

CONFERENCE OF THE WATER DIRECTORS OF THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AND SOUTHEASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

6 & 7 November 2006
Athens, Greece

ANNOTATED AGENDA (v. 30 Oct 2006)

The Conference aims to contribute, inter alia, to the implementation of the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (MED EUWI) and its Joint Process with the Water Framework Directive (WFD) by reviewing recent progress and discussing further strategic steps. It also aims to assess and strengthen their synergies with other on-going processes (i.e. 'Horizon 2020', MEDA-Water Programme, EMWIS, Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development, EU Marine Strategy, GEF Strategic Partnership). Additionally, the Conference seeks to constitute an opportunity for Mediterranean partner countries to be informed, discuss and assess the progress achieved within the main abovementioned on-going political processes in the region, with a view to substantially contribute to an enhanced coordination and complementarity of related activities.

The Conference is organized by the Hellenic Government in cooperation with the European Commission, the 'Euro-Mediterranean Information System on Know-How in the Water Sector' (EMWIS) and the 'Regional Monitoring and Support Unit' (RMSU) of the MEDA-Water Programme of the EC. The Conference will be technically supported by the MED EUWI Secretariat, facilitated by the Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med).

Conference Components

PRE-CONFERENCE: Sunday, 5 November 2006

Welcome Cocktail

Time: 20.30

Venue: Divani Acropolis Hotel, 19-25 Parthenonos, 117-42 Athens Greece
Tel: +30 210 9280100, Fax: +30 210 9214993
website: <http://www.divanis.com/acropolis/default-en.htm>

Comments: Participants will receive information on the exact Room of the Welcome Cocktail at the Front Desks of their Hotels of accommodation (i.e. Divani Acropolis Hotel, Herodion Hotel, Filippou Hotel). Information on how to reach the Divani Acropolis Hotel are also available in the 'Practical Information' document already sent to participants.

DAY 1: Monday, 6 November 2006

Registration of Participants

Time: 9.30-10.00

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens, (room Ionia, ground floor)

Comments: Registration of participants to the Conference will be done by means of confirmation of personal data by pre-registered participants.



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Note

All Conference Sessions (see below) will be *Chaired* by Prof Ioannis Sibetheros, Special Secretary of the Central Water Agency, MoE, Greece and *Co-Chaired* by the European Commission and EMWIS.

The Conference's *Rapporteur* for all Sessions will be Prof. Michael Scoullos, University of Athens, Chairman of GWP-Med.

Welcome Address

Time: 10.00 -10.05

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: Welcome Address will be delivered in Greek with simultaneous translation in English and French languages

Comments: Welcome Address will be delivered by Mr. Stavros Kaloyannis, Vice-Minister of the Hellenic Ministry for the Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works (MoE), representing the host country and organizer of the Conference.

Agenda item 1: Opening Speeches

Time: 10.05 - 10.30

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: Prof. Ioannis Sibetheros, Special Secretary of the Central Water Agency, MoE, Greece, Ms Sylvie Detoc of DG Environment, European Commission and Mr Pascal Berteaud, President of EMWIS Steering Committee and Water Director of the French Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, as representatives of the key organizers of the Conference will welcome participants and present in detail the format, scope and objectives of the Event. A short welcome speech will also be delivered by the representative of the Finnish Presidency of the EU to the Event.

General information on the participation of Water Directors and observers during the Conference will be provided at this Session which will conclude with the adoption of the Preliminary Agenda.

Agenda item 2: The Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative

Time: 10.30-11.45

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: This Session will focus on reviewing recent progress and discussing further strategic of the MED EUWI. In particular, Water Directors will be informed on the progress achieved since 2003 with an emphasis on the 'Country Dialogues' process (initiated in late 2005). Presentations will be delivered by representatives of the Dept of International Relations and EU Affairs of the Hellenic MoE (Ms Maria Peppa and Ms Maria Papaioannou) which is acting as national focal point for the MED EUWI from the lead country Greece, as well as by representatives of GWP-Med acting as the Secretariat of the MED EUWI (Mr Vangelis Constantianos).

