



***Mediterranean Regional Preparatory Process
For the 8th World Water Forum
Brasilia 18-23 March 2018***

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

For the 8th World Water Forum to be held in Brasilia on 18-23 March 2018, the Institut Méditerranéen de l'Eau (IME) and the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfMs) have been designated by the Regional Process Commission, coordinators of the Mediterranean Regional Process. Their mission is to carry out an inclusive multi-stakeholder process moving towards the Forum.

Because of their specificities, UfMs and IME will intervene, with Med Partners, in the construction of the Mediterranean regional process through two components:

- The political and institutional component will be coordinated by UfMs through an implication in the political process, what represents an innovation in the history of the previous forums;
- The thematic component will be coordinated by IME with the support of the Steering Committee for the implementation of the road map, the working groups and the logistic and financial organization.

The region's contribution to the 8th World Water Forum will be made by consensus among the regional Coordinator, IME/UfMs, the Steering Committee and all the other Mediterranean stakeholders involved.

In order to consolidate the cooperation between the Mediterranean stakeholders involved in the water and environment fields, the Preparatory Mediterranean process will take into account in its activities the ongoing regional programme/initiatives.

1. Steering Committee

The partners involved in the Mediterranean Process within the Steering Committee (SC) are organizations (institutions or networks) or authorities working actively in the Region and representing the main stakeholders concerned by water.

The partners of the SC could be the following (to be confirmed):

- **Network partners:** CEDARE, Euro Mediterranean Water Information System (EMWIS), Global Water Partnership Mediterranean (GWP MED), IPEMED, Mediterranean Network Basin Organizations (MENBO), PLAN BLEU.
- **Institution partners:** Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI), Agence de l'Eau Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse (ARMC), Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco,

The SC would welcome any National Authority in charge of water in the Mediterranean countries, which would like to get involved based on a voluntary service.

The countries that have already announced their interest or agreement in principle to participate in the SC are *Algeria, Egypt, France, Morocco, Spain and Tunisia*.

2. Mediterranean topics

The topics of sustainable water resources management for the Mediterranean region are linked with 8thWWF Regional and Thematic process. It is asked that each region chooses one (1) topic under each of the six (6) main themes from the Thematic Framework. This approach gives many opportunities for similar topic to be chosen in region for potential interregional sessions.

A first proposal for the Mediterranean topics is presented below with the potential interregional sessions based on the topics already chosen by the other regions:

8 th WWF Thematic framework	Mediterranean Topics	Potential interregional sessions
1. Climate: <i>Water security and climate change</i>	Climate change mitigation	-
2. People: <i>Water, Sanitation and Health</i>	Integrated sanitation for all	Asia Pacific
3. Development: <i>Water for sustainable development</i>	Water for energy	Arab Region / Europe
4. Urban: <i>Integrated urban water and waste management</i>	Treatment and reuse technologies	Arab Region / Americas
5. Ecosystems: <i>Water Quality, ecosystem livelihoods and biodiversity</i>	Managing and restoring ecosystems for water services and biodiversity	Arab Region / Americas
6. Finance: Financing for water security	Finance for sustainable development	Africa / Asia Pacific / Europe

3. Regional Design Groups

A focal point supported by a design group will be involved for each topic with the mission to prepare the corresponding session and to participate in the elaboration of the report for the regional process.

The Process has as its core the development, analysis and presentation of case studies related to sustainable water resources management issues at the Mediterranean level.

It is proposed that the focal point is one or two network (s) supported by a national authority and contributors (operators).

A first proposal is made below which should be approved by the concerned:

8 th WWF Thematic Framework	Mediterranean Topics (tbc)	Focal Point(s)	National Authority (tbc)
1. Climate	Climate change mitigation	Cedare/Plan Bleu	Morocco
2. People	Integrated sanitation for all	IME	Algeria
3. Development	Water for energy	Gwp Med (tbc)	Spain
4. Urban	Treatment and reuse technologies	Medcities/Ipemed	Tunisia
5. Ecosystems	Managing and restoring ecosystems for water services and biodiversity	FIEA/EMWIS	Egypt
6. Finance	Finance for sustainable development	MENBO/OECD (tbc)	France

4. The Mediterranean Water Forum

The Mediterranean water community has initiated an efficient synergy in view to consolidate the cooperation and exchange of knowhow and experience in the field of water by organizing the Mediterranean Water Forum, in Marrakech (Morocco) in December 2011 and in Murcia (Spain) in December 2014.

In coherence with all initiatives and programmes currently running or to be implemented in the Mediterranean region, the Mediterranean Water Forum is willing to be a new step for the dialogue between all the stakeholders concerned by water and environmental issues and it is aiming to mobilize the Mediterranean water community for the participation at the World Water Forum.

This is why, the Mediterranean Water Forum is the most important event in the Mediterranean

Preparatory Process gathering the most part of the Mediterranean Water Community.

Its 3rd edition which will be held by the end of 2017 will have to take the current geopolitical situation in the Mediterranean region into consideration to become an important step for exchange and consolidation of knowhow and experiences in the field of water in the Mediterranean.

The Kick off meeting of the 3rd Mediterranean water Forum will be held in Monaco on the 11th of July 2017. During this meeting, the Mediterranean regional Process will be launched by a consultation with the regional stakeholder participants on the definition of the regional topics of the Mediterranean regional process for the 8th World Water Forum.

Beside the Steering Committee's activities and the 3rd Mediterranean Water Forum, several other meetings will be organized as milestone events in the Mediterranean region for the 8th World Water Forum. Those events will ensure that the regional process contributes to raise water issues high on the agenda of Leaders and promote dialogues and exchanges of experiences on policies and solutions to increase water security.

5. Financial resources

The regional process will be inclusive and open to any interested stakeholders who may wish to participate and can ensure that resources will be secured to carry out activities in a timely manner.

The Mediterranean Regional Process budget should be covered by a contribution of the 8th WWF and other funding sources identified by the coordinators. As was made for the previous Mediterranean Processes, the Coordinators will look for additional financial contributions with partners and with international and regional donors.

A first list of potential contributors is proposed below:

- Mediterranean countries involved in the Steering Committee
- Mediterranean networks (CEDARE, EMWIS, GWP-Med, IME, Ipemed, MENBO, Plan Bleu...)
- Institutions (CMI, ARMC, EDF, ...)
- Operators
- Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean
- Prince Albert II foundation of Monaco
- International and Regional Donors (AFD, BIRD, ...)