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## WATER ACTION DAY

10 November 2017

### **Overall narrative**

Following the success of the first Water Action Day at COP22, this year's Water Day events are designed to build on our achievements in mainstreaming water into the global climate action agenda, enabling climate and water actors and their allies to learn from one another and engage as full partners in achieving a sustainable and resilient climate future for all people. While much progress has been made, more work is needed to elevate and strengthen water's status within UNFCCC programs and mechanisms.

Given water's role as an essential connector between sectors, this year's program has been developed with our allies in other focal areas including Agriculture, Energy, Cities, Industry, Oceans, Biodiversity and Gender, and is focused on exploring the critical linkages between water and the global climate adaptation, mitigation and finance agendas. Through high-level panel discussions and breakout sessions designed to connect participants from multiple sectors, these events will highlight the innovative work being done by our partners on the ground and facilitate opportunities for increased collaboration moving forward.



## Events

<b>Time: 10h00-12h00</b> <b>Room 2</b>	<b>Opening Plenary</b>
<b>Short description</b> A scene setter with high level speakers, noting the challenges & solutions that water policy & science offers to address climate change. There will be statements on joint progress since COP22 and insights on how to move forward implementing the SDG agenda and the Paris Agreement.	
<b>Moderator: Maggie White, SIWI - AGWA</b>	
<b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Inia Seruiratu, Minister for Agriculture, Rural &amp; Maritime Development, and National Disaster Management, Fiji Climate Champion (tbc)</li><li>– H.E Charafat Afailal, State Secretary of Water, Kingdom of Morocco</li><li>– Mr. Nicolas Hulot, Minister of Ecological and Inclusive Transition, France (tbc)</li><li>– Jerry Brown, Governor of California (tbc)</li><li>– State secretary of BMZ-Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (tbc)</li> <li>– Eva Svedling, State Secretary to the Minister for International Development, Cooperation and Climate</li><li>– Jean Francois Donzier, INBO for GafWaC</li><li>– Mr. Roberto Ramirez de la Parra, INBO World President (Director General, Mexican Water Agency -CONAGUA), for Basin Pact</li><li>– Jason Morrison, CEO Water Mandate and Mr. Bertrand Camus Deputy Director General of SUEZ Water Europe, for BAFWAC</li><li>– Representative of AfDB (Water for Africa initiative)</li><li>– Safaa Bahije, Ministry of Water of Morocco</li><li>– Mr. Jean Didier Berthault, Representing Greater Paris authorities, Vice President SIAAP for the Megacity alliance</li><li>– Mohamed Al Ramahi, Global Clean Water Desalination Alliance</li><li>– Mr. Gian Luca Galletti, Environment Minister, Italy</li><li>– Mr. Sergiusz Ludwiczak, Deputy Director of Environment Division, UNECE</li><li>– Loïc Fauchon, Honorary President, World Water Council</li><li>– Mariet Verhoef-Cohen, President of Women for Water Partnership, Vice Chair for Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture in a Changing Climate</li><li>– Hannane Sellali, International Secretariat for Water, Youth and Water and Climate Initiative &amp; Asma Bachik, President of the World Youth Parliament for Water</li><li>– Sophie Auconie, Cercle Français de l'eau (tbc)</li></ul>	
+ time for the first signature of the Nature Based Solutions declaration....	
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## 12h00-13h00 Lunch

<b>Time: 13h15-14.45</b> <b>Room 1</b>	<b>High-level panel on water and climate finance</b>
<p><b>Short description</b></p> <p>Most administrations include the water sector in their climate action plans (NAPs, NDCs). This high-level roundtable discussion, featuring 50 participants, focuses on the current state of climate incubation and funding for these projects, bottlenecks, solutions, and new funding. It also shares successful tools to unleash climate finance for water.</p> <p>Session organised by water content group : SIWI, AGWA, INBO, OECD, WWC, UNECE, Gouvernement of Netherlands, Republic of Italy</p> <p><b>Moderator: Torgny Holmgren, Executive Director, Stockholm International Water Institute and Mr. Eric Tardieu, Technical Secretary, INBO</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Mayor Lionel Johnson of St. Gabriel, Louisiana, Co-Chair of the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI)</li><li>– Mr. Hamed Diane Semega, High Commissioner, Organization for the Development of the Senegal River Vasin (OMVS)</li><li>– Ms. Judith Enaw, Secretary General, International Commission of the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha (CICOS)</li><li>– Mr. WANG Wenshen, Commissioner, Hai River Commission, China</li><li>– Ms. Tracy Molefi, Co-Chair of the Okavango River Basin Water Commission (OKACOM)</li><li>– Mr. Henk Ovink, Ambassador and Special Envoy for Climate for the Netherlands, Sherpa of High Level Panel on Water and Representative of OECD-WWC-Netherlands Roundtable on Financing</li><li>– Mr. Rémi Rioux, General Director of AFD</li><li>– John Matthews, AGWA</li><li>– Danielle Gaillard Picher, Director of Policy and Programs, World Water Council</li><li>– Dr. Oyun Sanjaasuren, Chair of GWP</li><li>– Stephanie Lyons, WaterAid</li><li>– Sean Furry, CBI</li><li>– Nathaniel Matthews, Program Director, Global Resilience Partnership (GRP)</li><li>– Ms. Cate Lamb, Head of Water, CDP</li><li>– Mr. Fernando Reyna Guzman, Deputy Head of National Investments, National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities of Mexico – ANEAS</li><li>– Miguel Garcia-Herraiz, Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)</li></ul>	



