



## Blended finance for water and climate: When theory meets practice

FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP

AUGUST 27, 2020 : 3.00 - 4.30 PM CET

### Rationale and description:

- Vast additional public and private funds will be required to deliver the Paris Agreement and achieve the SDGs.
- **Blended finance is emerging as an important financing solution to accelerate action, but it must be scaled-up.**
- This webinar will discuss the potential of blended finance and lessons learned through **practitioner perspectives, current case studies, and an audience Q&A.**

The webinar will bring together a **diverse cross-section of public/private blended finance actors** (funders, NGOs, policy-makers and solution providers, including non-water actors), applying blended finance solutions to address water and climate change-related challenges.

### Objectives:

- Showcase the crucial role of blended finance to **narrow the financing gap** to address water-related climate change challenges and advance sustainable development, in the Global South in particular.
- **Help bridge the space between blended finance theory and practice** (and from investors to beneficiaries) through concrete and current case-studies, by facilitating the exchange of experiences, and by identifying gaps, needs, obstacles, lessons learned, and the key preconditions for a blended finance 'enabling environment'.
- Identify opportunities for **cross-fertilization, scaling-up, and replicability.**
- Contribute to advancing knowledge by producing **recommendations for policy and research.**





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PROGRAMME

Welcoming remarks      French Water Partnership      (2-3 min.)

Marie-Laure Vercambre: Director-General - FWP

Setting the stage      OECD      (5 min.)

Kathleen Dominique: Lead, financing water - OECD  
Including blended finance fundamentals and key challenges.

Part 1      Sharing case studies and perspectives      (15 min. per case)

Presenters will share selected case studies showcasing the application and potential of blended finance (projects, pilots, partnerships, etc.). Cases will:

- be regionally diverse and concern whenever possible low-income countries;
- address various water-related sectors (i.e. NBS, access to water and sanitation – through the prism of climate change);
- highlight gaps, needs, obstacles, and potential for replicability and scaling-up.

• CASE STUDY 1 : How can blended finance benefit water operators in low-income countries?

Julien Ancele: CEO - 1001fontaines  
Aart van den Beukel: Managing Director - Safi Sana

• CASE STUDY 2: Greater Cape Town Water Fund (South Africa)

Sophie Trémolet: Water Security Director, Europe - The Nature Conservancy

• CASE STUDY 3: How can blended finance support private ecosystems ? (Cambodia)

Clément Frenoux: Task Team Leader - French Development Agency

5 min. pause

Part 2      Moderated virtual roundtable      (30 min.)

Aiming to:

- Deepen the exchange of experiences on blended finance for climate and water.
- Extract best practices and lessons learned from the case studies.
- Drill down into gaps, needs, challenges, and potential for replicability and scaling up.
- Identify actionable recommendations to mainstream into policy and research.
- Share concluding analysis.

Moderator : Regina Rossmann: Associate - Convergence Finance

Speakers : Almotaz Abadi: Managing Director - Union for the Mediterranean  
Brieux Michoud: Managing partner - Waterpreneurs  
Chris Severin: Head, International Water Unit - GEF International Waters

Audience Q&A      (10 - 15 min.)