



Blended finance for water and climate: When theory meets practice

FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP

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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 Waters - Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Audience Q&A *(10 - 15 min.)*