Representatives of ministries, among the following:

- Mr. Carlos de la Torre, Minister of Finance, Ecuador-tbc
- Ms. Nicole Wilke , Head of Division, International Climate Policy, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Germany
- Franz Marré, Head of Division, Water, Urban Development and Mobility, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- M. Abdeslam ZIYAD, Directeur de la Recherche et de la Planification de l'Eau, Morocco
- M. Eng. Wael Elayyan, Director of Finance and Donor Relations, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan

Representatives of financial institutions, donors, bi or multi-lateral banks:

- Mr. Rémy Rioux, Director General, French Development Agency (AFD)
- Mr. François-Xavier Duporge, Secretary General, French Global Environment Facility (FFEM)
- Mr. Alastair Morrison, Senior Water Sector Specialist, GCF
- James Dominic Edward Close, Director, Climate Change Group, World Bank
- Mr. Akinwumi Adesina, President, AfDB
- Xianfu Lu, Climate Change Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Monica Scatasta, EIB
- Representative, IADB (tbc)
- Representative, KfW (tbc)

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**Time: 15h00 – 16.30**  
**Room 10**

**Breakout Session 1: Water knowledge to respond to climate uncertainty**

### Short description

This session features a diverse group of panelists sharing experiences & best practices for how to develop decision support systems, modeling tools, efficient monitoring networks, databases and Water Information Systems (WIS) to support & expand the integration of water science & policy knowledge.

Session organised by : INBO, AGWA, FWP, OECD, UNECE, UNESCO, WMO.

**Moderator: Mr. Jean-François Donzier, Secretary, GAfWaC and Ms. Ulrike Pokorski, GIZ**

### Speakers:

- Ms. Blanca JIMENEZ-CISNEROS, Director of the Water Sciences Division and Secretary of the IHP, UNESCO
- Johannes Cullmann, lead on Climate and Water Department, WMO
- Ms. Laila Misane, Agence du bassin hydraulique du Sebou - Maroc
- Jean-Paul Moatti, CEO, Research Institute for Development



- John Matthews, AGWA
- Betsy Otto, WRI
- Stéphane AVER, CEO AAQIUS
- Sonja Koeppel, UNECE
- Gerald Miles, Vice President for Global Development, Rare
- Arnauld Adjagodo, Programme Manager, National Water Partnership, Benin
- Tony Slatyer, Special Advisor on Water, Australian Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade, HLP on Water
- Mr. Fadi Comair, Ministry of Water and Energy, Lebanon
- Mr. Lamine Ndiaye, Director for environment, Organization for the Development of the Senegal river basin (OMVS)
- Mr. Georges GULEMVUGA, Water Resources Director, International Commission for Congo-Ubangui-Sangha
- Mr. Eric Soubeiran, Global Nature & Director at Danone
- Mr. Victor Alcocer Yamanaka, CONAGUA
- Mr. Jason Morrison, UN CEO Water Mandate
- Dr. Toupta Boguena, Executive Secretary of the Niger Basin Authority
- Mr. Ostap Semarak, Minister of Natural resources of Ukraine
- Ms. Martine Rohn-Brossard, President, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR)
- Director of National Meteorological Service of Morocco (tbc)
- Dr. Julien Harou, University of Manchester
- Ms. Hina Lotia, LEAD Pakistan
- Representative from The Nature Conservancy (tbc)
- Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio, ACT (tbc)

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**Time: 15h00-  
16.30  
Room 2**

**Breakout Session 2: Water for urban resilience**

**Short description**

This interactive session will feature panelists from multiple sectors discussing new ways to mobilize urban and coastal communities, government officials, and the private sector around building resilient, climate and water smart cities, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable populations.

