

## 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Conference

### **Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector**

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**Athens, Greece**

**Venue: Acropolis Museum & Hotel Divani Acropolis**

### **Agenda**

<b>DAY 1 - 28 October 2014</b> <b>Venue: Acropolis Museum</b>	
14:00 - 15:00	<b>Registration and light lunch</b>
15:00 - 17:30	<p><b>Opening Session</b> Chair: <i>Prof. Michael Scoullas</i>, Chairman, Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcoming remarks by                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>H.E. Naser Tahboub</i>, Deputy Secretary General, Environment and Water Division, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)</li> <li>○ <i>Julien Serre</i>, Policy and Strategy Advisor, European Investment Bank (EIB)</li> <li>○ <i>Gaetano Leone</i>, Coordinator, UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Remarks and reflections on financing water infrastructure in the Mediterranean                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>H.E. Djana Bejko</i>, Deputy Minister of Environment, Republic of Albania</li> <li>○ <i>H.E. Mohammed Najjar</i>, Former Minister, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Keynote on the status of water PPP in the Mediterranean Region, <i>Koussai Quteishat</i>, former Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</li> <li>• Brief introduction to the projects and the scope of the meeting                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Stavros Damianidis</i>, Project Director, SWIM-SM</li> <li>○ <i>Nick Malyshev</i>, Head, Regulatory Policy, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)</li> <li>○ <i>Anthi Brouma</i>, Head, MENA Region, GWP-Med</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
18:00 - 19:00	<b>Guided tour at the Acropolis Museum</b>
20:00	<b>Dinner</b>

<b>DAY 2 - 29 October 2014</b> <b>Venue: Hotel Divani Acropolis</b>	
09:00–10:45	<p><b>Session I: Addressing the bottlenecks in the governance-financing nexus for the water sector</b> <i>Part I: The Results of the Policy Dialogues in Jordan and Tunisia</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>H.E. Naser Tahboub</i>, Deputy Secretary General, Environment and Water Division, UfM Facilitators: GWP-Med &amp; OECD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the core findings from the policy dialogues in Jordan and Tunisia, <i>Celine Kauffmann</i>, Deputy Head, Regulatory Policy Division &amp; <i>Aziza Akhmouch</i>, Head, Water Governance Programme, OECD Public Governance &amp; Territorial Development Directorate (25')</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion (20')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking forward the reforms of the water sector in Jordan, <i>Iyad Dahiyat</i>, Director, Programme Management Unit, Jordanian Ministry of Water and Irrigation (15')</li> <li>• Taking forward the reforms of the water sector in Tunisia, <i>Belgacem Ayed</i>, General Director of Infrastructures, Tunisian Ministry of Development and International Cooperation (15')</li> <li>• The perspective of the EIB, <i>Edouard Perard</i>, Economist, EIB (10')</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion (20')</p>
10:45-11:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:15-13:00	<p><b>Session I: Addressing the bottlenecks in the governance-financing nexus for the water sector</b> <i>Part II: Taking forward the reforms of the water sector in Jordan and Tunisia into the wider region</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Dionysia Avgerinopoulou</i>, President, Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD) Facilitators: OECD &amp; GWP-Med</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiences from relevant work outside the Mediterranean, <i>Celine Kauffmann</i>, Deputy Head, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD (10')</li> </ul> <p>Panel interventions by (45')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Abdenour Ait Mansour</i>, General Director, National Water Utility (ADE), Algeria</li> <li>• <i>Atter Hannoura</i>, Director of PPP Central Unit, Ministry of Finance, Egypt</li> <li>• <i>Diala El Chaar</i>, Financial Expert, Higher Council for Privatisation, Lebanon</li> <li>• <i>Abdelhafid Reffouh</i>, Head of Research Division, General Directorate for Local Government, Department of Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Interior, Morocco</li> <li>• <i>Mohamed Hassan</i>, Head of Technical Regulation, Water &amp; Wastewater Regulatory Agency (EWRA), Egypt</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion (50')</p>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Session II: Cross-cutting issues and stakeholder engagement in the governance-financing nexus</b></p> <p>Chair: <i>Prof. Michael Scoullas</i>, Chairman, GWP-Med</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key intervention introducing the session, <i>Niclas Ihrén</i>, Founder, Director of Strategy, Demos Effect (20')</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mainstreaming gender in water: the GWP Gender Strategy, Natalia Alexeeva, Senior Network Officer, Global Water Partnership (10')</li> <li>• Building Capacities on Water Integrity in the MENA region, Maria Jacobson, Programme Manager, Stockholm International Water Institute (10')</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion (15')</p> <p>The voices of civil society (15') - Interventions by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Emad Adly</i>, Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED)</li> <li>• <i>Samar Salma</i>, Media Officer and Projector Coordinator, Friend of the Earth Middle East (FoEME)</li> <li>• <i>Anastasia Roniotes</i>, Head Officer, Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE)</li> </ul> <p>Open Discussion (20')</p>
15:30-16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:00-17:30	<p><b>Session III: Regional Platform for Water PSP in the Mediterranean</b></p> <p>Facilitators: <i>Fuad Bateh</i>, Senior Advisor, Environment &amp; Water Division, Union for the Mediterranean &amp; <i>Anthi Brouma</i>, Head, MENA Region, GWP-Med</p> <p>Interventions by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Katia Adamo</i>, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Cooperation, Trade, and Land Management Division, UNECE (10')</li> <li>• <i>Stefania Romano</i>, Director of the Italian Trust Fund, Regional Environmental Center (REC) &amp; Chief of Operations at CEO Platform for Green Growth in MENA (10')</li> <li>• <i>Ivan Draganic</i>, UNDP Programme Specialist, Global Water Solidarity (10')</li> </ul> <p>Panel reflections (30') by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Delmar Blasco</i>, Coordinator, Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative (MedWet)</li> <li>• <i>Hachmi Kennou</i>, Executive Director at Mediterranean Water Institute (IME), Governor at the World Water Council</li> <li>• <i>Khaled Abu Zeid</i>, Manager, Regional Water Resources Programme, CEDARE</li> <li>• <i>Ramiro Fausto Martínez Costa</i>, Coordinator, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (MENBO)</li> </ul> <p>Open Discussion (30')</p>
20:00	<b>Dinner</b>

