



# FIRST UFM ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WATER INVESTMENT AND FINANCING

## PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE WATER SECTOR

**5 DECEMBER 2019**

***Hotel Parco dei Principi – Sala Fernandes***

9:00-9:30 Registration of participants

9:30-9:45 **Session 1. Opening of the Annual Conference**

**Master of ceremony:** Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director for Water, UfM

**Welcoming remarks:**

- Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
- Niklas Wiberg, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Sweden
- Michael Scoullos, Chairman, GWP-Med
- Isidro Gonzalez Afonso, Deputy Secretary General for Water, Environment and Blue Economy, UfM

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9:45-11:15 **Session 2. Implementation of the UfM Financial Strategy for Water**

**Chair:** Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan

**Setting the stage presentation** (10 min):

- Activities supported by the UfM Secretariat in 2019, Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director for Water, UfM

**Roundtable interventions** (60 min):

Questions to be addressed:

- Among the 10 strategic objectives of the UfM Financial Strategy for Water, what are currently the three priority objectives for each UfM member state?
- What actions have UfM member states implemented in 2019 to enhance the financial sustainability of the water sector? What actions would they like to implement in 2020 and beyond?
- How have partners supported UfM member states in 2019 to enhance the financial sustainability of the water sector? How could they support them in 2020 and beyond?

**Q&A** (15 min)

**Session conclusions** (5 min)

11:15-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-13:00 **Session 3. Why and how to engage private financiers in financing water investments**

**Chair:** Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan

**Setting the stage presentation** (10 min):

- Findings from the OECD Roundtable on Financing Water, Xavier Leflaive, Team Leader for Resilience-Adaptation to Climate Change-Water, OECD Environment Directorate.

**Panel** (30 min):

- Adli Kandah, General Director, Association of Banks in Jordan
- Ger Bergkamp, Manager Business Development, Climate Investor 2, Climate Fund Managers
- Thomas Van Gilst, Head of Water Management Division, Projects Directorate, EIB
- Oliver Loebel, Secretary General, EurEau

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Questions for panellists:

- What are the opportunities for private financiers to finance water investments?
- What are the main barriers faced by private financiers to finance water investments?
- What can UfM member states do to enhance the contribution of private financiers to the financial sustainability of the water sector?
- What can the UfM process and partners do to enhance the contribution of private financiers to the financial sustainability of the water sector?

**Open discussion** (30 min)

**Session conclusions** (5 min)

13:00-14:15 Lunch break

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14:15-15:15 **Session 4. High-Level Session**

### **“Regional dimensions of water investment and financing”**

**Moderator:** Amb. Enrico Granara, Coordinator of Euro-Mediterranean Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

**Keynote speakers** (20 min):

- Hon. Emanuela del Re, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- H.E. Nasser Kamel, Secretary-General, UfM

**Ministerial/High Level Panel** (30 min):

- H.E. Joe Mizzi, Minister for Energy and Water Management, Malta
- H.E. Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
- H.E. Samir Taieb, Minister for Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia

Questions to be explored:

- What are the priority issues regarding water investment and financing in the Mediterranean region?
- How can regional cooperation help to address them?

**Session conclusions** (5 min)

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15:15-16:30 **Session 5. Public Private Partnerships in the Mediterranean Water Sector**

**Chair:** Manuel Sapiano, CEO, The Energy and Water Agency, Ministry of Energy and Water Management, Malta

**Setting the stage presentation (10 min)**

- Findings of the UfM project “Governance and Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector”, Anthi Brouma, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med.

**Country experiences (40 min):**

- PPPs in Drinking Water Supply, Fadila Hamdoui, Director of Planning and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Water Resources, Algeria
- PPPs in Desalination, Olga Slepner, Advisor to the Director General and head of the International Relations Unit, Governmental Authority for Water and Sewage, Israel
- PPPs in Wastewater treatment, Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
- PPPs in Water Re-use and other Non-Conventional Water, Sadi Ali, General Director of Projects Management Unit, Palestinian Water Authority, Palestine

**Questions to be explored:**

- What has been the rationale and objectives of Water PPPs in the Mediterranean region?
- How are Water PPPs in the Mediterranean expected to contribute to the financial sustainability of the sector?
- To what extent have those expectations been met?

**Open discussion (20 min)**

**Session conclusions (5 min)**

16:30-17:00 Coffee break

17:00-18:15 **Session 6. Why and how to engage private operators in enhancing the financial sustainability of the water sector**

**Chair:** Manuel Sapiano, CEO, The Energy and Water Agency, Ministry of Energy and Water Management, Malta

**Setting the stage presentation (10 min):**

- Conclusions of the EU-UfM Water Governance and Business Forum, Roberto Martín Hurtado, Senior Advisor on Water Economics, UfM Secretariat

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**Panel (30 min):**

- Alain Meyssonier, Secretary, The International Federation of Private Water Operators (AquaFed)
- Andrea Guerrini, President, European Water Regulators (WAREG)
- Nadia Rhatoussi, Head of Division for PPPs, Ministry of Finance, Morocco
- Fadi Comair, Director General of Hydraulic and Electrical Resources, Ministry of Energy and Water, Lebanon

**Questions for panellists:**

- What should be the role of private sector partners in water PPPs in attracting finance and delivering value-for-money?
- What are the main barriers faced by private sector partners in water PPPs to deliver on that role?
- What can UfM member states do to enhance the contribution of PPPs to the financial sustainability of the water sector?
- What can the UfM process and partners do to enhance the contribution of PPPs to the financial sustainability of the water sector?

**Open discussion (30 min)**

**Session conclusions (5 min)**

**18:15-18:30 Session 7. Conclusions and Closing of the Annual Conference**

**Chair:** H.E. Nasser Kamel, Secretary General, UfM

- Blanca Moreno-Dodson, Manager of the Centre for Mediterranean Integration, World Bank
- Manuel Sapiano, CEO, The Energy and Water Agency, Ministry of Energy and Water Management, Malta
- Eng. Ali Subah, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
- Amb. Enrico Granara, Coordinator of Euro-Mediterranean Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

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