

Water Day Agenda

3rd November 2009

A day of dialogue, discussions and presentations on Water for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

Alongside the climate change negotiations in Barcelona

9.00 –
9.30

Opening Session Water and Climate Change

Pasquale Steduto, Chair, UN-Water and Service Chief, FAO
Xianfu Lu, Programme Officer, Adaptation, Technology and Science Programme, UNFCCC
Anders Bertell, Executive Director, SIWI
Joost Buntzma, Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Water Management, Netherlands
Farrukh Iqbal Khan, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan and Vice Chair, Adaptation Fund Board

Moderator: Johan Kuylenstierna, Chief Technical Advisor, UN Water

9.30 -
9.40

An introduction to the GPPN and proposed changes to the negotiating text

Hannah Stoddart, Policy Co-ordinator, Stakeholder Forum and GPPN Secretariat

9.45 –
10.45

Session 1. Climate Change, Water and Livelihoods: Implications for water and sanitation service delivery and poverty alleviation

Lead Speakers

Dr Guy Howard, Policy Advisor, Department for International Development
Joseph Halder, NGO Forum Bangladesh, Freshwater Action Network

Discussants

Karin Lexen, Project Director, SIWI; on behalf of the Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation
Jane Cacouris, Policy Advisor Water and Environment, Tearfund
Joakim Harlin, Senior Water Resources Advisor, UNDP

Moderator: Johan Kuylenstierna, Chief Technical Advisor, UN Water

Coffee break

11.15 -
12.15

Session 2. Climate Change, Water and Ecosystems: Ecosystem-based adaptation and sustainable development

Lead Speakers

Mr. Mark Smith, Head, Water Program, IUCN
Peter Holmgren, Director Environment, Climate Change and Bioenergy, FAO

Discussants

Peter Bjornsen, Director UNEP/DHI Centre for Water and Environment
Prof Oweyegha Afunaduula, The National Association of Professional Environmentalists in Uganda, Freshwater Action Network
Hannah Campbell, Sr. Manager, Climate Adaptation and Communities, Conservation International
Cecilia Sharp, Head of Water Division, Sida

Moderator: Hannah Stoddart, Stakeholder Forum

Lunch Break

13.15 -
14.10

Session 3. Climate Change and Regional Water Resource Management: Regional cooperation and transboundary water management

Lead speaker

Ania Grobicki, Executive Director, GWP

Discussants

Joost Buntsma, Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Water Management, Netherlands

Anders Bertell, Executive Director, SIWI

Sergiy Moroz, WWF European Policy Office

Moderator: Karin Lexen, Project Director, SIWI

14.15 –
15.10

Session 4. Climate Change, Water and Land: Building on the Danish Dialogues and the Nairobi Statement

Lead Speaker

Ambassador Niels Pultz, Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark on Climate Change Issues

Batilda Burian, Minister of State in the Vice-Presidents Office responsible for Environment, Tanzania

Discussants

Erick Fernandes, Adviser, Agriculture and Natural Resources, World Bank

Christain Mersmann, Managing Director, the Global Mechanism of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

Sergio Zelaya, Policy and Advocacy on Global Issues and Platforms, UNCCD

Moderator: John Drexhage Director, Climate Change and Energy IISD

15.15 –
16.10

Session 5. Climate Change, Water and Gender

Lead Speaker

Ms. Aira Kalela, Finnish Special Representative on Gender and Climate

Discussants

Natalia Kostus Women's Environment and Development Organisation

Joke Muylwijk, Executive Director, Gender and Water Alliance

Kusum Athukorala, Women for Water Partnership (via video link from Asia Regional Workshop)

Moderator: Emily Benson, Project Manager, Stakeholder Forum

Coffee Break

16.45 –
17.30

Session 6. Climate Change, Water and Energy: Impacts of energy mitigation measures on water resources; energy demands of the water sector.

Lead speaker:

Friedrich Barth, Senior Advisor, Environment, Climate and Energy, Environment and Energy Group, UNDP

Discussants:

Dr Julian Wright, Policy Advisor for Climate Change, UK Environment Agency

Heather Allen, National Resource Defence Council (NRDC)

Richard Taylor, Director, International Hydropower Association

Moderator: Hannah Stoddart, Policy Co-ordinator, Stakeholder Forum

17.30 -
18.00

Closing Session

Karin Lexen, Karin Lexen Project Director, SIWI

Felix Dodds, Executive Director, Stakeholder Forum

Georgios Kostakos, Senior Policy Adviser, CEB Secretariat, UN Headquarters

Francesc Baltasar, Minister of the Environment and Housing of the Government of Catalonia

Venue: Fira Congress Hotel
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