

AGENDA



International Annual UN-Water Zaragoza Conference 2012/2013

Preparing for the 2013 International Year. Water Cooperation: Making it Happen!

Venue: Confederación Hidrográfica del Ebro
Sala del Consejo
Paseo Sagasta, 24-28
50071 Zaragoza. Spain



Organizers:





Day 1. Tuesday, 8 January 2013. Water cooperation between nations and between stakeholders. Making it happen!

09:00 - 10:30 Opening

Chair welcoming words. The Conference and Rio+20. *Brice Lalonde*. Executive Coordinator of Rio+20, UN-DESA

Welcome

Xavier de Pedro. President of the Ebro River Basin Authority

Modesto Lobón. Regional Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment, Aragon, Spain

Jerónimo Blasco. Councilor of Culture, Education and the Environment, Municipality of Zaragoza, Spain

Federico Ramos de Armas. Secretary of State for Environment, Spain

The Post-2015 process and the International Year of Water Cooperation

Bert Diphooorn. UN-Water Vice-Chair

The International Year of Water Cooperation and expectations from the Conference

Blanca Jiménez. Director of the Division of Water Sciences, UNESCO

Overview of the Conference

Josefina Maestu. Director, UNW-DPAC

The International Water Conventions

Iulia Trombitcaia. Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE

Mediation and dispute resolution techniques and approaches

Léna Salamé. Programme Specialist, PCCP coordinator, UNESCO

10:30 - 13:15 Session 1: Furthering water cooperation among nations and stakeholders. Making it happen!

Session conveners: UNECE, UNESCO

Session partner: World Bank

Session chair: Blanca Jiménez. Director of the Division of Water Sciences, UNESCO

10:30 - 10:45 Presentation of the Session. *Iulia Trombitcaia*, UNECE, *Blanca Jiménez*, UNESCO

10:45 - 11:15 Overview presentation on transboundary cooperation. Lessons learned from water cooperation in transboundary basins

Keynote speaker: *J. Collier*. Operations Officer Africa Natural Resources and Water Management Group, World Bank

11:15 - 11:40 Coffee break

11:40 - 13:15 Panel of cases moderated by *Iulia Trombitcaia*

- *Sava River Basin Commission. Dejan Komatina*. Secretary, International Sava River Basin Commission
- *Spain-Portugal. Pedro Serra*. Former Director Water Institute Portugal. *Carlos Escarfiñ*. Former Water Director, Spain. Moderated by *Dámaso de Lario*. Ambassador at Large for International Environmental Affairs, Spain
- *Hungary Tisza cooperation. Peter Kovacs*. State Secretary for Water, Ministry of Rural Development, Hungary



13:15 - 14:30 Lunch time side event

World Water Day 2013 "Cooperation: the fundament of global water goals".

Alexander Verbeek, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of The Netherlands

14:30 - 18:30 Continuation of Session 1: Furthering water cooperation between nations and between stakeholders. Making it happen!

14:30 - 15:15 Panel of cases. Moderated by *Iulia Trombitcaia*

- *Finland – Russia cooperation*
Seppo Rekolainen. Finnish Environment Institute
Marina Selverstova. Head, Federal Agency for Water Resources, Russian Federation

15:15 - 17:00 Interviewing case presenters on stakeholder cooperation. Moderated by *Léna Salamé*, UNESCO, and *Benjamin Noury*, Associate Director Oxyo Water

Cases:

- *Jordan*. *Anders Jägerskog*. Director Knowledge Services, SIWI
- *Myanmar*. *Alice Bouman*. President. Women for Water Partnership
- *Basins in decentralized states*. *Lucia de Stefano*. Botín Foundation
- *Senegal River Basin*. *Tamsir Ndiaye*. Director of Environment and Sustainable. Development Affairs, OMVS
- *Africa*. *Mohamed Abdel Monem*. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional Office for Africa

17:00 – 18:30 Workshop Water Game

Role play on the value of trust in negotiations. Facilitators: *Léna Salamé*, UNESCO, and *Benjamin Noury*, Oxyo Water

18:30 - 20:00 Side events

18:30 - 19:15 World Water Week 2013

Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)

Karin Lexén, the Director of World Water Week & Prizes, will present the upcoming WWW and engage with the participants to learn about ideas and suggestions to make the week creative and result oriented.

