



SIDE EVENT DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

This Session Description 2 is for the specified program of the side event. Please complete this form no later than 22nd of April 2024.

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

Session Code and Title:

SE 34 Charting the Future of Freshwater Ecosystems: Success Stories, Collaboration, and Financing for Conservation and Restoration

Side Event Coordinators (Name, Position, Organization, email, mobile number):

Session coordinator and moderator: Léa Glâtre, DIMFE Initiative Manager, Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation / Donors' Initiative for Mediterranean Freshwater Ecosystems (DIMFE), lglatre@fpa2.org, +33760742969

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

Join us for an engaging panel discussion at the "Charting the Future of Freshwater Ecosystems" side event organised by the Donors' Initiative for Mediterranean Freshwater Ecosystems (DIMFE) during the World Water Forum. This dynamic session will explore the successes, collaborations and innovative financing that are driving the conservation and restoration of freshwater ecosystems.

Objectives:

This side event at the World Water Forum aims to catalyze actionable insights into the conservation and restoration of freshwater ecosystems. As threats such as overexploitation, pollution, and habitat destruction continue to escalate, the necessity for innovative solutions and robust financing mechanisms has never been more pressing. This session is designed to bring together leading experts from diverse sectors to discuss, debate, and share their experiences in managing these vital resources effectively.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Increased Awareness: Enhance understanding of the multifaceted roles freshwater ecosystems play in environmental sustainability, human health, and global biodiversity.
2. Knowledge Exchange: Share global success stories and best practices in the conservation and restoration of freshwater ecosystems to foster learning and inspiration among participants.
3. Collaborative Initiatives: Facilitate the formation of new partnerships and strengthen existing ones among international agencies, NGOs, government bodies, and private sector stakeholders.
4. Innovative Financing Models: Identify and promote innovative financing solutions that can be implemented to support ongoing and new conservation projects effectively.

Detailed Session plan : *F/M indicates Female or Male

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
	Moderator or panelist (tbc)	Léa Glâtre (F)	Ok



	Panelist	Naomi Noel (F), The Nature Conservancy	TBC
	Panelist	Andrea Ferret Lambert, OFB (F)	Ok
	Panelist	Flore Lafaye de Micheaux, RAMSAR (F)	Ok
	Panelist	Taylor Henshaw, GEF (M)	TBC
	Panelist	Ali Rhouma, Prima (M)	Ok
	Moderator	Raoudha Gafrej (F)	TBC

Additional information:

The side event will consist of panel discussions. There will be no presentations.