

# GLOBAL WORKSHOP

## ON BUILDING CLIMATE - RESILIENCE THROUGH IMPROVING WATER MANAGEMENT AND SANITATION AT NATIONAL AND TRANSBOUNDARY LEVELS

29 - 31 March 2021, hybrid  
Palais des Nations, Geneva and online

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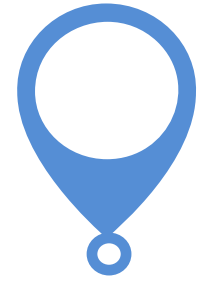


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# WORKSHOP AGENDA



**DAY 1 29 MARCH**  
10a.m. – 4p.m.



**DAY 2 30 MARCH**  
10a.m. – 4p.m.



**DAY 3 30 MARCH**  
10a.m. – 12p.m.

# 10 – 11 a.m. OPENING SESSION

DAY 1

**Moderator:** Ms. Sibylle Vermont | Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

## **Speakers:**

- Ms. Olga Algayerova | United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Ms. Francesca Racioppi | Head of Office, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health
- Ms. Mami Mizutori | Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Mr. Andrew Roby | Senior Water Security Adviser, Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom (tbc)
- Ms. Sonja Koepfel | Secretary, Water Convention
- Mr. Erik Orsenna | Member of the French Academy and Chairman of Initiatives for the Future of Great Rivers

11 a.m. – 2.45 p.m. SESSION 1

DAY 1

**Increasing resilience of water and sanitation to the effects of climate change, including through the Protocol on Water and Health**

**Moderator:** Mr. Luca Lucentini | National Institute of Health, Italy

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Oliver Schmoll | WHO/Europe
- Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova | Secretariat of the Protocol on Water and Health, UNECE
- Ms. Claudia Castell-Exner | European Federation of National Associations of Water Services

Video “Voices from the region: how may climate change impact your water”

**Case studies:**

- Mr. Enrico Veschetti | National Institute of Health, Italy
- Ms. Azeb Tadesse | Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Energy of Ethiopia
- Mr. Ad Jeuken | Deltares

12 – 2 p.m. LUNCH BREAK





2 – 2.45 p.m. SESSION 1

DAY 1

**MODERATED DISCUSSION**

# KEY MESSAGES OF SESSION 1 (to be discussed)

1. Climate change impacts water cycle by disrupting weather patterns, leading to extreme weather events, unpredictable water availability, exacerbating water scarcity and contaminating water supplies in short, medium and long term. Such impacts can drastically affect water quantity and quality, ultimately affecting human health. Temperature changes and rainfall alter distribution of some water - borne illnesses and disease vectors while rising sea levels affect water and sanitation service security and safety.
2. Building and maintaining water supply and sanitation systems that are resilient to climate shocks requires integrated perspective on water, sanitation, climate and health and applying risk - based approaches and tools, such as water and sanitation safety plans.
3. Within the fundamental inter - sectorial approach, water and sanitation operators play an important role in increasing resilience to climate change. Strong climate sensitive regulatory frameworks are key enablers in the process.
4. The Protocol on Water and Health is a powerful multilateral instrument that helps countries systematically address water and sanitation - related health risks arising from a changing climate.



2.45 – 4 p.m. SESSION 2

DAY 1

## Water, sanitation and health in national climate policies

**Moderator:** Mr. John Matthews | Alliance for Global Water Adaptation

### **Speakers:**

- Mr. Motsomi Maletjane | UNFCCC
- Mr. Jos Timmerman | Waterframes
- Ms. Anjali Lohani | Global Water Partnership

### **Case-studies:**

Bangladesh: Mr. Adnan Ibne Abdul Qader | WaterAid & Mr. Ali Mohammad Rezaie | International Centre for Climate Change and Development

Jordan: Mr. Munjed Al Sharif | Member of the National Committee on Climate Change

2.45 – 4 p.m. SESSION 2

## **MODERATED DISCUSSION**

# KEY MESSAGES OF SESSION 2 (to be discussed)

DAY 1

1. Water is a common thread linking the key global goals of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with national commitments on climate change: water, sanitation and health should be given high priority in the NDCs and NAPs.
2. Integrating water and sanitation -related climate adaptation policies is crucial for strengthening the resilience of our economies and societies, health and well -being.

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. SESSION 3

DAY 2

## Disaster risk reduction through transboundary cooperation

**Moderator:** Mr. Robert Stefanski | World Meteorological Organisation

### **Speakers:**

- Mr. Dzhergalbek Ukashev | Central Asia Centre for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction

### **Case-studies:**

- **Dniester:** Mr. Petro Kropotov | State Emergency Service, Ukraine
- **Drin:** Mr. Ylber Mirta | Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia
- **Volta:** Mr. Dibi Millogo | Volta Basin Authority
- Mr. Bojan Srdic | Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia
- Mr. Max Linsen | Consultant on environmental affairs
- Mr. Sebastien Penzini | UNDRR Regional Office for Europe

12 – 1 p.m. BREAK-OUT GROUP DISCUSSIONS



# 12 – 1 p.m. BREAK-OUT GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Language	Moderator
English 1	Max Linsen
English 2	Alisher Mamadzhanov
French 1	Edouard Boinet
French 2	Sonja Koeppel
Russian	Dinara Ziganshina
Spanish	Tommaso Abrate





## 12 – 1 p.m. QUESTIONS FOR THE DISCUSSION | ENG

- Which good practices of transboundary cooperation for reducing the risk of water-related disasters in your countries could be shared? Are there any ongoing or upcoming joint projects/initiatives that aim to reduce disaster risk in your countries?
- Which areas do you identify as priority areas for disaster risk reduction through transboundary cooperation? Does COVID-19 pandemic accelerate or deter the capacity for transboundary cooperation?
- How to raise attention to the importance of regional and transboundary cooperation for disaster risk reduction directly linked to sanitation and human health?