19:15 - 20:00 The UN Global Compact: CEO Water Mandate and the Water Action Hub

CEO Water Mandate

The side event will include an introduction to the CEO Water Mandate and a live demonstration of the Water Action Hub's core features by *Jason Morrison*, Technical Director of the CEO Water Mandate.

20:30 - 22:00 Official Welcoming at the Aljafería – Parliament of Aragon

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Day 2. Wednesday, 9 January 2013. Water cooperation in rural areas and cities. Making it happen!

08:30 - 09:00 Recap of first day

09:00-13:00 Session 2: Furthering water cooperation in rural areas: making it happen!

Session convener: IFAD

Session partners: ICID and FAO

Session chair: Rudolph Cleveringa, Senior Technical Adviser, IFAD

09:00 - 09:15 Presentation of the Session. Rudolph Cleveringa. Senior Technical Adviser, IFAD

09:15 - 09:45 Performance of Water Users Associations. *Introduction and Chair:* Robina Wahaj. Technical Officer Irrigation, FAO

- *Robina Wahaj.* Technical Officer Irrigation, FAO. Lessons of 55 large and medium systems
- *Elena López Gunn.* Senior researcher, Bofín Foundation. Comparative analysis of performance of WUA associations in Spain

09:45 - 10:45 Water Cooperation in Practice

Scene Setting and Chair: Rudolph Cleveringa. Senior Technical Adviser, IFAD.

Case study presentations (10') with panel discussions (10') and plenary interaction (10')

- **Ethiopia.** *How PASIDP changed my life: the story of a WUA President in Tigray.* Abraham Mehari. Sr. Lecturer, UNESCO-IHE. Gaber Syum Hagos. Water Master, Meagel Guguf Water Users Association, Raya Valley, Tigray Region, Ethiopia
- **Bolivia.** *Cooperation between different irrigators' associations within the watershed (Altiplano-Valles).* Luis Salazar. Director, Watershed Service in Cochabamba. Humberto Gandarillas. GIZ
- **Spain.** *Participatory approaches in water projects.* Inmaculada Paniagua. Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 12:45 Water Cooperation in Practice

Scene Setting and Chair: Rudolph Cleveringa. Senior Technical Adviser, IFAD

Case study presentations (10') with panel discussions (10') and plenary interaction (10')

- **Peru.** *The use of local funds allocation committees (CLAR) and concursos in water management.* Antonieta Noli. Coordinator Sierra Norte project, Ministry of Agriculture, Peru
- **Kenya.** *Water River Users Associations and downtown Nairobi: how do we cooperate?* Faith Muthoni Livingstone. Project Manager, Mt.Kenya East Pilot Project. Justin Ngaine. WRUA manager. Godert van Lynden. Green Water Credits manager, ISRIC
- **Guatemala, Madagascar, India.** *Scaling up micro-irrigation.* Santiago Girón. Project Coordinator, Funcafé. Andriamanalina Raharinjatovo Fenomanantsoa. Project coordinator, Agriculturalists and Veterinaries without Frontiers. Pati Debasis. OTELP. Nanda Susanta. Director OTELP

12:45 - 13:00 Wrap up and Take Away messages (Chairs)



13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 18:30 Session 3: Techniques and models to further water cooperation to improve water efficiency and water services in cities

Session convener: CEO Water Mandate

Session partners: IRC and GWOPA/UN-Habitat

Session chair: Jason Morrison, Technical Director, Water Mandate of the UN Global Compact.

