

## 2<sup>nd</sup> UfM Regional Conference of Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector

*Project labelled under the Union for the Mediterranean*

*Conference co-organised with the H2020 Pollution Reduction & Prevention Investment Group (& NAP process)*

5-6 December 2016

Tunis, Tunisia

Venue: Golden Tulip El Mechtel Hotel

### *Provisional Agenda*

DAY 1 – Monday, 5 December 2016	
08:30–09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00-10:00	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcoming remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat (UfM Sec)</li> <li>○ Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fisheries, Republic of Tunisia</li> <li>○ Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)</li> <li>○ European Investment Bank (EIB)</li> <li>○ European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Remarks and reflections on financing water infrastructure in the Mediterranean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (tbc)</li> <li>○ Ministry of Energy and Water, Lebanese Republic (tbc)</li> <li>○ Palestinian Water Authority, State of Palestine (tbc)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10:00 - 10:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Setting the scene</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Co-chairs of PRPI Group - UfM Secretariat/ EIB-EBRD</li> <li>○ GWP-Med</li> </ul>
11:00 - 12:00	<b>Session I: Addressing the bottlenecks in the governance-financing nexus for the water sector</b> <p><i>Governance &amp; Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector GWP-Med/OECD project: current status &amp; findings from the National Policy Dialogues in Jordan, Palestine and Tunisia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the Project, the core findings from the three National Policy Dialogues &amp; commentary on the Dialogue processes by country representatives</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p>
12:00 - 13:00	<b>Session II: NAP process and investment implication</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief summary of outcomes by UNEP MAP and links/overlaps to COP22 issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ UNEP MAP</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Possible capital costs for NAP Priority Projects in H2020 countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EIB</li> <li>○ MeHSIP</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Brief interventions by 1-2 countries already undertaking capital budgeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ (UNEP to propose)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Session III: Learning from experience: case studies of PPPs in the MENA as an alternative to traditional procurement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote on the status of water PPP in the Mediterranean Region</li> <li>• Panel interventions on PPPs cases in the water and environment sector, including depollution efforts, from the MENA region</li> <li>• A structure approach to the PPP project preparation process for public authorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EBRD</li> <li>○ EIB</li> <li>○ EPEC</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Experience from PPP projects in the region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case Study/EBRD PPP Certification Programme/ Q&amp;A/countries to discuss their experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EBRD</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Round Table - Discussion</p>
15:30-16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:00-17:30	<p><b>Session IV: Cross-cutting issues in the governance-financing nexus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key intervention on practical elements for gender mainstreaming in PPPs</li> <li>• The role of Water Integrity in sustainable financing</li> <li>• Changing the norm: institutionalising stakeholder engagement</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p>
20:00	<b>Networking Dinner</b>

**DAY 2 – Tuesday, 6 December 2016**

09:00-10:30	<p><b>Session V: Innovative financing mechanisms for water investments</b></p> <p><i>Targeted interventions on opportunities and challenges for greater involvement of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local private sector &amp; microfinancing</li> <li>• Banking sector</li> <li>• CSR and Water Stewardship</li> <li>• Insurance companies</li> </ul> <p><i>EFI approaches to debt financing and grant blending</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sovereign and sub-sovereign lending, credit enhancement, presenting optimum case             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EBRD</li> <li>○ EIB</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p>
10:30-11:00	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
11:00-13:00	<p><b>Session VI: Opportunities for water investments through Climate Financing</b></p> <p><i>Panel interventions on</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Financial Planning for National Budgets</li> <li>• Adaptation Funds</li> <li>• NAPs</li> <li>• Water Green Bonds</li> <li>• Green Climate Fund</li> <li>• Other...</li> </ul> <p><i>Making the case for wider economic benefits of investment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a business case for environment projects</li> <li>• Presenting arguments to MoF and wider Government/civil society for climate action-mitigation, adaptation, climate-proofing</li> <li>• Financial impacts of environmental investments</li> <li>• Quantification of climate benefits</li> <li>• Summary of potential approaches by sector promoter             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EIB</li> <li>○ MeHSIP</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p>
13:00-14:00	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Session VII: Structuring successful investment projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intervention of Tunisian Government on Successful investment practises in Tunisia</li> </ul> <p><i>EFI and promoter experience from structuring successful investment projects</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2-4 projects case studies to include grant blending             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EBRD</li> <li>○ EIB</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sources of external grants – NIF, other –WB/GEF             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Country viewpoint (project/country to propose)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:00-17:00	<p><b>Session VIII: Successful Business Cases for environmental investments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case study of projects where environmental benefits were used to justify investment</li> <li>• EIB and EBRD give a view of common and different points             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EIB</li> <li>○ EBRD</li> <li>○ Possible promoter slot</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
17:00-17:30	<p><b>Conclusions &amp; Next Steps: Regional Platform for Water PSP in the Mediterranean</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of key points raised &amp; next steps</li> <li>• Conclusion for financing water &amp; environment infrastructure in the region             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ UfM Secretariat</li> <li>○ GWP-Med</li> <li>○ EBRD</li> <li>○ EIB</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Closing remarks</li> </ul>
<b>End of the Conference</b>	