

“Towards a regional water knowledge platform” - R.Final MED

Thursday 16 April 2015 ; Gyeongju, Hyundai Hotel - Room: GHH_B108 / B1F Jade

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The Final Mediterranean session is based on priorities targeted by the UfM Ministerial Conference on Water (Amman, Jordan 2008) in its recommendations made within the framework of an EFFICIENT AND SHARED ELABORATION AND FOLLOW UP MECHANISM and particularly the following: “(1) the importance of data, information and statistics, ... (2) the strengthening the coordination of exiting Euro-Mediterranean initiatives and networks ... (3) the importance of exchange of best practices (5) the importance of elaborating and implementing through participatory processes, effective national and local IWRM based on realistic financing strategies”.

The first part of this final session will present the highlights and main conclusions of the regional Mediterranean sessions held during the 7th World Water Forum on six priority themes : Integrated Water Resources Management, Effective Water Governance, Water Education/Capacity Building, Climate Change, Sanitation for all and Innovative technologies on water .

The second part of the session will introduce a regional approach for the implementation of a ‘Regional Water Knowledge Platform’. This platform will include all the main components which are required to develop a vision and a strategic plan for sustainable management of water resources, and will bring together all the water and environmental stakeholders from the Mediterranean region.

The Regional Water Knowledge Platform should improve the coordination of challenges and solutions related to water and the environment. Most especially, it should help implement good practices in integrated water management in the Mediterranean region by enhancing good governance, bringing forward the best information systems, and above all, proposing tools that can help decision-making for rational use of water resources and the improvement of populations’ living conditions - of a social economic and environmental nature.

Timetable

9.00 – 13.20 Mediterranean session

(French/English translation)

9.00-9.10: Introductory speech on the Mediterranean Regional Process

By M. Hachmi Kennou (IME)

9.10-9.30: Presentation of the content of the Mediterranean final session

By Ms. Milagros Couchoud (IME) and M. Michael Scoullos (GWP-Med)

9.30-9.40: Keynote Speaker

By M. Loic Fauchon, Honorary President of World Water Council

9.40-10.40: Highlights and main conclusions of the Mediterranean sessions

Mediterranean Focal points: M. Khaled Abu Zeid, Ms. Argyro Alamepi, Ms. Anthi Brouma, M. Teodoro Estrela, M. Hachmi Kennou, M. Juan Ojeda, Ms. Konstantina Toli

10.40-11.10: Plenary discussion

Ms. Milagros Couchoud, M. Michael Scoullos, Ms. Kelly Robin (IPEMED)

11.10-11.20: Introductory speech on "Towards a Regional Water Knowledge Platform"

By Ms. Anthi Brouma

11.20-11.40: Presentation and content of the Regional Water Knowledge Platform

Ms Josiane Mongellaz (IOWater), Mr Michael Scoullos (GWP-MED), Mr Teodoro Estrela (MENBO)

11.40-12.30: High Level Panel Discussion

Mr. Sebastien Lubert, (Foundation Prince Albert II of Monaco), Representatives of Algeria/Spain, Mr Albert Diphoom (GWOPA/UNHABITAT), GWP-MED, IME.

12.30-13.00: Conclusions and recommendations

By Ms. Milagros Couchoud, M. Michael Scoullos