14:30 - 14:45 Presentation of the Session. *Jason Morrison*, Technical Director, Water Mandate of the UN Global Compact

14:45 - 16:00 Cities

Keynote speaker: *Marieke Adank*, Programme Officer Africa Team, IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre

Case presentation: Zaragoza water platforms. *Victor Viñuales*, Director, ECODES

16:00 - 17:15 Companies

Keynote speaker: *Jason Morrison*, Technical Director, Water Mandate of the UN Global Compact

Case presentation: Every Drop Matters initiative. *Bogachan Benli*, UNDP, and *Kadri Ozen*, Coca-Cola

17:15 - 18:30 Water operators

Keynote speaker: *Jose Luis Martin Bordes*, Programme Officer, GWOPA

Case presentation: Water operator case from Africa. *Samir Ben Said*, National Office for Water and Electricity (ONEE), Morocco

18:30 - 19:00 Wrap up and take away lessons. *Brice Lalonde*

19:00 Side Events

Intensively developed aquifers

Bořín Foundation Water Observatory

Preparatory meeting for a Project for the analysis of the pros and cons of intensively developed aquifers and of institutions for achieving cooperation among groundwater users.

Informal meeting on the Post-2015 and ODS process

José Gestí Canuto, UNICEF

Bert Diphooorn, UN-Water Vice-Chair

**Day 3. Thursday, 10 January 2013****Side event. The case of stakeholders platforms in Spain and the Ebro River Basin**

(Note: Session open to the public. English/Spanish translation will be available)

Session Chair: *Xavier de Pedro*. President of the Ebro River Basin Authority

09:30 - 10:00 Overview of the framework of participated water management in Spain

Victor Arqued. Planning director, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Spain

10:00 - 10:15 Photo presentation of participated processes**10:15 - 12:00 Panel Discussion on Strengths and Weaknesses of Cooperation at basin level in the Ebro River Basin**

Moderator: Mario Gaviria (sociologist)

- The legal perspective. *Antonio Embid*. Law Professor at the University of Zaragoza
- The social perspective. *Manuel Omedas and Andres de Lucas*. Office of Planning at the Ebro River Basin Authority
- The view of hydroelectricity users. *Clemente Prieto*. Deputy Director at Iberdrola
- The view of the irrigation water users. *Cesar Trillo*. President of the WUA "Riegos del Alto Aragón"
- Q&A with case presenters from Peru, Bolivia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Guatemala, Madagascar et al.

12:00 - 12:15 Coffee break**12:15 - 13:30 Panel discussion on Strengths and Weaknesses of other cooperation arrangements**

Moderator: Josefina Maestu. Director, UNW-DPAC

- Solidarity financing mechanism in Aragon. *Alfredo Cajal*. Director of the Water Institute of the Regional Government
- Financing participatory processes by the Spanish Water Fund. *Adriano Garcia-Loygorry*. Coordinator Spanish Water Fund
- Stakeholder participation in river basin management planning in Navarra. *Eva García Balaguer*. Environmental Resources Centre of Navarra (CRANA)

13:30 - 13:45 Closing

Bert Diphorn, UN-Water Vice-Chair

13:45 Lunch and visit to the Automatic Hydrological Information System (SAIH)**14:30 Departure to Parallel Field trips** (departure from venue)

- Visit to the premises of the WUA "Riegos del Alto Aragón, Huesca"
 - Visit to the photo exhibit of Riegos del Alto Aragon and welcome by the President of the WUA (Cesar Trillo)
 - Visit to the installations of the WUA and explanation of its functions
 - Exchange with the WUA Commission and/or Water Jury
 - Q&A with participants and informal conversation with irrigators/members of the WUA Board
 - Transportation to Zaragoza (arriving at approximately 7:30 pm)
- Zaragoza Water Cluster
 - Visioning of video on the Business Water Stakeholder platform of Zaragoza (Zinnae) (Spanish with English subtitles)
 - Insights of Zinnae members (University and companies) on the benefits of the Cluster for their respective organizations and the aspects they think need to be improved for furthering water cooperation in the cluster
 - Open debate with the participants