Presentations will be followed by an exchange of views between participants. Discussion will be facilitated by the Rapporteur, Prof. Michael Scoullos, Chairman of GWP-Med and Ms Maria Peppa, Head of Dept of International Relations and EU Affairs of the Hellenic MoE. During the discussion, the Euro-Med Conference of Water Directors, serving as institutional support to MED EUWI, will be invited to provide advice and guidance, by means of a *tour de table*, on the next steps to further promote implementation of MED EUWI on country

level, and in particular on:

- i. Ways to advance operations and maximize outputs of the 'Country Dialogues', focusing on priorities and needs of partner countries and assisting coordination with the donor community, including the ENPI;
- ii. Ways to further increase synergies between the MED EUWI and other on-going parallel regional processes (i.e. 'Horizon 2020', Mediterranean Environment Strategy of the EC, Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development etc), in order to consolidate its role as a key 'water component' of these parallel processes;
- iii. Usefulness and perspectives for the possible organisation of a special 'Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Meeting on Water' to address critical water policy issues in the Mediterranean Region nearly a decade after the Turin Conference (1999) as well as to further support the MED EUWI development.

Coffee Break

Time: 11.45-12.00

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Apellis, floor -1)

Agenda item 3: The Joint Mediterranean Process of WFD and MED EUWI

Time: 12.00-13.00

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: This Session will focus on reviewing progress and discussing further strategic steps of the Joint Mediterranean Process (JP), linking the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) with the MED EUWI.

A general presentation on the JP Phase I (2004-2006) and proposals for the organization and focus themes of JP Phase II (2007-2009) will be delivered by Ms Sylvie Detoc. It will be followed by presentations from representatives of the 3 JP Working Groups that were set up during the JP Phase I, i.e. by Mr Spyros Tasoglou, representative of the Hellenic MoE and co-chair of the WG, on 'Groundwater'; by Dr Essam Khalifa, representative of the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt (TBC), on 'Water Scarcity'; and by Mr Michael Cherlet representative of the Joint Research Centre and chair of the WG on 'Linking Rural Development and water management'. The presentations will focus on the objectives and organisation of the WGs, the results of JP Phase I as well as proposed activities to be undertaken under JP Phase II.

Presentations will be followed by an interactive dialogue and exchange of views between participants that will be facilitated by Ms Sylvie Detoc of DG Environment, European Commission and Ms Anastasia Lazarou, Central Water Agency, Hellenic MoE. During dialogue, Water Directors will be invited to provide advice and guidance, by means of a *tour de table*, regarding the JP Phase II (2007-2009), and in particular on the following:

- i. Progress and results achieved from the JP Phase I:

- Contents of the documents developed by the thematic WGs for the Euro-Mediterranean and SE European Countries;
- Issues on which the work of the thematic WGs could have been more focused during Phase I (e.g. substance, dissemination of results, linkages with other existing WGs or Initiatives, more meetings, etc.);
- Water Directors are invited to take note of the documents submitted and to agree on the main conclusions presented.

- ii. Usefulness and role of the JP as a possible platform for discussing and assessing convergence issues regarding the water-related legislative frameworks in partner countries aiming, *inter alia*, to further linking the Process to national concerns.

iii. Orientations for the JP Phase II:

- Guidance on focus issues to be addressed and activities to be developed;
- Interest expression by countries and partners to participate in specific thematic JP WGs;
- Key expected results from JP Phase II;
- Expression of interest for developing a 'Mediterranean Pilot Basin' in specific countries.

Lunch Break

Time: 13.00-14.30

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Ionia, ground floor)

Format: All present participants. Seated buffet lunch.

Agenda item 4: The European Neighbourhood Policy

Time: 14.30-15.30

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: The main presentation during this Session will be on 'The European Neighbourhood Policy of the European Union'. More specifically, participants will be informed of political outline of the ENP and the state of play regarding the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument – ENPI (the replacement for MEDA). Presentation will give, inter alia, an overview of the objectives and action plans of the ENPI, information about the state of play and the environmental aspects of the ENP. Information will also be given on financial support.

