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Preliminary Programme

Sunday, 10 May 2009

19.00 Cocktail Dinner

in the Belle Epoque Hall of the Hôtel Hermitage

(Square Beaumarchais, Monte-Carlo) hosted by the Principality of Monaco at the invitation of Jean-Paul Proust, Minister of State



Monday, 11 May 2009

08.30 – 09.00 Reception of participants and coffee

09.00 - 10.00 Inaugural session

HSH Prince Albert II, Sovereign Prince of Monaco

- **Jean-Paul Proust,** Minister of State of the Principality of Monaco
- Martin Bursík, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Environment, Czech Republic (tbc)
- Mohamed Nassr El-Dien Allam, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt (tbc)
- Philippe de Fontaine Vive, EIB Vice-President, responsible for FEMIP

10.00 - 11.30 Session 1 - Sustainable cost recovery anfd financing of water services

Chair:

• Maurice Bernard, Head of Water Department, AFD

Introduction:

• Monica Scatasta, Water Programme Coordinator, OECD

Panel:

- Alain Tabourian, Minister of Energy and Water, Lebanon (tbc)
- **Ahmad Masa'deh,** Ambassador of Jordan to the European Union, Belgium, Norway and Luxembourg
- **Mohamed Ali Kouadja,** CEO of National Water Distribution Utility (SONEDE), Tunisia (tbc)
- Andrianarison Rakotobe, Director of Water and Sanitation Department, AfDB
- John Maguire, Team Leader for the EC Danube and Black Sea Investment Facility

This session will address issues related to available financial resources, the borrowing capacity of recipients as well as the role of pricing in order to attract investments and draw lessons for the Mediterranean region.









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11.30 - 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00 - 13.30 Session 2 - Water scarcity and climate change in Mediterranean countries

Chair:

 Michael Scoullos, Chairman of the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) and the Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med)

Introduction:

• **Hachmi Kennou**, Executive Director of Institut Méditerranéen de l'Eau (IME)

Panel:

- Henk van Schaik, Programme Coordinator, Co-operative Programme on Water and Climate, UNESCO
- Jochen Harnisch, Climate Change Policy Coordinator, KfW Development Bank
- N. Vijay Jagannathan, Sector Manager (Water), Middle East and North Africa Region, World Bank
- **Peter Gammeltoft,** Head of Protection of Water and Marine Environment Unit, Directorate General for the Environment, European Commission (tbc)
- **Gidon Bromberg,** Director, Friends of the Earth Middle East

On the basis of the first results of the study "Climate Change and Energy in the Mediterranean" financed by the FEMIP Trust Fund, and on the expected EC White Paper, the experts of this session will discuss issues related to water scarcity and climate change in the Mediterranean and examine possible solutions to existing challenges related to mitigation and adaptation for the region.

13.30 - 15.00 Lunch

15.00 - 16.30 Session 3 - How can the private sector contribute to improved water efficiency?

Chair:

• René Van Berkel, Chief of Cleaner and Sustainable Production Unit, UNIDO

Introduction:

• Céline Kauffmann, Water Investment Project Manager, OECD

Panel:

- Gérard Payen, President of the International Federation of Private Sector Operators (AquaFed)
- **Jose Rene D. Almendras,** President of Manila Water Company, Philippines
- Joaquim Poças Martins, CEO of Águas do Porto, Portugal
- Vasile Ciomos, Director of the Association of Romanian Water Utilities, Romania

This session will envisage a framework for improving water efficiency and examine sector-specific investment priorities as well as schemes that offer the most potential for attracting private sector involvement in the implementation of priority projects.

16.30 - 16.45 Closing statement

• Daniel Zimmer, Executive Director, World Water Council

16.45 - 17.00 Conclusion

• Philippe de Fontaine Vive, EIB Vice-President, responsible for FEMIP







Conference format

The conference will be **interactive**. After the opening session, which will provide a broad outline of the topics to be discussed, each session will be introduced by an expert in the field, and a panel will then comment briefly on the subject, before opening the floor to discussion with the participants.

Discussion documents prepared by the speakers will be posted on the FEMIP conference website (www.eib.org/femip/conference).

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