

Monday, 6th December 2021

- 09:00 **Technical Side Events**
- 18:00 **Official Opening Ceremony**
- 19:30 **Welcome Cocktail (Invite Only)**

Tuesday, 7th December 2021

- 09:00 **Session 1 – The Mediterranean as a hub of water management solutions and responses.**

This 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 can support the region's economies to increase employment and address migration related challenges.

- 10:45 **Coffee Break**

- 11:15 **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 with 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.

- 13:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 **Technical Site Visits**
- 20:00 **Gala Dinner**

Wednesday, 8th December 2021

09:00 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.

10:45 Coffee Break

11:15 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. 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.

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Session 5 – International Collaboration

The Mediterranean Region has the potential to exchange water management practices and technologies with other regions facing similar challenges. Such exchanges of experiences can provide both an opportunity for the Mediterranean's blue economy 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.

16:00 General Synthesis and Conclusions – Towards Dakar 2022

16:30 Closing Ceremony.