summary of key points raised & next steps <i>Anthi Brouma</i>, GWP-Med & <i>Guy Fleuret</i>, UfM Sec • Conclusions for financing water & environment infrastructure in the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Souad Farsi</i>, Programme Management Analyst, MeHSIP, EIB ○ <i>Marie-Alexandra Veilleux-Laborie</i>, Head of Country, Tunisia, EBRD ○ <i>Vangelis Constantianos</i>, Executive Secretary, GWP-Med ○ <i>Miguel García-Herraiz</i>, Deputy Secretary General, Water and Environment Division, UfM Sec
End of the Conference	