



## REGIONAL PROCESS SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

### 10<sup>TH</sup> WORLD WATER FORUM

**Regional Session Code and Title:**

**Session 4 Regional Mediterranean Process - RM4. Regulation, right to water and water law, conflict prevention & resolution**

**Wednesday 22 May 2024 Schedule 8:30 – 10:00**

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

"Killing for water" is the title of an article published in a magazine that reported that in northeastern Kenya several clans regularly clash over the use of water; but the latest clash was the deadliest. Armed men, the article reported, attacked a rival village to take control of water points, resulting in the deaths of seventy people, mostly women and children.

As pressure on water resources increases, conflicts can arise between individuals, groups of people, institutions and states. Unfortunately, these conflicts can only get more acute, due to the continued increase of water demand, while water resources are limited and decreasing under the effect of climate change.

Conflicts over the use of water can have their origins in:

- the distribution of water resources,
- degraded water quality, due to damage caused by polluters,
- drought or flooding impact,
- procedures for implementing laws and regulations, not understood or restrictive for users,
- pricing

Mechanisms are applied at different levels to resolve conflicts, either by the users themselves according to ancestral practices or regulations instituted by local authorities, or by government authorities, and sometimes even by intergovernmental authorities in the case of transboundary water resources.

To avoid conflicts over water use, certain prerequisites are necessary, including:

- Legislation that clarifies responsibilities and duties
- Strategies that define the rules for planning and management of water resources
- Pricing that insure the sustainability of water supply services
- An easily accessible information system

- **The use of the participatory approach among all stakeholders, and at all levels of water resources management, because the participatory approach makes it possible to strengthen the acceptability of solutions to avoid conflicts.**

**Hydrodiplomacy is increasingly necessary to ensure the acceptability of proposed solutions to avoid conflicts.**

**It is to highlight that in a message to Bali from Tunis 5MWF it is recommended to “develop cross-border hydro diplomacy actions and apply the method to inter-basin solidarity in the same country as well as to conflicts of use between sectors of activity in the same sub-basin”.**

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
08:30-08:40	PRESENTATION messages from Tunis (5MWF 02/2024)	Nabil BEN KHATRA, Executive Director of OSS <a href="mailto:Nabil.benkatra@oss.org.tn">Nabil.benkatra@oss.org.tn</a>	PILOT, OK
08:40-08:50	Keynote Speech: Hydrodiplomacy and the WEFE Nexus: Recommendations to avoid boiling water	FADI COMAIR Professor at the Cyprus Institute ; Chair and Vice Chair UNESCO- IHP 2019-2023 <a href="mailto:comairfadi@hotmail.com">comairfadi@hotmail.com</a>	OK
08:50-09:00	<b>Reducing “Red Water” in the Mediterranean and the Middle East</b> “Red Water” refers to the portion of the captured available water by upstream states that is fully demanded or consumed within the upstream states. Enhancing irrigation efficiency by using modern irrigation techniques reduces the “red water” demanded by riparians.	AHMET SAATCI Consultant to SUEN, Organized Industries, and Turkish State Hydraulic Works (DSI) <a href="mailto:saatcia@gmail.com">saatcia@gmail.com</a>	OK
09:00-09:10	<b>Management of a transboundary aquifer system</b> How the creation of a consultation mechanism with an inclusive approach enabled good management of transboundary groundwater resources.	NABIL BEN KHATRA Executif Director of Sahara and Sahel Observatory <a href="mailto:Nabil.benkatra@oss.org.tn">Nabil.benkatra@oss.org.tn</a>	OK
09:10-09:20	<b>Global and regional trends of water cooperation</b> It will highlight global and regional trends of water cooperation at national level and discuss challenges and opportunities for increased water cooperation	KAKAN TROPP Natural resources and water policy expert whith international experience in governance and institutional development <a href="mailto:Nabil.benkatra@oss.org.tn">Nabil.benkatra@oss.org.tn</a>	OK
09:20-09:30	BLUE PEACE Middle East	LUAY AL-DALOO	TBC



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09:30-09:50	QUESTIONS/ANSWERS	Nabil BEN KHATRA	OK
9:50-10:00	CONCLUSIONS	Fadi COMAIR	OK