



REGIONAL PROCESS SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

This Regional Session Description Form 2 is for the specified program of the session. Please complete this form no later than 10th of March 2024.

**The Regional session description 1 (online form) is separately requested for the Regional session coordinators to deliver a concise session outline with the contact info and the logistical requests.*

Regional Session Code and Title:

Session RA2. (Central America and Mexico)

Using knowledge and innovation to finance the water sector

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Regional Session Description including objectives and expected outcomes (500 words maximum):

Background

The increasing financing needs of the water sector and decreasing government budget allocations require innovative and combined financing schemes and mechanisms, as resources from a single source are insufficient.

The challenge is to ensure that the water sector has adequate and timely resources regardless of the budget variations of each country through innovative financing schemes and the use of technology designed to reduce costs.

Objective:

Present strategies implemented by countries to ensure financing of water sector projects; projects financed by several sources in a comprehensive and sustainable manner, and innovative technologies as examples to make resources more efficient.

Detailed Regional Session Plan:

| ESTIMATED TIMING | ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE | SPEAKERS | SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC) |
|------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| 10 min | Blended finances | Oriana Romano, OCDE | TBC |
| 10 min | Innovative financing from the Development Bank of Latin America | Franz Rojas, CAF | TBC |
| 10 min | New financing schemes | María Angelica Sotomayor, World Bank | TBC |
| 10 min | Atotonilco's WWTP as a Mexican example of technological innovation | Víctor Bourgett, Mexico's Valley Water Utility | TBC |



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| 10min | Toolbox for making adaptation decisions in the coastal areas of Latin America (example of reducing the cost of studies) | Diana Ulloa from Equator Water Net | TBC |
| 10 min | Q&A session | Participants | |