



Africa-EU Innovation Alliance for Water and Climate

INNOVATION BRIDGE EVENT (IBE):

Climate proof IWRM

30th of September 2019

13.30-16.30, Roseaie Room of the Palmeraie Palace (100 people capacity), Marrakech

Background and purpose

The purpose of AfriAlliance Innovation Bridge Events (IBE) is to serve as a matching platform for **universities, science councils and companies** in water and Climate Change with potential **collaborators, funders and investors** to facilitate *commercialisation, awareness and better uptake of their innovations*. The AfriAlliance project will convene five annual IBE events covering the five different regions in Africa during its implementation. These annual events will profile and broker partnerships between various African and European technologies from a wide range of organisations working in the water sector. The event is organized to bring together the **supply** and the **demand** side of water innovation for productive exchanges of knowledge and technology.

The topic of the Innovation Bridge Events follows from the overarching theme of the AfriAlliance project which is to foster social innovation related to climate change and water. Social Innovation in AfriAlliance means tackling societal, water-related challenges arising from Climate Change by combining the technological & non-technological dimensions of innovation.

Social innovation consists of new combinations (or hybrids of existing and new) products, processes and services. In order to succeed, social innovation needs to pay attention to technological dimensions as well as non-technological dimensions: 1) technology, 2) capacity development, 3) governance structures and 4) business road map. As such, these four dimensions of the social innovation process cut across organisational, sectoral and disciplinary boundaries and imply new patterns of stakeholder involvement and learning. The AfriAlliance Innovation Bridge Events are specifically designed to facilitate the dialogue across these boundaries in order to foster social innovation for water and climate.

This 3rd edition of the AfriAlliance IBE will address social innovation and its four dimensions gathering diverse stakeholders across all levels of government and the sectors of climate, water, environment, sustainability and innovation, inter alia. It will be the occasion of policy dialogues, plenary discussions, one-on-one professional meeting opportunities, technology exhibitions and demonstrations. It will focus on innovation that contribute to a climate proof IWRM.

Draft program

Time	Agenda item / intervention	Speaker
13.30 – 13.35	Welcome, introduction (AA context) by the master of ceremony	Prof. Jean-Marie Kileshye , WaterNet on AfriAlliance and its Innovation Bridge Events (IBE)
13.35 – 13.45	Keynote	Ms. Natacha Amorsi , OIEau on the AfriAlliance concept of “Social innovation”
13.45 – 14.00	Innovation pitches : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pr. François Zougmore, Coordinator of the RainCell project, Joseph Ki-Zerbo University, Burkina Faso Mr. Abderrafii Mardi, Director, National Office of Electricity and Drinking Water (ONEE), Morocco Mr. Fethi Lachaal, Water Research and Technologies Centre (CERTe), Tunisia Dr. Tidiane Ouattara, Coordinator of the EU-AU program "Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) - Africa", Spatial sciences expert, African Union Commission Ms. Alice Andral, specialist in space hydrology and involved in the SWOT-downstream program, National Centre for Space Studies of France (CNES) Ms. Awawou Manouore Njoya, Permanent Secretary, African Network of Young People on Wetlands (RAJEZOH) Dr. Redouane Choukr-Allah, Expert en Horticulture environnementale, MADFORWATER Mr. Nicolas Vernier, Director General of BRLi-Côte d'Ivoire 	
14.00 – 14.45	Innovation showcasing, demonstration & matchmaking (one on one)	The workshop participants have 45 minutes to meet the innovators who are of particular interest to them, to ask questions and discuss on their respective innovations.
14.45 – 15.15	Coffee & networking break	
15.15 – 15.30	Plenary session synthesizing and discussing the innovations presented	Facilitator: Ms. Hela Karoui , International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering (2IE), Burkina Faso
15.30 – 16.25	Panel discussion (incl. Questions & Answers with the audience):	Moderator: Mr. Edouard Boinet , INBO Panelists: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Abdoulaye Ndiaye, Head of project, ANBO, Mr. Francis Daniel Bougaire, Manager of the Water Coordination and Partnerships Division, African Development Bank (AfDB) Prof. Seifeldin Hamad Abdalla, Executive Secretary, Nile Basin Initiative (NBI),
16.25-16.30	Wrap up & conclusion	Prof. Jean-Marie Kileshye , WaterNet



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