

IWRA XVI World Water Congress

Presentation of the High-Level Plenary Panels

High-Level Panel: Water and the Sustainable Development Goals

Monday, 29 May 2017

12:40-14:10, Gran Cancun Room

The purpose of the Panel is to address the role of water in SDG implementation from different perspectives in light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and make recommendations for actions to be taken – what, when and by whom. The Panel is not intended simply as an ‘event’, but rather as an important milestone in a process of strategy development and alliance-building among key stakeholders that will continue at subsequent key events, including Stockholm World Water Week in 2017 and 8th World Water Forum in 2018.

Speakers:

- **Aziza Akhmouch**, Head, Water Governance Program, OECD
- **Sergio Campos**, Head, Water and Sanitation, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- **Jose Carrera**, Vice 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

Moderator:

Torkil Jønych Clausen, Chair of the Scientific Programme Committee for the World Water Week, Senior Adviser to the Global Water Partnership and Chair of the Thematic Commission of the 8th World Water Forum, Denmark

High-Level Panel: Water and Climate

Tuesday, 30 May 2017

10:50-12:20, Gran Cancun Room

The purpose of the Panel is to consider how to further promote the importance of water management in the Climate Change COP process when dealing with the challenges posed by climatic changes, with a particular focus on climate change adaptation. It will also consider implementation of the Global Climate Action Agenda through different concrete actions and projects, and will propose recommendations for actions to be taken. The Panel is intended as part of the broader process that aims to bring together key actors to further strengthen and build an alliance for water and climate change issues, positioning itself as a key stepping stone between COP 22 and 23, and leading to the 8th World Water Forum in 2018.

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)

Moderator:

Cecilia Tortajada, Institute of Water Policy, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore and Past President of IWRA, Singapore

High-Level Panel: Water and Business **“New paradigms for the water sector’s contribution to the SDGs”**

Tuesday, 30 May 2017
12:40-14:10, Gran Cancun Room

The purpose of the Panel is to address the mobilization of the private and public companies involved in the water sector for the implementation of the SDGs, innovative solutions that could be developed in the coming years, new opportunities for innovation, and how innovation and creativity could be encouraged by national and international authorities. The panel will consider issues such as: major innovations that could contribute significantly to the achievement of the SDGs, the main gaps to be bridged, existing and potential alliances among stakeholders that will help implement sustainable solutions, and the changes from “business-as-usual” that are needed to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Speakers:

- **Ramon Aguirre Diaz**, Director General, Mexico City Water Company-Sacmex, Mexico
- **Diane d’Arras**, Director, Suez, France & President, International Water Association
- **Sergio I. Campos**, Head, Water and Sanitation, Inter American Development Bank
- **Hak-Soo Lee**, President, K-Water, South Korea
- **Jason Morrison**, Head, UN Global Compact CEO Water Mandate, United States
- **Philip Gichuki**, CEO, Nairobi City Water & Sewerage Company Ltd, Kenya

Moderator:

Pierre-Alain Roche, President, the High Council for Environment and Sustainable Development, France

High-Level Panel: Integrated Water Resources Management

Wednesday, 31 May 2017
12:40-14:10, Gran Cancun Room

The purpose of the Panel is to address the role of IWRM from different perspectives in light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and make recommendations for revitalizing IWRM toward action at all levels. The Panel is intended as part of the ongoing process of alliance-building among key stakeholders in IWRM implementation that will continue at subsequent key events, including Stockholm World Water Week in 2017 and 8th World Water Forum in 2018. The Panel will address issues such as: successes and failures in IWRM implementation over the last decade, new modalities for operationalizing IWRM, emerging issues and vectors that IWRM must address in the coming decades, and main challenges – at different levels – to achieving SDG Target 6.5 on IWRM.

Speakers:

- **Benedito Braga**, State Secretary for Sanitation and Water Resources, State of Sao Paulo, Brazil
- **Claudia Patricia Ochoa Campuzano**, Director, Centre of Science and Technology of Antioquia, Colombia
- **Blanca Jiménez-Cisneros**, Director, Water Resources, UNESCO
- **Rabi Mohtar**, Professor and Head of centre, Texas A&M University, USA
- **Mark Smith**, Director, Global Water Programme, International Union for Conservation of Nature
- **James Spalding**, Director General, Itaipu Binacional, Paraguay
- **Fabiola Táborá**, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership, Central America

Moderator:

Torkil Jønch Clausen, Senior Adviser to the Global Water Partnership, Chair of the Scientific Programme Committee for the World Water Week,, Chair of the Thematic Commission of the 8th World Water Forum, Co-chair of the World Water Council Task Force on IWRM, Denmark

High-Level Panel: The Water-Energy-Food Nexus

Thursday, 1st June 2017

12:40-14:10, Gran Cancun Room

The Panel will specifically focus on the Sustainable Development Goals related to Water, Energy, and Food (SDGs 2, 6, and 7). The main objectives of the Panel are to: demonstrate the extent of the interconnections between the water, energy, and food goals, explore possible tradeoffs for implementing the SDGs and identifying a holistic assessment criteria for multiple implementation plans at different scales, and discuss ways among which the policy coherence and policy-science communication could be improved across sectors and across scales. The discussion in the Panel will start with challenges in securing adequate tools, data, modelling complexity, governance and financing, starting with the global perspective, and moving to the more local and national scales. It will build on this material by considering lessons learned from various partner institutions on the potential and risks of adopting the Water, Energy, and Food nexus as a platform for SDG implementation.

Speakers:

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

Moderator:

Rabi Mohtar, TEES Endowed Professor at Texas AM University, USA