Operationalizing IWRM: shaping the high-level segment dedicated to basins and watershed at the 11th World Water Forum

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KEY INFORMATION

Date	1st October 2026
Time	11:30 – 13:00
Room	Itaca
Format	Panel discussion with Q&A session
Language(s)	English

SUMMARY

Building on the outcomes of the INBO World Basin Summit 2026 in Rio de Janeiro and the 2nd Stakeholder Consultation Meeting for the 11th World Water Forum in Jeddah, this session translates prior technical and political commitments on basins and watersheds into a unified roadmap. It channels the Euro-Mediterranean region's perspective into the political process ahead of Riyadh 2027, while contributing to the momentum of the 2026 UN Water Conference.

AGENDA & SPEAKERS

Time	Speaker Name & Title	Organization	Role / Topic
11:30 - 11:35	Prof. Marco Casini, Secretary General	Central Appenine River Basin District Authority (AUBAC), Italy	Introduction speaker
/	Mr. Edouard Boinet, Head of project for international cooperation	International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)	Moderator
11:35 - 11:45	Mr. Alessandro Delpiano, Secretary General	Po River District Basin Authority (ADBPO), Italy	Keynote speaker
11:45 - 12:35	Mr. Ramiro Martinez Costa, General Coordinator	Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (MENBO)	Panelist
	Mr. Sidi Mokhtar El Kanti, Director	Sakia El Hamra and Oued Eddahab Hydraulic Basin Agency, Kingdom of Morocco	Panelist
	Mr. Philippe Gourbesville, President	International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research (IAHR)	Panelist
	Mr. Valerio Crespi, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Panelist

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	Ms. Birgit Vogel, Executive Secretary	International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)	Panelist
	Mr. Alessandro Bratti, Vice president	WAREG	Panelist
12:35 - 12:50	Questions & Answers session		
12:50 - 13:00	Mr. Abdulaziz Ali Alqahtani, Director General of Water Studies and Modeling	Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (MEWA), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Conclusion speaker

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

The Euro-Mediterranean Water Forum convenes this special session against the backdrop of a growing consensus on basin and watershed governance, as reflected in the recent outcomes of the INBO World Basin Summit and the 2nd Stakeholder Consultation Meeting. These milestone events have yielded a rich array of outputs, alongside technical conclusions, political commitments, and stakeholder momentum. However, a significant gap remains between these broad commitments and their effective integration into the high-level political process of the 11th World Water Forum. This special session therefore responds to the challenge by serving as a focused platform to consolidate the dispersed outputs into a coherent political agenda, ensuring that the cooperative frameworks already identified are not lost but rather reinforced and carried forward into the 11th World Water Forum and 2026 UN Water Conference.

OBJECTIVE

Mobilizing organizations of basin-level water management and other relevant stakeholders in order to establish thematic priorities, produce recommendations and a roadmap for future major international water events

TARGET AUDIENCE

Representatives from national and transboundary basin organizations, regional and international financial institutions, governmental and regional administrations in charge of water management…

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The elaboration of target thematic priorities, recommendations and a roadmap for IWRM at basin level.