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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

Time: 10h00-12h00 Room 2	Opening Plenary
<p>Short description</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator: Maggie White, SIWI - AGWA</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Saïd Mouline, CEO, National Agency for the Development of Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency (ADEREE)– H.E Charafat Afailal, State Secretary of Water, Kingdom of Morocco– Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven Director-General of the Department for Global issues – sector policies and programmes of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)– Eva Svedling, State Secretary to the Minister for International Development, Cooperation and Climate, Sweden– Virginie Dumoulin, Director General, European and International Affairs, Ministry of Ecological and Inclusive Transition, France (or in closing-tbc) – Walter Mazzitti, Special adviser of the Minister of the Environment, Land and Sea of Italy, President of the International Summit of Rome on Water and Climate– Jean Francois Donzier, INBO for GAfWaC– Roberto Ramirez de la Parra, INBO World President (Director General, Mexican Water Agency -CONAGUA), for Basin Pact– Jason Morrison, CEO Water Mandate and Mr. Bertrand Camus Deputy Director General of SUEZ Water Europe, for BAFWAC– Abdeslam Ziyad, Water Director for research and plannification, state secretary to the minister of equipment, transport, logistic and water, Morocco– Safaa Bahije, Ministry of Water of Morocco– Jean Didier Berthault, Representing Greater Paris authorities, Vice President SIAAP for the Megacity alliance– Fatima Al Suwaidi, Secretary, Global Clean Water Desalination Alliance– Sonja Koeppel, Deputy Director of Environment Division, UNECE– Loïc Fauchon, Honorary President, World Water Council– Mariet Verhoef-Cohen, President of Women for Water Partnership, Vice Chair for Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture in a Changing Climate– Hannane Sellali, International Secretariat for Water, Youth and Water and Climate Initiative & Serge Djohy, African Representative for the World Youth Parliament for Water– Sophie Auconie, Cercle Français de l'eau	



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12h00-13h00 Lunch

Time: 13h15-14.45
Room 1

High –level panel on water and climate finance

Short description

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.

Session organised by water content group : SIWI, AGWA, INBO, OECD, WWC, UNECE, Gouvernement of Netherlands, Republic of Italy

Moderator: Torgny Holmgren, Executive Director, Stockholm International Water Institute and Mr. Eric Tardieu, Technical Secretary, INBO

Participants:

- Mayor Lionel Johnson of St. Gabriel, Louisiana, Co-Chair of the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI)
- Mr. Demba Ndao, Director General, Company of management and operation of the Diama dam (SOGED)
- Ms. Judith Enaw, Secretary General, International Commission of the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha (CICOS)
- 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
- John Matthews, Coordinator, AGWA
- Danielle Gaillard Picher, Director of Policy and Programs, World Water Council
- Dr. Oyun Sanjaasuren, Chair of GWP
- Stephanie Lyons, WaterAid
- Nathaniel Matthews, Program Director, Global Resilience Partnership (GRP)
- Miguel Garcia-Herraiz, Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
- Mr. Carlos de Freitas, Global City Fund
- Mr. Djamel Latrech, Head of Project, Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)
- Giancarlo Gusmaroli, Board Member and Secretary of the European Centre for River Restoration (ECRR)
- Lily Dai, Senior Research Analyst, Climate Bonds Institute (CBI)



Representatives of ministries:

- Dr. Steffi Richter, Party Expert Advisor, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), Division KI II 6, International Climate Policy
- 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. Alastair Morrison, Senior Water Sector Specialist, GCF
- James Dominic Edward Close, Director, Climate Change Group, World Bank
- Mr. Oswald Mulenga Chanda, Manager, Water and Sanitation Department, AfDB
- Xianfu Lu, Climate Change Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Monica Scatasta, Head of Environment, Climate and Social Policy, European Investment Bank (EIB)
- Klaus Gihl, Head of Division, Sector Policy Unit, Urban Development and Natural Resources, KfW

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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.

Moderators: Mr. Jean-François Donzier, Secretary, GAfWaC and Ms. Ulrike Pokorski da Cunha, Head of Sustainable Water Policy Programme and Programme Director of Sanitation for Millions, GIZ, Germany

Speakers:

- Ms. Blanca JIMENEZ-CISNEROS, Director of the Water Sciences Division and Secretary of the IHP, UNESCO
- Mr. Johannes Cullmann, Director, Climate and Water Department, WMO
- Mr. Willem Schreurs, Secretary General, International Meuse Commission



