



*Challenges and Opportunities of Sustainable Socio-Economic Development and Financing for West African Integrated River Basin Development Organizations*

**Virtual Think Tank Roundtable with**



**Thursday, September 29, 2022**

**14:15-17:30 (Dakar/GMT), 16:15-19:30 (Geneva/CEST), 10:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Knoxville/EST)**

**Draft Agenda** (v. 10/09/22)

14.15-14.30 **Welcome** by the River Basin Development Organisations (TVA, OMVG, OMVS) and their partners (SDC/Switzerland, Geneva Water Hub, Pôle Eau Dakar (Dakar Water Hub))

**Presentations and Discussions in Roundtable Format with TVA Panel Members**

14.30-15.30 **Economic Development** with Heidi Smith – Director, Global Business and Harry Schmidt – Manager, Field Operations

TVA Rural and Community Development Programs (Rural Leadership Institute, Rural Certified Communities, Valley Workforce Institute, Young Talent Initiative, Community Livability and Valley Sustainable Communities)

TVA Economic and Financial Incentives for Enterprise Development and Job Creation (Performance Grants, InvestPrep, Workforce+, Loan Funds and Investment Credits)

15.30-15.40 *Break*

15.40-16.30 **River Management** with James Everett – Senior Manager, River Forecast Center

River Management and Integrated Water Resource Planning: flood control, navigation and land management, environmental stewardship, resilience to climate change...

16.30-17.20 **Financial Services** with Joshua Carlon – Director, Corporate Finance

TVA Investor Relations and Investment Opportunities (TVA Long-Term Bonds and Short-Term Notes), TVA Sustainable Financing Framework (Green Bonds), ESG...

17.20-17.30 **Conclusions and Next Steps** by Pôle Eau Dakar (Dakar Water Hub) & Geneva Water Hub

The virtual exchange will take place by invitation by Zoom with simultaneous translation in French and English. Depending on mutual interest and available resources, this initial exchange could be followed by more focused meetings between the TVA Panel and the working groups at OMVG and OMVS. Resources permitting, a physical exchange could also be planned for the first half of 2023.

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