

6TH WORLD WATER FORUM

Sustainable Cost Recovery (SCR) for Sanitation services Main Outcomes



TIME FOR SOLUTIONS

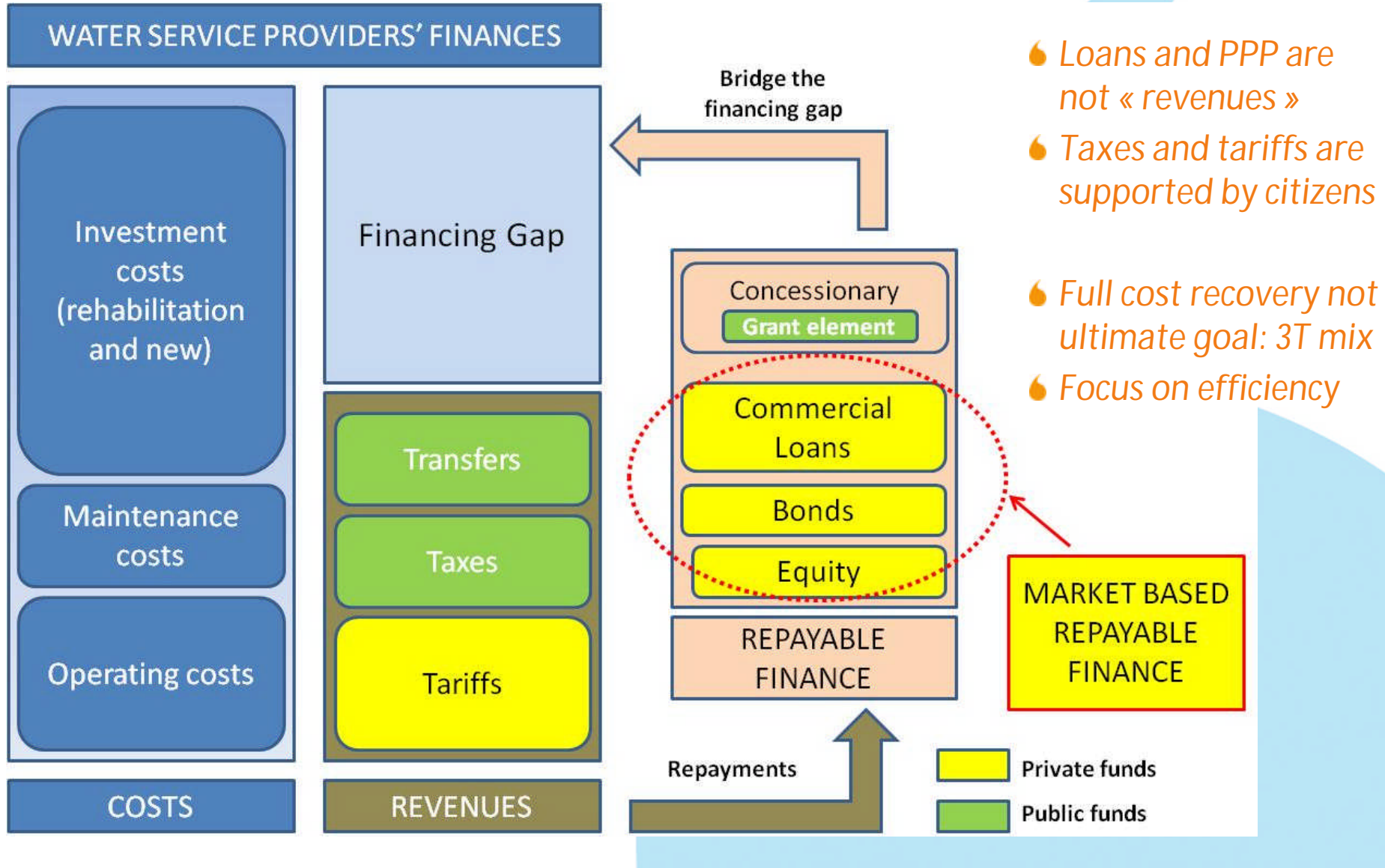
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Session panelists

- *Walter MAZZITTI (EMWIS)*
- *Monica Scatasta (EIB & CS2 – Financing water for all)*
- *Nejib Abid (ONAS, Tunisia)*
- *Adil Hasnaoui Mardassi (ONEP, Maroc),*
- *Hervé PAUL (Nice Côte d'Azur Metropole, France)*
- *Abraham TENNE (Water & Sewage Authority, Israel)*
- *Nadia ABDYOU (Alexandria Water Company- AWCO, Egypt),*
- *Enrique CIFRES (eWATER, Spain),*

Ideas & solutions



- Loans and PPP are not « revenues »
- Taxes and tariffs are supported by citizens
- Full cost recovery not ultimate goal: 3T mix
- Focus on efficiency

Solutions

Existing solutions

- Setting up a clear regulatory & institutional framework
- Continuous dialogue mechanism with all the stakeholders
- Defining multiannual plans for sanitation at national or local level with social and environmental objectives
- Providing incentives to reduce pollutant discharges
- Setting up a fair and transparent tariff strategy
- Ensuring stable and predictable international financial support

Emerging solutions

- Generating new revenues (reuse waste water & sludge, energy production)
- Ecotax / environmental tax
- Withdrawal of country or utility's debt

Final list of commitments

Some commitments announced by panelists

- Full cost recovery within 5 years in Israel
- Minimizing tariffs increases thanks to better efficiency and inter-sector financing in Nice Metropole area

Launch of a water & sanitation services cost recovery observatory at the Mediterranean level:

- Proposed in the target report
- Confirmed by the Moroccan Minister of Energy, Mines, Water & Environment: Fouad Douiri, during the session: Increasing Water Use Efficiency in The Arab Countries
- With: public and private utilities, local authorities, national institutions, consumers and international donors
- Objectives:
 - > Better knowledge of current situation,
 - > Awareness raising for decision makers and citizens
 - > Exchange of experiences

Take away messages

- *Effective right to sanitation requires SCR*
- *Achieving Sustainable Cost Recovery is a shared responsibility*
- *Better knowledge on the use of the 3T in Med countries is necessary*
- *Tariffs strategies are necessary*
- *Affordability must be assessed locally especially for vulnerable groups.*
- *New sources of revenue needs further analysis*
- *Financial sustainability is largely a political choice (Rules, responsibilities for tariff-setting tariff and updating)*

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