

MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2020

09h00

EURO-INBO General Assembly (Day 1)

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2020

09h00

EURO-INBO General Assembly (Day 2)

12h00

High Level Lunch (by invitation)

13h30

High Level Official Meeting

14h30

Side Events (tbc)

20h00

Welcome Cocktail for Mediterranean forum participants (by invitation)


WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2020

9h00: Official Opening Ceremony

10h30: Coffee break, Opening of Technical Exhibition

11h00: Session 1 – The Mediterranean as a hub of water management solutions and responses

The session will discuss the Mediterranean region's strengths in the application of innovative water technologies to address the impact of water scarcity and drought, and the increasing demands of the populations and related economic activities. In particular, it will also focus on how technological improvement supported by effective governance structures can support the region's economies to increase employment and address migration related challenges. Broad water management considerations will be adopted – effectively looking at the context of effective water management from source to sea, a key Mediterranean water management perspective. Undoubtedly, the session will look at the valorisation of the Mediterranean Region's unique water culture, and its valorisation and preservation through the development of an effective and wide ranging educational programmes.



13h00: Lunch

14h00: Session 2 – Non-Conventional Water Resources

The session will focus on current innovation in the sea-water desalination and water reuse sectors with particular reference to the use of these technologies within an integrated water management framework to ensure that growing water demands are met whilst respecting the water needs of the environment, within the broad synergies established under the WEFE nexus. Specific reference will be made to issues related to energy efficiency optimisation in this sector, and also the opportunities which water reuse presents to the agricultural sector. The discussions under this session, will also seek to identify key contributions to the 9th WWF's in the fields of Water Security and Sanitation, and Water for Rural Development.

16h00: Coffee break

16h30: Session 3 – Integrated Management of Natural Water Resources

This session will outline the potential for the development of sustainable management solutions for natural water resources in the Mediterranean region, within integrated water resources management frameworks. Although limited and increasingly threatened by the impacts of Climate Change, natural water resources, if properly managed, can continue to play an important role in the provision of water supplies in the region. Hence the need to ensure the development of comprehensive management plans at basin level which ensure sufficient protection to these natural water resources. The discussions under this session, will also seek to identify key contributions to the 9th WWF's in the fields of Water Security and Sanitation, and Water for Rural Development.

20h00: Gala Dinner

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2020

9h00: Session 4 – Financing the Water Sector in the Mediterranean

The session will focus on the existing opportunities for the use of private (and/or alternative) financing to support the implementation of projects in the Mediterranean water sector and therefore facilitating the implementation of water management responses. The discussion will look at different financing tools ranging from private-public partnerships to CSR initiatives and how these can be utilised in the Mediterranean region to facilitate the optimisation of the water sector and the achievement of important objectives such as security of supply and sustainability. This in alignment with the implementation of the Financial Strategy for the Mediterranean promoted by the Union for the Mediterranean. The discussions under this session, will also seek to identify key "means and tools" to contribute to the delivery of the 9th WWF objectives.

11h00 : Coffee break

11h30: Session 5 – International Collaboration

This session will assess the potential of the Mediterranean Region in the exchange of water management practices and technologies with other regions facing similar challenges. Hence the promotion of the Mediterranean region's water management responses. Such exchanges of experiences can provide both

an opportunity for the development of the Mediterranean's blue and green economies and hence contribute to address employment and migration issues, as well as an opportunity for ensuring access to new water management practices and technologies hence enabling the optimisation of the region's existing water management frameworks. The discussions under this session, will therefore also contribute to address the important 9th WWF challenge for increasing international "cooperation" in the water sector, ensuring a key role for hydro-diplomacy to guide an increasingly sustainable management of water resources across borders.

13h30: Lunch

14h30: General Synthesis and Conclusions – Towards Dakar 2021

16h00: Closing Ceremony

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2020

9h00: Technical Site Visits

- i. Ta Kandja Groundwater Gallery System
 - ii. Pembroke Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plant
 - iii. Malta North Wastewater Treatment Plant and New Water System
 - iv. GHAJN – National Water Conservation Awareness Centre
 - v. Vittoriosa – The Water Harvesting City
 - vi. Chadwick Lakes Project
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