

## DIA MUNDIAL DA ÁGUA | World Water Day

22 de Março 2024

### Solving the Water Access Crisis

Sala de Atos, 14h00 | Instituto Superior de Agronomia

To commemorate **World Water Day**, ISA is proud to host a seminar session titled "**Solving the Water Access Crisis**" with a special emphasis on the critical challenges and opportunities within the water sector of developing nations. As we delve into the intricate interconnections between water, food and energy systems, this session aims to highlight innovative strategies and sustainable practices that align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a particular focus on achieving SDG 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation for all. The discussion will highlight the complexities of ensuring water security, how to enhance agricultural productivity, the importance of promoting energy efficiency in the face of escalating climate change impacts, and navigating governance challenges - all while striving towards equitable water access.

Bringing together a diverse panel of esteemed experts, including regulators, specialists, economists, engineers, and social scientists, this session promises a multifaceted exploration of financing mechanisms in the water sector amidst the challenges posed by climate change. The panelists will share insights on leveraging innovative financing models, developing resilient infrastructure and enhancing policy frameworks to support the water sector's sustainable development in vulnerable communities. By convening pioneers from various disciplines, this dynamic dialogue will illuminate pathways for effective collaboration, capacity building and strategic investments in the water sector, to help pave the way for a sustainable and water-secure future.

#### 14h00 -14.30 | Registration

14.30 | **Welcome** – Antonio Guerreiro de Brito (*Dean Instituto Superior de Agronomia*)

14.40 – 15h00 | **New Models of Financing Water Services** – Jaime Melo Baptista (*LIS-Water*)

#### 15h00 – 16h00 | Solving the Water Access Crisis

**Moderator:**

João Grilo (*Managing Partner – Five Ducks*)

**Panelists:**

Claudio Pedretti (*Founder & President - Club of Florence*)

Catarina Fonseca (*Founder & CEO – Pulsing Tide*)

Filipe Morais Vasconcelos (*Founder & Managing Partner – S317 Consulting*)

Ryan Phillips-Page (*Founder & CEO – Operation Water*)

Laura Korčulanin (*Founder – Give a Shit, Senior Researcher – IADE*)

Maria Aldous (*Partner – Options Group*)

#### 16h00 – 16.30 | Questions & Answers

16.30 | **Closing Remarks** – Yogesh Mago (*Founder & President – Operation Water*)

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