

## Kick-off Webinar Learning Journey on Innovative Financing for Water Security through an IWRM Approach

**Date and Time:** 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, 4:00 - 5:30 PM CEST

**Registration link:** [4:00 PM CEST Session](#)

### Webinar Agenda

Time	Activity
16:00 – 16:15 PM CEST	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <p>The webinar will be officially opened by Ralph Philip, Chief Operating Officer at the Global Water Partnership.</p> <p>Introduction to the financing challenge through an IWRM lens by Maija Bertule, Senior Technical Advisor, UNEP-DHI</p>
16:15 – 16:55 PM CEST	<p><b>High-level panel discussion with thematic experts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rukan Manaz, Programme Specialist, UNCDF</li> <li>• Alex Money, CEO, Oxford Earth Observation &amp; Research Academic, University of Oxford</li> <li>• Diego Rodriguez, Lead Water Economist, Eastern and Southern Africa, World Bank</li> </ul> <p>Followed by an audience Q&amp;A</p>
16:55 – 17:20 PM CEST	<p><b>Interactive breakout rooms</b></p> <p>Opportunity to share your experience with the experts, ask questions, and interact around the breakout's thematic</p>
17:20 – 17:30 PM CEST	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <p>Introduction to the SDG 6 IWRM Community of Practice by the SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme team</p> <p>The closing remarks will be provided by Joakim Harlin, Chief of Freshwater Ecosystems Unit at UNEP and Chief Manager at UNEP-DHI</p>

## Meet the panellists!



### **Rukan Manaz**

Rukan Manaz is an experienced professional in international cooperation and sustainable finance. As part of the Local Transformative Finance Practice at UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) in New York, she is in charge for the Blue Peace Financing Initiative and other projects in the field of Financing for Water. Prior to joining UNCDF, Rukan worked in different public agencies, including a think tank based in Geneva and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. Her work focused on blended finance approaches and Public Private Partnership's for the Sustainable Development Goals, international Initiatives on climate change, migration as well as water, peace and security. Rukan holds a

Master's and Bachelor's Degree in International Affairs and Governance from the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland) as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.



### **Alex Money**

Alex Money is a programme director at the University of Oxford, where his research interests include finance, water and sustainable development. He is currently a co-investigator at the Centre for Greening Finance and Investment (funded by NERC and Innovate UK); and the Climate Compatible Growth programme (funded by the FCDO). Formerly a portfolio manager at Citigroup, Alex worked for 15 years in finance and industry before joining the faculty at the University of Oxford, where he works part-time. Alex is a Trustee of the Uptime Catalyst Facility, which is pioneering the use of innovative results-based

contracts to support maintained rural water services in Africa. He is also the co-founder and CEO of Oxford Earth Observation, a start-up company that uses satellite imagery to measure and forecast water stress. Alex has master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Oxford, UK.



### **Diego Rodriguez**

Diego J. Rodríguez is currently a Lead Water Economist for Eastern and Southern Africa based in the Bank's office in Pretoria where he is responsible for analytical work on climate change, resilience, and urban water security. Prior to this, he spent five years as a Senior Water Resources Management Specialist based in the Bank's office in Mexico City where he was responsible for the formulation and implementation of lending operations, and the design and implementation of sectoral, policy, and analytical studies. At the global level, he leads an initiative on water in the circular economy and resilience (WICER) and leads the

team responsible for implementing the decision tree framework for incorporating resilience and climate and non-climatic uncertainty into water resource planning and investment project design. Prior to joining the World Bank, he worked at the Inter-American Development Bank and the Danish Hydraulic Institute (DHI). He holds a PhD in Economics (Water), an MA in Applied Economics and a BS in Economics. He has more than 25 years of experience in economic analysis of projects, non-market economic valuation, hydro economic analysis, and in incorporating water in macroeconomic frameworks.