<b>DAY 3 - 30 October 2014</b> <b>Venue: Hotel Divani Acropolis</b>	
09:00-10:30	<p><b>Session IV: In search of sustainable financing mechanisms for water services</b></p> <p>Part I: The work of donors and other initiatives/projects</p> <p>Chair: <i>H.E. Djan Bejko</i>, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Albania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote presentation on SWIM-SM work on financing water services, <i>Charbel Rizk</i>, Environment Expert, SWIM-SM (25')</li> <li>• Lessons learned of operational pollution reduction projects (MeHSIP-PPIF - Validation Exercise), <i>Vassilis Nikitas</i>, Director of Operations, HCL Consultants (20')</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion (45')</p>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00-12:30	<p><b>Session IV: In search of sustainable financing mechanisms for water services</b></p> <p>Part II: The role of banks, insurance and private companies</p> <p>Chair: <i>H.E. Mohammed Najjar</i>, Former Minister, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan</p> <p>Facilitators: <i>Charbel Rizk</i>, Environment Expert, SWIM-SM &amp; <i>Sarra Touzi</i>, Senior Programme Officer, GWP-Med</p> <p>Panel interventions from the banking sector (15')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Adli Kandah</i>, Director General, Association of Banks in Jordan</li> <li>• <i>Samir Nasr</i>, Chairman and CEO, ECE Capital SAL</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion (15')</p> <p>Panel interventions from insurance companies (15')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Fady Chammas</i>, Chairman, DIMO Consulting Co</li> <li>• <i>Ayelet Yosfan-Shaul</i>, Deputy Head of the PPP Projects Division, Inbal Insurance Company Ltd</li> </ul> <p>Open Discussion (15')</p> <p>Panel interventions by private sector companies (15')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Tarek Abu Dehays</i>, Founder &amp; CEO, AquaTreat</li> <li>• <i>Dana Christina Craciunescu –Schaapman</i>, Senior Investment Expert, Infrastructure Management Associates</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion (15')</p>
12:30-13:15	<p><b>Conclusions &amp; Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of key points raised &amp; next steps, <i>Prof. Michael Scoullas</i>, Chairman, GWP-Med &amp; <i>Charbel Rizk</i>, Environment Expert, SWIM-SM (20')</li> <li>• Closing remarks (25') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Maria Peppas</i>, Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Greece</li> <li>○ <i>H.E. Naser Tahboub</i>, Deputy Secretary General, Environment and Water Division, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)</li> <li>○ <i>Stavros Damianidis</i>, Project Director, SWIM-SM</li> <li>○ <i>Vangelis Constantianos</i>, Executive Secretary, GWP-Med</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>13:15-14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>End of the Conference</b>	