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Agenda - UfM Water Experts Meeting

23-24 November

Bâtiment Euroforum, 10, rue R. Stumper, (L-2557 Luxembourg)

Day 1: 23 November Afternoon

Introduction (14:00-14:20)

- Intervention by Jordan, UfM Co-Presidency
- Intervention by European Commission, UfM Co-Presidency
- Intervention by UfM Secretariat

Session 1: Setting the scene (14:20-17:30)

14:20-14:30 - **Main purpose and expected outcomes of the meeting** [UfM Secretariat]

14:30-16:05 - **International and Regional approaches towards water resources' management**

- a. The Water Sustainable Development Goal [Jordan] – 10' min
- b. UNECE Water Convention [UNECE] -10'min
- c. 5+5 Water Strategy for the Western Mediterranean [Algeria-Spain] 10'min
- d. Regional Cooperation in the Domain of Integrated Trans-boundary Water Resource Management concerning the SEE 2020 Strategy: Jobs and Prosperity (RCC) – 10'min
- e. The EU Water Framework Directive [EC] - 10'min
- f. PRIMA- (RTD) - 10' min

Round table discussion (35 min) – Comments on the presentations and elements of interest towards enhancing regional cooperation on water

Inspiring questions for the floor:

- *How could the regional and sub-regional processes enhance their cooperation? How could the WEG support this closer cooperation within the regional water agenda?*
- *How could the WEG best assist with the SDGs promotion and integration in the regional agenda?*

16:05 - 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30-16:40 - **Stakeholder involvement in the management of water resources (MIO ECSDE)-**
10'min

16:40-16:50 - **Promoting Interlinks between Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Integrated Water Resources Management [Egypt] - 10' min**



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16:50-17:45 - **Round table discussion and wrap up of the day**

Inspiring questions for the floor:

- How can stakeholders be better integrated at national and regional level?
- How experience and expertise from land/sea be transferred in the WEG activities?

COCKTAIL at the end of the event (17.45 - 19.00)

Day 2: 24 November

Session 2: Integrated Water Resource Management (9:00-12:30)

9:00-9:10 - **Wrap up of the first day** (UfM Co-presidencies and UfM Secretariat)

9:10-10:10 - **National and Transboundary aspects (surface and groundwater)**

- Managing transboundary river basins: [the Danube]- Austria - 10' min
- Managing transboundary aquifers: [the Sahara] Tunisia -10' min
- Managing river basins in a water scarce region: [the Segura]- Spain, Segura River Basin Authority -10'min

Round table discussion (30 min) – Comments on the presentations and elements of interest towards enhancing regional cooperation on water

Inspiring questions for the floor:

- How could we better transfer successful examples as well as best practice and experience on IWRM? How could the WEG assist?

10:10-11:00 - **Managing conventional and non-conventional water Resources**

- Artificial Recharge Aquifers (SWIM /support mechanism or demo) – 10' min
- Water reuse – Israel- 10' min

Round table discussion (30 min) – Comments on the presentations and elements of interest towards enhancing regional cooperation on water

Inspiring questions for the floor:

- How could we better integrate the management of conventional and non-conventional water resources within IWRM policies? How can the WEG assist?

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK



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11:30-12:30 - Emerging issues: Water, Energy, Food and Ecosystems Nexus and Climate Change Adaptation

- a. Water, Energy, Food and Ecosystem Nexus (JRC)- 10' min
- b. Water, Energy, Food and Ecosystems Nexus approaches towards Climate Change Adaptation-Mitigation Co-Benefits (GWP)- 10' min
- c. Climate change adaptation strategy and action plan– (Turkey) – 10 min

Round table discussion: 30 min - comments on the presentations and elements of interest towards enhancing regional cooperation on water

Inspiring questions for the floor:

- How can the Nexus and Climate Change be best integrated in the regional agenda and activities? How can the WEG assist?

12:30-14:00 LUNCH

Session 3: Water Financing, investment and Economics (14:00-14:50)

14:00-14:10 - **Investment promotion vis-à-vis innovative modalities: Public Private Partnership and the role of private sector agents and active regional stakeholders** (Palestine) 10' min

14:10-14:20 - **Tariffication** (France) 10' min

Round table discussion: 30 min - comments on the presentations and elements of interest towards enhancing regional cooperation on water

Inspiring questions for the floor:

- How could the WEG contribute to improve water financing and water related investments in the MED region (e.g. should we identify priority projects)?
- How could market based and economic instruments be better utilised?

Session 4: Innovative Scientific and Technological Tools and Methodologies (14:50-15:30)

14:50-15:00 - **Water Integrity** (SIWI) - 10' min

15:00-15:10 - **National Water Information Systems towards Regional Systems** (EEA-EMWIS and UfM project promoters) - 10'

Round table discussion: 20 min - comments on the presentations and elements of interest towards enhancing regional cooperation on water

Inspiring questions for the floor: How can the WEG help in disseminating new technologies and water related information in the MED?



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15:30-16:00 COFFEE BREAK

Closing session (16:00-17:30)

Tour de table

Inspiring questions for the floor:

- *Which thematic areas discussed over the two days would be a priority for the WEG, and how could they be best served within its capacity?*
- *What should be the next steps to operationalise further cooperation? What should be the roadmap for making these happen?*

Conclusion and next steps - *Main considerations and elements emerging from Day 1 and Day2; way forward; proposed agreed outcomes*

Closing remarks