Presentation (20 mins) will be delivered by Mr Andrew Murphy, representative of DG Environment, EU Commission, on behalf of DG RELEX, EU Commission.

During the 'Questions & Answers' part of the Session, short interventions by participants and an interactive discussion between them and with EC representatives is anticipated in order to exchange views and receive further clarifications. Among other issues, discussion should focus on how to further prioritize water in the ENP as well as on how to enhance synergies between the ENPI and other parallel regional processes, including the MED EUWI.

Coffee Break

Time: 15.30-15.45

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Apellis, floor -1)

Agenda item 5: The Horizon 2020 Initiative

Time: 16.00-16.45

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: The main presentation during this Session will be on the new Initiative of the Euro-Mediterranean partners for de-polluting the Mediterranean Sea by year 2020, entitled 'Horizon 2020', which aims, inter alia, to address key pollution challenges and which is linked with the orientation of the ENPI Process. More specifically, participants will be informed regarding the objectives of the Initiative, the background of its launching in late 2005, the organizational modules that have been adopted for its further design and promotion, the progress achieved so far and the Draft Roadmap envisaged for its implementation etc. Reference will also be made to the linkages between the 'Horizon 2020' Initiative and the newly presented 'Mediterranean Environment Strategy' of the EC.

Moreover, participants will receive information on the '3rd Euro-Mediterranean Environment Ministers Conference' to be held in Cairo, on November 20th, 2006, the first such

Conference to be held outside the EU borders. In this regard, the Athens WD Conference has the opportunity to link in to the Cairo Ministerial Conference and the opportunity is open for key messages from the meeting to be reflected in the Cairo Ministerial Declaration.

Presentation (20 mins) will be delivered by Mr Andrew Murphy, representative of DG Environment, EU Commission.

During the 'Questions & Answers' part of the Session, short interventions by participants and an interactive discussion between them and with EC representatives is anticipated in order to exchange views and receive further clarifications.

Among other issues, discussion should address how to enhance synergies between the 'Horizon 2020' Initiative and other parallel regional processes, including the MED EUWI and the ENPI. In particular, the issue of 'Urban wastewater treatment' represents a key component of one (i.e. 'Infrastaructure development') of the 3 key pillars for interventions under the 'Horizon 2020' Initiative (along with 'Research' and 'Capacity Building' being the 2nd and 3rd pillars of the Initaitive). In parallel, the issue of 'Urban wastewater treatment' is also addressed under the 'Water Supply and Sanitation' focus theme of the MED EUWI. Assessment of needs, elaboration of financing strategies and identification of priority interventions required in this sector are expected to arise from the 'Country Dialogues' process. In this context, the role of the Euro-Mediterranean Water Directors Forum as a possible interface between more general environmental objectives and targeted water / urban waste water issues could be further explored during the discussion part of this Session.

Furthermore, preliminary views could be given on the perspectives and opportunities for the organisation of a special 'Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Meeting on Water'

Agenda item 6: The Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development

Time: 16.45-17.30

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: The main presentation during this Session will be on the 'Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development - MSSD' adopted by the UNEP/MAP Conference of Parties, in Portoroz Slovenia, October 2005. More specifically, participants will be informed, among other issues, regarding the objectives, content, means of implementation, monitoring process etc of the MSSD as well as on its perspectives and linkages with other parallel processes on the national level (e.g. NSSDs) and regional level (e.g. ENPI, Horizon 2020). Moreover, participants will receive general information on the activities of UNEP/MAP, with emphasis on the NAPs (National Action Plans) and SAP (Strategic Action Programme) and of the 'Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development-MCSD' as well as their proposed future role and perspectives.

Presentation (15 mins) will be delivered by Mr Fouad Abousamra, MED POL Officer and representative of UNEP/MAP. A short supplementary intervention will be made by Gaelle Thivet, Blue Plan, presenting the objectives and preparatory process of the 3rd MCSD Workshop on Sustainable Water Resources Management.

