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## INVITATION

The **Mediterranean Water Institute (IME)** wishes you the very best for a happy new year 2021 and has the pleasure to invite you to participate in its next conference-debate on:

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12nd, 2021 at 14:00 AM CET**

### **Implementing the human right to water** *A practical case: Tunisia*



In 2010, the United Nations General Assembly and the Human Rights Council recognized the **access to drinking water as a human right**. Subsequently, a specific goal on water and sanitation has been included amongst the Sustainable Development Goals adopted in September 2015. These two major events require public authorities and water operators, whether public or private, to take into account in their strategies, action plans and operating methods a certain number of obligations to comply with the substantive and procedural contents of the right to water.

However, there is still today a certain misunderstanding from a section of the public, but also from some decision-makers and water professionals with regard to the exact meaning of this right and the extent of the obligations which result from it. This is why we have deemed it useful to try to explain through a reminder of the definition of the right to water, its content from the angle of international law instruments and the presentation of a practical case, what would be the obligations and measures to be taken to guarantee the full realization of the right to water at the national level.

This conference-debate will be introduced by **M. Moez Allaoui, Director at the Tunisian Drinking Water Utility (SONEDE), international expert on water governance included in the Global Water Solidarity/UNDP and Global Wastewater Initiative/UNEP rosters.**

Holding a Master degree in Legistic as well as an LLM in International Economic and Development Law from the University Descartes Paris 5 (France), M. Allaoui has more than 25 years of experience in the sector at both national and international levels.

After working from 2014 to 2016 as a Senior Legal Advisor at WaterLex in Geneva, he also worked as a consultant for some international organizations such as the Regional Environmental Center (REC) and the U.E. Since 2015, he is also a visiting lecturer at the University of Geneva, ensuring a course on the right to water within a Certificate of Advanced Studies on water governance: Frameworks and negotiations.

He contributed as a co-author or a reviewer to various books, studies and articles on the human right to water and about water governance such as an annotated selection of international and regional law and mechanisms on the right to water, a good practice handbook on water demand management or a compilation of good practices for regulating wastewater treatment.

Moreover, M. Moez Allaoui actively contributed to the **recognition of the right to water in the Tunisian constitution approved in 2014** through advocacy and lobbying among the different parliamentary groups.

**[Registration is free of charge but compulsory !](#)**

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