

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 & Sant Pau Recinte Modernista Barcelona

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

Final Agenda

DAY 1 – Tuesday 12 December 2017	
Governance & Financing Day	
Venue: Meliá Barcelona Sarrià Hotel	
08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00–09:30	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miguel García-Herraiz, Deputy Secretary General, Water and Environment Division, UfM Secretariat • Esse Nilsson, Senior Programme Manager, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) • Marta Moren Abat, Policy Officer, DG Environment, European Commission (EC) • Michael Scoullios, 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	<p>Session I - Reconstructing the Governance & Financing Nexus: what is happening in the MENA and beyond?</p> <p><u>Moderators:</u> 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) ○ Ali Kchouk, Director of Annual Hydraulic Programming. BPEH, Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia ○ Mohammad Said Al Hmaid, CEO, Water Sector Regulatory Council, Palestine ○ Adil Hasnaoui Mardassi, Financial Director, Water Branch, National Office for Electricity and Drinking Water, Morocco ○ Vjola Slianga, Expert at the Department of Excellence, Technical Secretariat of the National Water Council, Albania <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><u>Moderator:</u> 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 ○ Totss Allal, Deputy Director, Directorate of Public Enterprises and Privatisation, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Morocco ○ Habib Omrane, Chief Executive Officer, National Sanitation Office (ONAS), Tunisia ○ Atef Masmoudi, Director General of Private Public Partnerships, Ministry of Finance, Tunisia ○ Ahmed Benaddou, Responsible for Organisation, 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: Marta Moren Abat, European Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Essam Nada, Executive Director, Arab Office for Environment & Development (AOYE), Egypt ○ Anja Nordlund, Gender Expert & Managing Director, NCG, Sweden ○ 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 <p>Discussion</p>
15:30-16:00	<p>Coffee Break</p>
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"> ○ Sofia Kilifi, Sustainability & Community Manager, Central & Eastern Europe, The Coca-Cola Company ○ Belgacem Ben Sassi, Chief Engineer in Drinking Water and Sanitation, African Development Bank ○ Oded Fixler, Senior Deputy Director General, Ministry of Regional Cooperation, Israel • Facilitated discussion with representatives of Commercial Banks from MENA countries <p>Discussion</p>
19:30-21:30	<p>Dinner at the Hotel</p>

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 Gestí, 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 <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, Professor of Democracy Studies at the Hertie School of Governance - Panel discussion: “Integrity and good governance, a collective action solution: roles and responsibilities” <p>Moderator: James Leten, Stockholm International Water Institute, Sweden</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Latiffa Bouselmi, Process Engineer, Centre of Water Research and Technologies (CERTE) o Maroun Moussallem, General Director, Bekaa Water Establishment Lebanon o Saleh Almomani, Manager of Alramtha Directorate, Yarmouk Water Company Jordan o Salah Bel Matrik, Secretaire general, Agence du bassin hydraulique Bouregreg et Chaouia, Maroc o Salah Khallaf Maha, Senior Technical Advisor, GIZ, Egypt <p>Discussion</p>
Free Evening	

DAY 3 – Thursday, 14 December 2017 Water Governance in the MENA & wider Mediterranean Venue: Sant Pau Recinte Modernista Barcelona	
08:00-08:45	Departure with buses from Melia Hotel, arrival and entry to Sant Pau
08:45-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	Re-cap of Days 1 and 2 A brief overview of the proceedings of Days 1 & 2 of the Conference was provided by Anthi Brouma (GWP-Med), James Leten (SIWI) and Michael Scoullou (SWIM-H2020 SM)
09:30-11:00	Way forward - Working Session Strategic orientations for the sustainable financing of the water agenda & for water integrity development in the MENA region Participants were split into 5 groups, each to elaborate on recommendations to be addressed respectively to the following stakeholder categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision makers • Regulators & Water Utilities • Civil society & Academia • Private sector & banks • International Financing Institutions & donors Each group was then split into 2 sub-groups, one to elaborate recommendations through the perspective of financing and the other through the perspective of integrity
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:30	Way forward - Working Session continued The working session continued as described above, with shifting of themes for each sub-group so that all participants have the chance to elaborate recommendations through the perspective of both financing and integrity
12:30-13:00	Way forward - Recap Strategic orientations for Water Integrity Development in the MENA region The facilitators of the sub-groups gave a brief 3-minute overview of what was discussed during the working sessions & the 3 main recommendations from each group
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00- 15:30	Panel Discussion: commentary on the strategic orientations and reflections on how to best capitalise on the work and findings of the projects Moderators: 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, Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and

	<p>Europe (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 ○ Faraj El Awar, Senior Adviser, UN-Habitat/UBSB, former 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 ○ Joan Parpal, Member of the Board of Directors, Mediterranean Water Institute (IME), including as co-organiser of Med Regional Process for the 8th World Water Forum <p>Discussion</p>
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>Vangelis Constantianos (GWP-Med) presented the draft Conference Statement and explained the process for its validation</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 ○ Atef Majdoub, President of the General Forum of Public Private Partnership (IGPPP), Presidency of the Government, Tunisia ○ Salahddine Dahbi, Head of the Water Resources Assessment and Planning Division at the Loukkos Watershed Agency, Morocco ○ Hussein A.B. Abdulla, Attaché, Embassy of Libya in Spain
18:00-19:00	Guided tour of Sant Pau
19:00	Reception at Lluís Domènech i Montaner Room, Sant Pau
End of the Conference	