During the 'Questions & Answers' part of the Session, further clarifications and information will be provided. Among the issues to be discussed should be how to further enhance synergies of UNEP/MAP and MSSD work on water with other parallel regional processes, in particular the 'Horizon 2020', the ENPI and the MED EUWI. Obvious linkages, such as the National Action Plans' (NAPs) Process under UNEP/MAP, the related NAPs Process under the ENPI as well as the MED EUWI's 'Country Dialogues' process, should be explored and addressed in more detail. Moreover, tools for implementing the MSSD and monitoring the implementation process, both on the national and regional levels could also be addressed.

Agenda item 7: Summing up of Day 1 Discussions

Time: 17.30-17.45

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: This Session will aim to briefly sum up the main issues raised and orientation provided during the discussions under Agenda Items 2-6 of the first day of the Conference. The wrap up will be done by the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the Conference Chair and Co-Chairs. Key points for the 'Conference Conclusions' (to be adopted at the end of the Conference) will be highlighted. The Water Directors will be requested to provide initial reflection as well as to express any major objections or suggestions.

Official Dinner

Time: 20.30

Venue: Dionysos Zonar's Acropolis, Rovertou Galli 43

Tel: +30 210 3226990, Fax: +30 210 9233182

website: <http://www.dionysoszonars.gr/>

Format: Water Directors, Observers, Organisers

Comments: Participants will receive information on how to reach Dionysos Zonar's Acropolis Restaurant, at the Front Desks of their Hotels of accommodation (i.e. Divani Acropolis Hotel, Herodion Hotel, Filippou Hotel). Information on how to reach Dionysos on foot (estimated 5 mins walk from Hotels) will also be given during the Conference from the Secretariat.

DAY 2: Tuesday, 7 November 2006

Agenda item 8: Presentation of Country Reports on Priority Issues for Meeting the Water-Related MDGs and WSSD Targets

Time: 09.00 – 11.15

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: During this Session, all participating country representatives (i.e. Water Director of Euro-Mediterranean and Southeastern European countries) to the Conference will be invited to deliver a short presentation on the status, challenges, needs, perspective etc. of the water sector in their country. These short presentations will be based on the written 'Country Reports' (not exceeding 10 pages and with a 1 page summary) that all participating countries have been invited to submit in advance of the Conference, to be included in the Conference documentation.

The Country short oral presentations (6 to 10 mins) will provide information and be structured along the following main themes, with an emphasis on themes **iv, v and vi**:

i. Geographic, social and economic context: *the country's geography, climate and key economic and demographic indicators.*

ii. Water resources situation: *indicators on availability of water resources, demands and trends; major threats to the water resources; water related risks; sanitation coverage and trends, main monitoring mechanisms and data collection systems used.*

iii. Institutional context: *the current institutional context for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) and the status of water sector reform (if exists).*

iv. On-going processes and related funding: overview of key policies, programmes and projects under implementation for IWRM and WSS (including, where possible, budget figures and sources, overall timetables for implementation etc); overview of the external aid received (since 2002); data on actual expenditure and investment to the water sector.

v. Actual state, needs and challenges: general assessment of the current situation; key challenges and emerging needs with respect to water resources management and provision of sanitation (urban and rural) at the national level; related budget estimate requirements; assessment of the potential to meet MDGs / WSSD Targets on IWRM Planning and WSS.

vi. Future plans: next steps already planned or envisaged; means to be mobilised; main obstacles (e.g. national capacity? equipment? technical support? financial support?) etc.

After country presentations, the 'Questions & Answers' part of the Session will aim to foster an interactive discussion between country representatives to exchange views and underline key messages emerging from applied policies and approaches. In this context, the findings of sub-regional related processes for monitoring, assessing status of national IWRM planning and benchmarking (e.g. Rabat Seminar process within the MED EUWI) will be reviewed and updated. Finally, highlights will be drawn on particular needs per country and per sub-region to be addressed, through policy or funding means, in order to meet international and national water targets.

