

**IWRA XVI World Water Congress**  
**High-Level Plenary Panels**  
**List of Distinguished Speakers**

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**1. Plenary session - High-Level Panel on Water and the SDGs**  
**Monday, 29 May, 12:40pm-2:10pm**

Moderator: **Torkil Jonch Clausen**

Speakers:

- **H.E. Luis Alberto Arce Catacora**, Minister, Ministry of Economy and Public Finance, Bolivia
- **Luis Carranza Ugarte**, Executive President, Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)
- **Torgny Holmgren**, Executive Director, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)
- **Karin Krchnak**, Director, Freshwater Program, WWF
- **Federico Properzi**, Chief Technical Adviser, UN-Water
- **Roberto Ramirez de la Parra**, Director General, CONAGUA

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**2. Plenary session - High-Level Panel on Water and Climate**  
**Tuesday, 30 May, 10:50am-12:20pm**

Moderator: **Cecilia Tortajada**

Speakers:

- **Dogan Altinbilek**, Vice-President, World Water Council, IWRA Past President
- **Eugenio Barrios**, Director of the Water Programme, WWF, Mexico
- **Jean-Didier Berthault**, Vice-President, Paris Region Sanitation Corporation (the Megacities Alliance for Water and Climate)
- **Jose Carrera**, Vice-President, Social Development, Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)
- **Jean-François Donzier**, Executive Secretary, International Network of Basin Organizations (the Global Alliance for Water and Climate)
- **Neil Grigg**, Professor, Colorado State University, United States
- **Jason Morrison**, Head, CEO Water Mandate UN Global Compact (the Business Alliance for Water and Climate)

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**3. Plenary session - High-Level Panel on Water and Business**  
**Tuesday, 30 May, 12:40pm-2:10pm**

Moderator: **Pierre-Alain Roche**

Speakers:

- **Ramon Aguirre Diaz**, Director General, Mexico City Water Company-Sacmex, Mexico
- **Diane d'Arras**, President, International Water Association, Suez Director for Europe, France
- **Mamadou Dia**, President, Aquafed (Tbc)
- **Hak Soo Lee**, President, K-Water, South Korea
- **Gorkhmaz Huseynov**, President, Azersu Company, Azerbaijan

- **Jason Morrison**, Head, UN Global Compact CEO Water Mandate, United States
  - **Philip Gichuki**, CEO, Nairobi City Water & Sewerage Company Ltd, Kenya
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**4. Plenary session - High-Level Panel on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)  
Wednesday, 31 May, 12:40pm-2:10pm**

Moderator: **Torkil Jonch Clausen**

Speakers:

- **Catarina de Albuquerque**, Executive Chair, Sanitation and Water for All
  - **Benedito Braga**, State Secretary for Sanitation and Water Resources, State of Sao Paulo
  - **Claudia Patricia Ochoa Campuzano**, Director, Water and Environment, Centre of Science and Technology of Antioquia, Colombia
  - **Veronica Irastorza**, Associate Director, NERA Economic Consultants, Mexico
  - **Blanca Jiménez-Cisneros**, Director, Water Resources, UNESCO-IHP
  - **Jerry Priscoli**, Chairperson, GWP Technical Committee
  - **Mark Smith**, Director, Global Water Programme, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
  - **James Spalding**, Director General, Itaipu Binacional, Paraguay
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**5. Plenary session- High-Level Panel on Water-Energy-Food Nexus  
Thursday, 1 June, 12:40pm-2:10pm**

Moderator: **Rabi Mohtar**

Speakers:

- **Carl Ganter**, CEO, Circle of Blue
- **Astrid Hillers**, Program Manager, Global Environment Facility-GEF
- **Antonio Embid Irujo**, Professor of Law, University of Zaragoza, Spain
- **Louise Karlberg**, Director, Swedish Environment Institute International (SEII)
- **Liber Martin**, Professor, National University of Cuyo, Argentina
- **Saeed Nairizi**, President, International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)
- **Diego J. Rodriguez**, Senior Manager, The World Bank
- **Will Sarni**, President, the Water Foundry LCC, United States
- **Raya Stephan**, International Water Law Expert