

# Roundtable on Financing Water

## The Roundtable on Financing Water High Level Session

8<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, Brasilia

Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30  
Room 34

9:00-9:05	<b>Opening remarks</b> Mr. Benedito Braga, President, World Water Council
9:05-9:50	<b>Recommendations of the High Level Panel on Water: Priorities for Action to Scale up Water Investment</b> A historic scaling up of water investment will be required to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. This panel will present and discuss the recommendations on valuing and financing water from the High Level Panel on Water. Panellists will provide their views on the priorities for action to scale up water investment that contributes to sustainable growth and highlight promising avenues to implement these recommendations.  Mr. János Áder, President of Hungary, member of the High Level Panel on Water Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, Kingdom of The Netherlands Ms. Sasha Koo-Oshima, Senior International Water Advisor, Environmental Protection Agency, United States of America  Moderator: Dr. Xavier Leflaive, OECD
9:50-10:10	<b>Catalysing Action Across the Finance Community</b> Scaling up water investment, and ensuring financing flows to those investments that deliver the greatest benefits for society, the economy, and the environment, will require a step change in current financing approaches and engagement with a broader range of financiers. This panel will discuss priority actions that can catalyse water investment for sustainable growth. It will also discuss how water investments can be designed with an attractive risk-return profile that can mobilise additional finance, including through blended finance.  Mr. Guangzhe Chen, Senior Director, Global Water Practice, The World Bank Group Mr. José Carrera, Corporate Vice President of Social Development, CAF Ms. Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General, DG Environment, European Commission  Moderator: Dr. Xavier Leflaive, OECD
10:10-10:25	<b>Q&amp;A with session participants</b>
10:25-10:30	<b>Closing remarks: from Brasilia to Dakar</b> Mr. Macky Sall, President of Sénégal (TBC)