- Ms. Laila Misane, Hydraulic Basin Agency of the Sébou, Morocco
- Dr. John Matthews, coordinator AGWA
- Ms. Betsy Otto, Director, Global Water Department, WRI
- Ms. Sonja Koepfel, UNECE
- Mr. Gerald Miles, Vice President for Global Development, Rare
- Mr. Arnaud Adjagodo, Programme Manager, National Water Partnership, Benin
- H.E. Patrick Suckling, Ambassador for the Environment, Australia
- 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. Victor Alcocer Yamanaka, CONAGUA
- Mr. Jason Morrison, UN CEO Water Mandate
- Dr. Toupta Boguena, Executive Secretary of the Niger Basin Authority
- Ms. Martine Rohn-Brossard, President, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR)
- Dr. Julien Harou, University of Manchester
- Ms. Hina Lotia, LEAD Pakistan

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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 and Sustainable Development, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Local Development and Tourism, OECD

Speakers:

- Ms. Katarina Luhr, Vice Mayor of Environment, City of Stockholm
- Mr. David Stevens, Senior Programme Officer, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)



- Ms. Cathy Oke, Councilor, Melbourne city, Australia
- Mr. Jean Didier Berthault, Representing Greater Paris authorities, Vice President SIAAP for the Megacity alliance
- Ms. Kobie Brand, Regional Director, ICLEI Africa
- Mr. Willi Kamm, Mayor of the City of Tuttlingen, Germany
- Mr. Franz Marré, Head of Division Water, Urban Development, Mobility, BMZ
- Mr. Mark Fletcher, Director of Global Water, ARUP
- Ms. Cate Lamb, Head of Water Security, CDP, England
- Mr. Bertrand Camus, Deputy Director General of SUEZ Water Europe, Director General of SUEZ Water France
- Mr. Stefan Reuter, Executive Director, BORDA, Germany
- Ms. Patricia Blanc, General Director, Seine Normandie Water Basin Agency, France
- Mr. Cees van de Guchte, Deltares, Netherlands
- Ms. Fatima Al Suwaidi, Secretary, Global Clean Water Desalination Alliance
- Mr. Paulo Sergio B. de Almeida Salles, President, ADASA, Brazil
- Mme. Fatimetou Abdel Malick, Mayor, Tevragh-Zeina, Mauritania
- Mayor Frank Klipsch of Davenport, Indiana, Co-Chair of the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI)

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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, Acting Director, Global Water Initiatives, IUCN

Speakers:

- Ms. Nthopayizi Rebecca Mphande, young farmer, Zambia (nominated by FAO)
- Ms. Adriana Petcu, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Waters and Forests, Romania
- Dr. German Jeub, Director General 6, EU Policies, International Cooperation, and Fisheries, BMEL Germany
- Olcay Unver, Deputy Director of Land and Water Division, FAO
- Jane Madgwick, Wetlands International
- Mayor Lionel Johnson of St. Gabriel, Louisiana, 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, Director, Water, WBCSD
- Guillaume Benoit, CGAAER, French Ministry of Agriculture
- Ms. Peggy Pascal, Action Against Hunger (ACF)
- Representative, Walmart (tbc)
- Ms. Jehanne Fabre, Global Nature & Director, Danone
- Richard Damania, Global Lead Economist, Water Group, World Bank
- Tobias Salathe, Ramsar Convention
- Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio, ACT
- Mohamed ait-Kadi, Representative of AAA alliance – Adaptation Agriculture Africa – Morocco (tbc)

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Time: 16.45 – 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, Honorary President, World Water Council

Speakers:

Reporting on the breakout sessions:

- Mr. James Dalton, Acting Director, Global Water Initiatives, IUCN
- Ms. Aziza Akhmouch, Acting Head of Division, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Local Development and Tourism, OECD
- Mr. Jean-François Donzier, Secretary, GAFWaC and John Matthews, AGWA
- Mr. Torgny Holmgren, Executive Director, Stockholm International Water Institute and Mr. Eric Tardieu, Technical Secretary, INBO

Representative speakers to react / wrap up / provide recommendations:

- Eduardo Mansur, Director, Land and Water Division, FAO
- Jean Launay, President, FWP
- 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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- M Abdeslam Ziyad, Water Director for research and planification, State Secretary to the Minister of equipment, transport, logistic and water
- Marcel Beukeboom, Climate Ambassador to the Netherlands (tbc)
- Ms. Ulrike Pokorski da Cunha, Head of Sustainable Water Policy Programme and Programme Director of Sanitation for Millions, GIZ, Germany
- Adriana Petcu, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Waters and Forests, Romania
- Antonio Cañas Calderon, Chief of Technical Cabinet, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, El Salvador
- M. Eng. Wael Elayyan, Director of Finance and Donor Relations, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan - tbc

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