Session organised by water content group : SIWI, AGWA, FWP , OECD, UNESCO-IHP, Alliance of Megacities for Water and Climate Change, Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), ICLEI, SIAAP, Government of The Netherlands

**Moderator:** Ms. Aziza Akhmouch, Acting Head of Division, Cities, Urban, Policies, Sustainable Development, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD

**Speakers:**

- H.E. Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, Governor of Lagos State, Nigeria
- Ms. Katarina Luhr, Vice Mayor of Environment, City of Stockholm
- Mr. Jean Didier Berthault, Representing Greater Paris authorities, Vice President SIAAP for the Megacity alliance
- Mr. Roberto Olivares, President, RELOC, President Basin Committee Valley of Mexico or Mr. Roberto Ramirez de la Parra, Director General, Mexican Water Agency (CONAGUA), INBO World President, or Fernando Canez Gomez, Water Basin Agency of Valley of Mexico, CONAGUA
- Mr. Willi Kamm, Mayor of the City of Tuttlingen, Germany
- Mr. Carlos de Freitas, Global City Fund -tbc
- Mr. Bertrand Camus, Deputy Director General of SUEZ Water Europe, Director General of SUEZ Water France
- Ms. Cathy Oke, Councillor Melbourne city, Australia
- Ms. Kobie Brand, Regional Director, ICLEI Africa
- Franz Marré, Head of Division Water, Urban Development, Mobility, BMZ
- Stefan Reuter, Executive Director, BORDA, Germany
- Mark Fletcher, Director of Global Water, ARUP
- Ms. Patricia Blanc, Director General, Seine-Normandy Water Agency
- David Stevens, Senior Programme Officer, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)
- Mr. Cees van de Guchte, Deltares, Netherlands
- Ms. Cate Lamb, Head of Water Security, CDP, England
- Mohamed Al Ramahi, CEO of Masdar, Global Clean Water Desalination Alliance -tbc
- Mr. Paulo Salles, President, ADASA -tbc

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**Time: 15h00-  
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Room 7**

**Breakout Session 3: Water for sustainable agriculture and food security**

**Short description**

A showcase of exemplary projects delivering clear results to improve water & food security in a changing climate. It covers topics including climate-specific modernization of large irrigation schemes, conjunctive use of surface & groundwater, and improved land and soil management strategies.

Session organised by water content group : FAO, SIWI, IUCN, FWP, BAFWAC

**Moderator: James Dalton, Coordinator, Global Water Initiatives, IUCN**

**Speakers:**

- Mayor Frank Klipsch of Davenport, Indiana, Co-Chair of the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI)
- Mr. Lupercio Ziroldo Antonio, Permanent technical secretary, Latin American Network of Basin Organizations (LANBO)



- Tatiana Fedotova, CEO, WBCSD
- Clemens Neumann, Director General, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Germany
- Olcay Unver, Deputy Director of Land and Water Division, FAO
- Guillaume Benoit, CGAAER, French Ministry of Agriculture
- Ms. Peggy Pascal, Action Against Hunger (ACF)
- Director General of Morocco's National Agronomic Research Institute
- Representative of Nestlé, tbc
- Richard Damania, Global Lead Economist, Water Group, World Bank
- Tobias Salathe, Ramsar Convention
- Jane Madgwick, Wetlands International, tbc
- Ms. Nthopayizi Rebecca Mphande, young farmer, Zambia (nominated by FAO)
- Representative of AAA alliance – Adaptation Agriculture Africa – Morocco

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**Time: 17h30 –  
18.15  
Room 2**

**Closing Plenary**

**Short description**

The closing plenary presents the key messages delivered throughout the Water Action Day. Parties to UNFCCC will be invited to reflect on the outcomes of the sessions and suggest ways of moving forward and enhancing collaboration within the UNFCCC process, its programs, and on the ground.

Session organised by water content group : SIWI, AGWA, INBO, IUCN, WWC, FWP

**Moderator: Loïc Fauchon, World Water Council**

**Speakers:**

- Marcel Beukeboom, Climate Ambassador to the Netherlands (tbc)
- Eduardo Mansur, Director, Land and Water Division, FAO
- Jean Launay, President, FWP
- Torgny Holmgren, Executive Director SIWI
- Roberto Ramirez de la Parra, Director General, Mexican Water Agency (CONAGUA), INBO World President
- Mr. Abdoulaye Sene, Organizing committee member WWF2021, Senegal

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