Coffee Break

Time: 11.15 – 11.30

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Apellis, floor -1)

Agenda item 9 (i & ii): Euro-Mediterranean Information System on Know-How in the Water Sector-EMWIS and Regional Water Observation Mechanism

Time: 11.30-12.15

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: This session will be introduced (5 mins) by Mr. Pascal Berteaud, President of EMWIS Steering Committee and Water Director, French Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development.

Mr. Eric Mino, Coordinator of the EMWIS Technical Unit will then present the latest developments of EMWIS since the last Conference in Rome, in November 2005, with emphasis on the important practical outcomes of the System to date and future plans (10 mins).

Second presentation to be delivered will regard the first results of the feasibility study related to the setting up of a 'Regional Water Observation Mechanism' within EMWIS. The presentation (15 mins) will be delivered by Paul Haener, International Office of Water. The topic of this second presentation is based on the decision taken at the last Conference of the Euro-Med Water Directors (November 2005, Rome) to "*Study, with interested countries, the objectives and the feasibility of building up within EMWIS a regional water observation mechanism to monitor the indicators towards the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals related to water and sanitation (MDG 7) in the Mediterranean, as well as the implementation of the water related section of the Mediterranean Strategy of Sustainable Development, based on the information provided by the National Water Information Systems, whenever they exist*

. This first phase of the feasibility study carried out between August and October 2006 is based on a desk research, the conclusions of thematic workshops, interviews of a significant sample of the regional and international initiatives, as well as on 4 quick national diagnostic studies.

During this second presentation, participants will receive information on the objectives of launching a 'Mediterranean water data and information partnership', some first results/conclusions from the conduction of the abovementioned Study as well as key

elements pertaining the preparation of the 2nd phase of the activity with the involvement of interested countries. More details about the study are available at <http://www.semide.net/topics/Obs>, while a preliminary synthesis note is included in participants' documentation.

Once Presentations have finished, the 'Questions & Answers' part of the Session will follow with short interventions by participants and an interactive discussion between them and with the EMWIS representatives in order to exchange views and receive further clarifications on the Session's theme. During discussion, Water Directors will be invited to give their opinion on the approach proposed in the synthesis note for the 2nd phase of the study.

Agenda item 10: Euro-Mediterranean Regional Water Programme for Local Water Management (MEDA Water Programme)

Time: 12.15-13.00

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: The main presentation during this Session will be on the 'Euro-Mediterranean Regional Water Programme for Local Water Management – MEDA Water Programme'. More specifically, participants will receive information regarding the Programme's objectives, modalities, content, implementation progress, monitoring process etc as well as brief information about the 10 MEDA Water projects under implementation in the context of the Programme.

Reference will also be made to the related poster exhibition that will take place on 6-7 November, parallel to the Conference (Ionic Centre, room Apellis, floor -1) presenting the 10 MEDA Water projects.

Presentation (15 mins) will be delivered by Mr. Gert Soer, Team Leader of the MEDA Water RMSU (IME/OIEau/SYKE Consortium).

During the 'Questions & Answers' part of the Session, further clarifications and information on the Session's theme will be provided. Particular emphasis may be given on the expectations from the MEDA Water implementation and related possible ground level applications.

Moreover, possible steps to follow up after the completion of the MEDA Water Regional Programme, in 2008, should also be an issue for discussion.

Lunch Break

Time: 13.00-14.30

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Ionia, ground floor)

Format: All present participants. Seated buffet lunch.

Agenda item 11: EU Thematic Strategy on the Protection and Conservation of the Marine Environment (EU Marine Strategy)

Time: 14.30-15.00

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: The main presentation during this Session will be on the 'EU Thematic Strategy on the Protection and Conservation of the Marine Environment – EU Marine Strategy', which aims to ensure that all EU marine waters are environmentally healthy by 2021 and which will be a key component of the future Maritime Policy proposed by the EC in 2006. In this respect, participants will receive information on the Strategy's origin and preparation process, its objectives (i.e. pressures on the EU marine environment,

knowledge issues, governance structures), its format (EC Communication, Directive proposal and related Impact Assessment), its scope and coverage, its proposed implementation process and possible related regional strategies including implementation of management plans, monitoring and assessment procedures. Information on the next steps for the Strategy with the possible development, inter alia, of related Regional Conventions will also be provided.

