



## AGENDA

**09:50** *Test calls for participants to ensure good connection quality*

**10:00 – 10:15**

### **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

Dr. Anthi Brouma, Deputy Regional Coordinator, Theme Leader on Water Regional Governance, Sustainable Financing & Diversity (Gender, Youth), GWP-Med

Ms. Corinna Pröll, Gender and Development Advisor, Austrian Development Agency

**10:15 – 10:45**    **SESSION I**

### **Gender Equality for Sustainable Development and nexus sectors**

The purpose of this session is to introduce the concept of nexus approach and nexus sectors and why gender equality supports the sustainable management of natural resources and sustainable development. The session will also introduce the perceived challenges from the participants of the survey shared for this workshop.

#### **Nexus<sup>1</sup> activities in the Drin River basin**

Mr. Tassos Krommydas, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med

#### **GWP work towards gender transformative approach**

Dr. Liza Debevec

GWP Senior Gender and Social Inclusions Specialist

#### **Gender Equality for Sustainable Development in nexus sectors**

Ms. Fiorela Shalsi, Senior Gender Advisor, GWP-Med

#### **Sustainable management of natural resources in the Drina River Basin and gender dimension – can we make it better? *Presentation of the survey results***

Ms. Branislava Jovicic

Communications Consultant & Founder and Editor of Balkan Green Energy News  
Center for Promotion of Sustainable Development

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<sup>1 1</sup> 'Nexus sectors' refer to (i) Water Resources management and Water Supply and Sanitation; (ii) Energy; (iii) Food, Agriculture and Forestry; (iv) Environmental protection

**10:45 – 11:20      SESSION II**

## **Gender mainstreaming in the governmental strategies and policies**

The purpose of this session is to inform on governments efforts for gender sensitive strategies and policies, the challenges of the Gender Machineries and why gender mainstreaming is important.

### **State Policies and strategies in Gender Equality**

Ms. Elena Grozdanova,  
State Councilor, Department for Equal Opportunities  
Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, North Macedonia

### **National Strategy on Gender Equality progress and challenges**

Ms. Brunilda Dervishaj,  
Director, Sector of Policies and Strategies for Gender Equality and Social Inclusion  
Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Albania

### **Why we need [data disaggregation](#) and gender analysis for policy making**

Ms. Blerina Subashi,  
Research Analyst , IDRA Research and Consulting, ex-Head of Statistical Department INSTAT

## **Coffee Break 11:20-11:30**

**11:30 – 13:00      SESSION III**

## **Gender in Nexus Sectors (WEFE) in Drin River Basin**

The purpose of this session is to discuss on some case studies as well as best practices, research and lessons learned from relevant interventions in Drin River Basin that have been or are being undertaken by different key actors to address gender equality issues and gender mainstreaming in different nexus sectors. Gender data disaggregation, women in agriculture, energy and water, forest and biomass and climate change are the main issues that this session will aim to discuss.

The ultimate objective is to identify potential interventions for creating further synergies, share knowledge and potentially establish a regional gender network between Drin Riparians that promotes the use of both nexus approach and gender mainstreaming for sustainable development.

## **Gender in the nexus sector (WEFE) in Drin Riparians**

- (i) **Water Resources management and Water Supply and Sanitation;** (ii) **Energy;** (iii) **Food, Agriculture and Forestry;** (iv) **Environmental protection**

### **Management of cross border rivers for Clean Water and women's role**

Ms. Mirlinda Kusari,  
Director, SHEERA Organization, Kosovo\*<sup>2</sup>

### **Women's empowerment for green Energy**

Violeta Rexha  
Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist, Millennium Foundation Kosovo\*

### **Sustainable policies and innovative tools for gender specific Climate Change resilience**

Ms. Pavlina Zdraveva,  
Manager, UNDP, North Macedonia

### **Agriculture and women farmers for sustainable development**

Ms. Vaska Mojsavska, President  
Ms. Biljana Petrovska – Mitrevska, Project Manager  
National Federation of Farmers, North Macedonia

### **Forest management, use of Biomass and women's socio-economic empowerment**

Mr. Erion Istrefi,  
Coordinator , Environmental Services Project, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Albania

Mr. Janaq Male, Director CNVP, Albania

Ms. Anila Aliaj, Gender Advisor and Regional Coordinator, CNVP, Albania

Mr. Abdulla Diku, Forest Engineer, Freelance, Albania

**Open discussions and inputs from other participants are welcomed during all presentations and panel discussions – questions will be collected through Pollev app**

<b>13:00 – 13:45</b>	<b>SESSION IV</b>
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<b>Women leadership for sustainable development in Nexus sectors</b>
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This session will discuss on the importance of women in governance, women empowerment and participation in decision making especially in nexus sectors.

**Real-time interaction with Mentimeter online tool**

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<sup>2</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

**Women participation and representation in politics – Albania a success story**

Ms. Mirela Arqimandriti

Gender Alliance for Development

**Empowering more women to become part of the Nexus Approach: Cultural challenges and institutional barriers**

Ms. Valmira Rashiti

Women's Network Kosovo\*

**Measuring women empowerment in agriculture: An evidence-based research for effective policy implications**

Ms. Marina Nacka, Associate Professor,

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food

Institute of Agricultural Economics, North Macedonia

**Q&A – Discussions and inputs from other participants**

<b>13:45 - 14:00 Closing remarks and next steps</b>
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