



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 5th of April 2024.

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Regional Session Code and Title:

Session1 Regional Mediterranean Process

RM1: WEF E Nexus

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

As the effects of Global Change become more intense in the Mediterranean Region, other external factors and emerging conflicts are putting the endemic problems of water scarcity under major stress, as well as inflating disputes in water use. In this complex and challenging context, both the SDGs and the Ecological Transition policies demand specific and immediate actions to reach the globally accepted goals and objectives in terms of decarbonization and clean energy production, universal access to water and sanitation, drastic reduction of poverty and hunger and sustainable use of natural resources. Achieving these objectives requires a holistic and integrated approach, as the interactions between the different sectors are becoming more intense. For this reason, the adoption of the WEF E (Water – Energy – Food – Ecosystems) Nexus approach is no longer an analytical tool to further understand the complex interconnections, but a mandatory instrument to develop sustainable and efficient solutions that tackle the mentioned global challenges. As it states clear that these challenges cannot be solved by the traditional silo-based approach, a multisectoral vision that brings together Water, Energy, Food and Ecosystems must be adopted. This new approach should consider all sectors at the same level, paying special attention to not consider the Environment/Ecosystems as a subordinated sector.

The Mediterranean Region is a unique hub to develop and implement solutions based on the WEF E Nexus approach due to its singularities and historical background. Additional efforts should be placed in upscaling pilot projects and in overcoming existing obstacles (technological, regulatory, cultural, financial, etc.). Integrating the WEF E Nexus into sectoral planning and policies opens the possibility of an inclusive and participatory process with broad social involvement to create a more integrated vision aligned with the expectations and necessities of a wider part of the society.

Detailed Regional Session Plan:

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
0:00 - 0:10	Presentation	Juan OJEDA	Pilot
0:10 - 0:25	The message of the Med Region to the Bali Forum on the WEFE Nexus: conclusions of the Regional Process and the Mediterranean Water Forum (Tunis 2024)	Almotaz ABADI, Deputy Secretary General of Union for Mediterranean Environment and Blue Economy	Confirmed
0:25 - 0:40	Practical examples of implementation of the WEFE Nexus approach to improve water management in the Med Region – WEFE4MED project	PRIMA Foundation, Ali Rhouma	Confirmed
0:40 - 0:55	Institutional implications of the WEFE Nexus approach: implementation at ministerial level	HLP from Mediterranean country Minister in charge - Morocco Minister of Equipment and Water	TbC
0:55 - 0:70	Moving forward: next steps for an effective implementation of the WEFE Nexus approach	SUEN from Turkey, Tugba Evrim Maden	Confirmed
0:70 - 0:90	Feedback from the public		