Presentation (15 mins) will be delivered by Mr Jose Rizo-Martin, DG Environment, EU Commission.

During the 'Questions & Answers' part of the Session, further clarifications and information on the Session's theme will be provided. Emphasis may be given on the complementarities and linkages of the Strategy with existing related EU legislation, regional initiatives (including the Mediterranean Joint Process) and processes (e.g. Barcelona Convention and related Protocols) as well as the envisaged procedure for its implementation to avoid overlaps and to maximize opportunities for cooperation between north and south Mediterranean countries and benefits for partner countries.

Agenda item 12: GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean

Time: 15.00-15.30

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: The main presentation during this Session will be on the 'GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean'. Participants will receive information on the Programme's objectives, water-related component (eg. IWRM, Groundwaters, ICZM) partners, synergies with other parallel donors' processes, budget and timetables, implementation process, related modalities, expected results and achievements so far.

Presentation (15 mins) will be delivered by Prof. Alex Lascaratos, GEF PDF-B Project Manager, UNEP/MAP.

During the 'Questions & Answers' part of the Session, further clarifications and information on the Session's theme will be provided. Enhancement of synergies and linkages between the 'GEF Strategic Partnership' and other parallel regional processes, in particular the MED EUWI, the ENPI etc. may be among the issues for further discussion

Agenda item 13: Presentation of Draft Conclusions of the Conference

Time: 15.30-15.45

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: Participants will be handed a draft version of the Conference's key Conclusions (draft will be available in both English and French versions). Draft Conclusions will also be presented (orally while simultaneously screened on overhead projector) in plenary, by the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the Conference Chair and Co-Chairs.

Coffee Break

Time: 15.45 – 16.00

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Apellis, floor -1)

Comments: Water Directors will have the opportunity to informally discuss the Draft Conclusions handed out, review them and submit preliminary comments (preferably in writing on the draft text) to the Secretariat.

Agenda item 14: Presentation of follow-up Meetings and important upcoming Events, including preparations for the 5th World Water Forum, Istanbul 2009

Time: 16.00-16.15

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: During this Session, the floor will be open to participants for brief interventions presenting future upcoming related events on various levels (e.g. International, regional, EU, sub-regional, national). Special reference will be made to the preparation process of the 5th WWF (Istanbul, March 2009); the representative of Turkey will thus be invited to take the floor in order to give a brief overview of the envisaged structure, themes, involvement of stakeholders and process to be followed during the preparatory process of the WWF5.

Agenda item 15: Discussion on the Draft Conclusions

Time: 16.15-17.00

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: This Session will be facilitated by the Conference Rapporteur. Water Directors will be invited to express their comments and suggestions on the draft text of the Conference's Conclusions that will have been handed out under Agenda item 13. Rapporteur, together with Chair and Co-Chair, will facilitate dialogue in order to incorporate comments in the best possible way and present drafting/wording proposals where needed.

Agenda item 16: Adoption of Conclusions

Time: 17.00-17.30

Venue: Ionic Centre, 11, Lysiou str., 105 56 Plaka, Athens (room Aerides, floor 1)

Format: Plenary, observers present

Languages: English, French

Comments: Following discussion on the Draft Conclusions and finalization of the text, the text will be read out for one final time by the Rapporteur, and with the consent of Conference Chair and Co-Chair, it will be adopted by participating Water Directors.

End of Conference

Time: 17.30

Dinner

Time: 20.00

Venue: Psaras Taverna, Plaka,
16 Erechtheos str. & 12 Erotokritou str., Plaka,
Tel: +30 2103218733

Format: Water Directors, Observers, Organisers

Comments: Participants wishing to dine will meet with organizers in front of the Ionic Centre at 19.45, in order to walk to the nearby Psaras Taverna. Thus participants will have around 2.15 hrs free after the end of the Conference and before convening for dinner.