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A virtual forum on 22- 23 June 2021

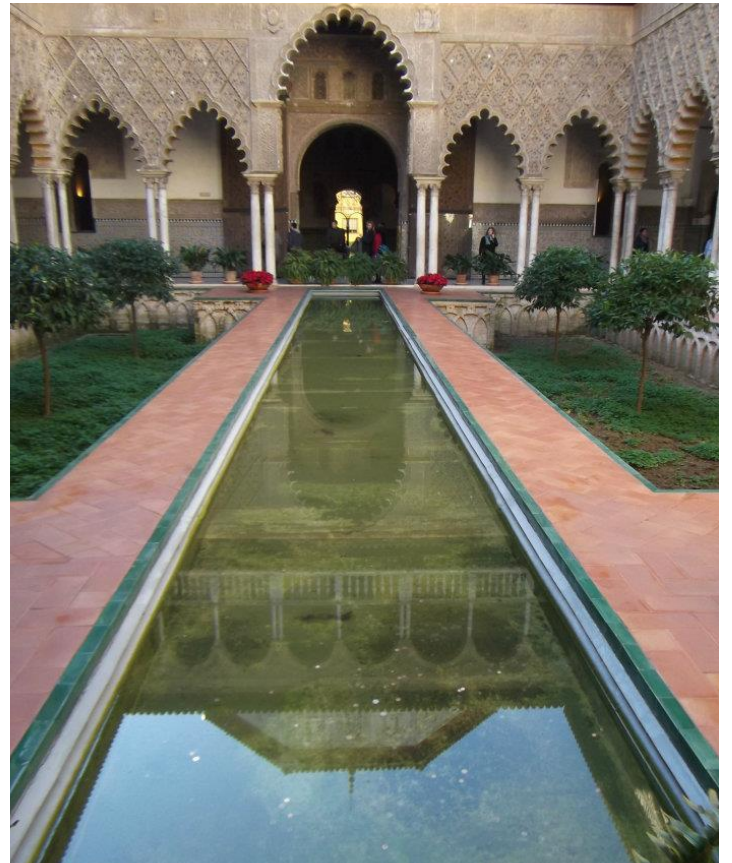
Welcome to the 2021 MENA Business and Environmental Leadership Forum.

This landmark event brings together regional and world leading experts on business' role in sustainable development to present cases, best-practices, and opportunities for advancing green recovery in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

Join us to learn about the latest environmental action frameworks for businesses, water stewardship best-practices, and opportunities for harnessing environmental leadership and mobilising green investments towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Experts and practitioners from development cooperation, civil society organisations, business, government, and academia are welcome to register for free.

To register, please click [here](#).



Main highlights

Day 1 Online event

Tuesday, 22 June 2021

Linkages between environmental safeguarding, water stewardship, and green recovery

*Review progress on the SDGs in MENA
Introduction to the Alliance for Water Stewardship, the UN Global Compact and key organisations active in the region.*

Cases and lessons learned related to business engagement in environmental safeguarding and green recovery.

Day 2 Online event

Wednesday, 23 June 2021

Best-practices and action frameworks to advance green recovery

Learn about best-practices in environmental risk assessment, corporate reporting frameworks, water stewardship and opportunities for mobilising green investments.

Launch of Working Group on "Private Sector and Environment" of the GIZ MENA Environmental Network.

