

Strengthening
EU-Africa cooperation
in Water RDI:
opportunities and
challenges



SIDE EVENT OF THE 2021 CAIRO WATER WEEK

TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2021
12.00 TO 16.30 CEST - BRUSSELS & CAIRO TIME

virtual and onsite event - duration: 3h + 1h break

OBJECTIVES

The aim of this Water JPI workshop is to explore opportunities for collaboration between Europe and Africa in water RDI. It will mainly targeted at development banks, research funding agencies, international organisations dealing with water management and capacity development as well as research operators. It will be structured around two high-level panel discussions on alignment and social innovation. Results from this workshop will support the Water JPI and other regional programmes in the development of their international cooperation strategy in the near future, the exchange of ideas and practices on alignment, and the identification of collaborative opportunities with partner initiatives

TARGETED AUDIENCE

Research funding agencies, Regional funding agencies, governmental institutions, policy-makers, EU delegation, development banks and international organizations dealing with water management and capacity development, as well as research performing operators.

PROGRAMME

12.00 - Plenary session			
5′	Welcome and opening of the meeting	Véronique Briquet-Laugier (Water JPI) Mohamed El-shinawi (PRIMA) Mahmoud Sakr (ASRT)	
Introduction and keynote speaker			
10′	Exploring opportunities for enabling international networking Examples of Water JPI / PRIMA actions	Véronique Briquet-Laugier (Water JPI)	
15'	Keynote address	Daan du Toit (Deputy Director- General, South African Department of Science and Innovation)	

12.30-13.30 - Panel discussion 1				
1h	Alignment of RDI programmes between Africa and EU Valorization of results	Moderators: Salma Essawi (ASRT) Panel composition: Nienke Buisman (EC International cooperation, DG RTD) Majed Elsadek (Phemac project) Maurice Heral (ANR) Gustavo Perez (Nex-Labs) Amr Radwan (ASRT) Mamohloding Tlhagale (WRC)		
Coffee break 13h30-14h30				
14.30-15.30 - Panel discussion 2				
1h	Social innovation Social debate on competing use of water in the region Capacity development Stakeholders and private sector participation	Moderator: Adrian Healy (Cardiff University) Panel composition: Jean Albergel (IRD) Octavi Quintana (PRIMA) Craig Sheridan (URBWAT) Uta Wehn (AfriAlliance)		
15.30 - Plenary session				
20'	Open to the Floor for Questions & Answers	Moderator: Salma Essawi (ASRT) & Adrian Healy (Cardiff University)		
5′	Wrap-up of the Water JPI side event	Véronique Briquet-Laugier (Water JPI)		
5'	Closing remarks	Mohamed El-shinawi (PRIMA)		

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