AGENDA

Non-Conventional Water Resources for Water Resilience

National Water Conference

2025

19th February 2025

The Palace Hotel

Triq Il - Kbira, Tas-Sliema SLM 1542, Malta

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09:30	**Registration and Welcome Coffee**
10:00	**Opening Session and introductory speeches**
10:00	Mr Manuel Sapiano, CEO The Energy and Water Agency
10:05	Mr. Karl Cilia, CEO Water Services Corporation
10:10	Prof Valerie Sollars, Pro-Rector for Strategic Planning & Sustainability, University of Malta
10:15	Hon Ing Ryan Callus, Shadow Minister for Energy, Research & Innovation
10:20	Hon. Dr. Miriam Dalli, Minister for the Environment, Energy and Public Cleanliness
10:30	Signing Ceremony of the new phase of the Alter Aqua Project (Presided by Hon Dr. Miriam Dalli, Minister for the Environment, Energy and Public Cleanliness)

Session 1
Keynote Speeches

10:40	**FAO's vision for utilization of Non-Conventional Water Resources for Water Security in the Agricultural Sector** Mr Li Lifeng, Director FAO Land and Water Division
11:00	**The EU Water Resilience Package** Mr Thomas Bajada, MEP Rapporteur on Water Resilience
11:20	**Achieving water security and resilience: Lessons from Arizona, USA** Dr. Sharon Megdal, Director Water Resources Research Centre, The University of Arizona
11:40	**A Water Resilient Europe** Ms Claudia Olazabal, Head of Unit Sustainable Freshwater Management, European Commission

Session 2
Non-Conventional Water Resources: The Policy Context

12:00	**The EU's Regulatory Framework for the application of Non-Conventional Water Resources** Mr Manuel Sapiano, CEO Energy and Water Agency
12:10	**Integrating Non-Conventional Water Resources in water management planning through the application of the WEFE NEXUS context** Mr Vangelis Constantianos, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean
12:30	**Regulating the application of Non-Conventional Water Resources in urban water management planning** Dr. María José Chesa Marro, Ajuntament de Barcelona
12:50	**Introduction to the Afternoon Sessions** **Reclaim, Recharge, Reuse: Broadening the role of Non-Conventional Water Resources in Malta for climate resilience** Dr. Julian Mamo, University of Malta
13:00	**Networking Lunch**

Session 3
Non-Conventional Water Resources: Practical Applications

14:00	**Non-Conventional Water Resources within the Urban Water Cycle** Dr. David L Sedlak, Director, Berkeley Water Centre
14:20	**Sustainable NCWR Use in Mediterranean Agriculture: The Core Role of Research, Capacity Development, and Cooperation** Dr. Roula Kadra, Science Coordinator, CIHEAM Bari
14:40	**Innovative financial instruments for promoting Non-Conventional Water Resources** Ms Dinahlee Delceppo, Professional Finance & Sustainability, Water Services Corporation
15:00	**Valorizing non-conventional water sources to build climate resilience in Greek islands: challenges and experiences from the implementation of the CARDIMED and HYDROUSA projects** Mr Taxiarchis Seintos, National Technical University of Athens
15:20	**The ALTERAQUA Programme in the promotion of Non-Conventional Water Resources** Dr. Nikos Skondras, Global Water Partnership (Mediterranean)

Concluding Session

15:30	**Joint management of Conventional and Non-Conventional Water Resources for Water resilience** Dr. David Kreamer, University of Nevada
15:50	**Panel Discussion** - Mr Vangelis Constantianos, Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean - Mr Li Lifeng, Director, Land and Water, Food and Agriculture Organization - Dr. David L. Sedlak, Director, Berkely Water Centre - Dr. Sharon Megdal, Director, Water Resources Research Center, The University of Arizona - Dr. Roula Khadra, Science Coordinator, CIHEAM Bari
16:45	**Concluding Remarks** Mr Manuel Sapiano, CEO The Energy and Water Agency