Day 3 Field Trip

Thursday, 24 June 2021

Field trip for Tunisian participants

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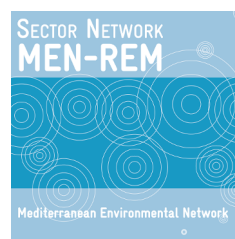


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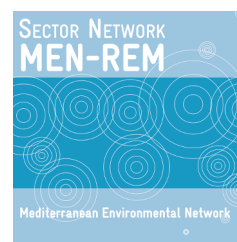
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Agenda of the 2021 MENA Business & Environmental Leadership Forum

Day 1, 22 June 2021 (Online Event)

Time (UTC+1, Tunis)	Topic	Speaker(s)
9.15	Check-in online (MS Teams - a link will be provided to registered participants)	
9.30	Opening remarks and welcome	GIZ MEN REM UNGC Tunisia Network Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS)
	Overview of the agenda	Moderator
SESSION 1	Understanding the MENA context for water stewardship	
10.00	Understanding the MENA context: SDG progress, environmental challenges and opportunities for accelerating sustainable development	Rami Narte, MENA Water Stewardship Expert from Jordan / Sweden
10.45	Short break	
11.00	Introducing the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) and collective action from multiple stakeholder perspectives	Mark Dent, Alliance for Water Stewardship
12.00	Lunch break	
SESSION 2	Cases of engagement: mobilising resources and partnerships towards green recovery	
13:00	Case 1: Tripartite partnerships for local water security and climate resilience: experiences from GWP-Med work with the private sector in the Mediterranean and getting the banking sector into the game in MENA	Anthi Brouma, Deputy Regional Coordinator & Vangelis Constantianos, Regional Coordinator, Global Water Partnership -Mediterranean.
13.30	Case 2: Mobilising stakeholders for green recovery in MENA: the German International Cooperation (GIZ) principles and approaches	GIZ Green Recovery Team (Speaker TBA)
14.00	Short break	
14.15	Case 3: Understanding water risks and opportunities in Africa: 10+ years of lessons learned	Esayas Samuel, Water Witness International
14.45	Case 4: Introducing the UN Global Compact CEO Water Mandate – Regional Water Action Hubs	Peter Schulte, Cora Kammeyer, Lillian Holmes, UNGC CEO Water Mandate
15.15	Key takeaways from day 1– Panel discussion with all speakers from day 1. Closing	



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Day 2, 23 June 2021 (Online Event)

Time (UTC+1, Tunis)	Topic	Speaker(s)
9.30	Welcome back	Organisers
9:45	Introduction to day 2 agenda	Moderator & speakers
SESSION 3		
Thematic discussions		
THEME 1		
Understanding water risk and the MENA case for environmental safeguards		
10.00	Understanding and analysing water risk holistically	Jennifer Möller Gulland (UNDP, World Bank consultant & water risk expert)
10.30	The case for AWS Standard uptake in the MENA region	Mark Dent, Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS)
11.00	Panel Discussion	
11.30	Short break	
THEME 2		
Tool kits for environmental safeguarding		
11.45	Natural Resources Action Framework: pathway to multi-stakeholder partnerships for water security	Esther Thomas, Head of Component, Water Stewardship, Tunisia Water Project, GIZ
12.15	UNGC tools used by MENA corporates in the cement sector	Fathi Ayed, les Ciments Artificiels Tunisiens (CAT). Head of Integrated Management
12.45	Panel Discussion	
13.15	Lunch break	
THEME 3		
Mobilising investments for green recovery in the MENA		
14.15	Green investment for economic development	GIZ Economist (TBA)
14.45	Investing in water security (Session in French)	Mounir Majdoub, Consultant, Advanced Consultancy for Environmental Sustainability (ACES), & Vice President of Institut de responsabilité sociétale des entreprises en Tunisie (IRSET)
15.15	Green investment strategies and bank-firm relationship (Session in French)	Saida Sliti, CSR Coordinator, Union Internationale de Banques (UIB)
15.45	Panel Discussion	
16.15	Energiser	
SESSION 4		
Closing plenary		
17.00	Panel: Key takeaways from the forum: priorities for action	All speakers from day 2
17.20	Launching the new working group of the GIZ MENA Environmental Network	Esther Thomas and Stepanka Kralikova, GIZ (Leads of new GIZ Working Group)
17.30	Closing and information about next steps for PRISE and upcoming AWS and UNGC trainings	

Day 3, 24 June 2021: Field visit for Tunisian participants