## 12 – 1 p.m. QUESTIONS POUR LA DISCUSSION | FR

- Quelles bonnes pratiques de coopération transfrontière pour la réduction des risques de catastrophes liées à l'eau dans vos pays pouvez-vous partager ? Y-a-t-il des projets ou des initiatives conjointes en cours ou à venir qui visent à réduire les risques de catastrophe dans vos pays ?
- Quels sont les domaines que vous considérez comme prioritaires pour la réduction des risques de catastrophe par la coopération transfrontière ? La pandémie de Covid-19 accélère-t-elle ou décourage-t-elle la capacité de coopération transfrontière ?
- Comment attirer l'attention sur l'importance de la coopération régionale et transfrontière pour la réduction des risques de catastrophe directement liés à l'assainissement et à la santé humaine ?

## 12 – 1 p.m. PREGUNTAS PARA EL DEBATE | ESP

- En sus países, ¿qué buenas prácticas podrían compartirse en materia de cooperación transfronteriza para reducir el riesgo de desastres relativos al agua? ¿Hay en sus países proyectos/iniciativas conjuntos en curso o venideros que pretendan reducir el riesgo de desastres?
- ¿Qué áreas identifican ustedes como prioritarias para la reducción del riesgo de desastres a través de la cooperación transfronteriza? ¿La pandemia del COVID-19 acelera o disuade la capacidad de cooperación transfronteriza?
- ¿Cómo llamar la atención sobre la importancia de la cooperación regional y transfronteriza para la reducción del riesgo de desastres directamente relacionada con el saneamiento y la salud humana?

## 12 – 1 р.т. ВОПРОСЫ ДЛЯ ОБСУЖДЕНИЯ | РУС

- Какой передовой практикой трансграничного сотрудничества в целях снижения риска бедствий, связанных с водными ресурсами, могут поделиться ваши страны? Существуют ли какие-либо реализуемые или планируемые совместные проекты/инициативы, направленные на снижение риска бедствий в ваших странах?
- Какие области вы определяете в качестве приоритетных для снижения риска бедствий на основе трансграничного сотрудничества? Вызывает ли пандемия COVID-19 ускорение или сдерживание возможностей трансграничного сотрудничества?
- Как привлечь внимание к важности регионального и трансграничного сотрудничества в целях снижения риска бедствий, непосредственно связанного с санитарией и здоровьем населения?

1 – 2 p.m. LUNCH BREAK





## 2 – 4 p.m. SESSION 4

DAY 2

### Transboundary cooperation and health policies

**Moderator:** Mr. Eric Tardieu | International Network of Basin Organizations

#### **Speakers:**

- Ms. Hanna Plotnykova | Secretariat of the Water Convention, UNECE
- Ms. Sarah Tiefenauer-Linardon | Secretariat of the Water Convention, UNECE

#### **Case-studies:**

- Ms. Alexandra Moreira | **Amazon** Cooperation Treaty Organization
- Ms. Indira Akbozova | Head of the Kazakh part of the Secretariat of the **Chu-Talas** Water Management Commission
- Ms. Hilda Luoga | **Lake Victoria** Basin Commission
- Mr. Amadou Lamine Ndiaye | **Senegal** River Basin Development Authority



# 10 – 11.30 a.m. SESSION 5

DAY 3

## Addressing coherently climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, transboundary water cooperation and health issues on the national levels

**Moderator:** Mr. Niels Vlaanderen | Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands

### **Speakers:**

- Ms. Lisa Hartog | Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management
- Ms. Jasmina van Driel | Global Center on Adaptation
- Mr. Willem Jan Goossen, European Commission Directorate-General for Climate Action

### **Panel discussion:**

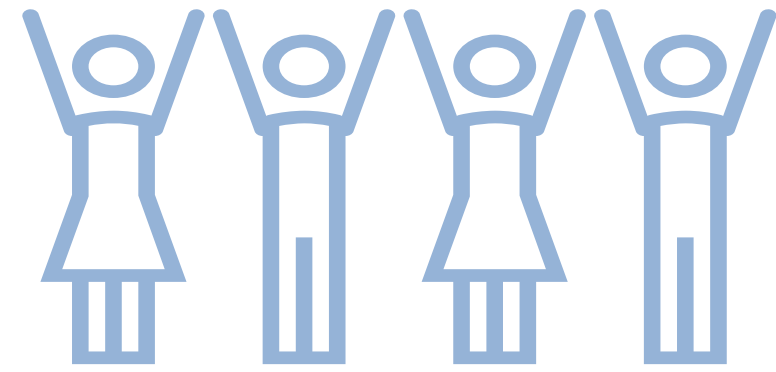
- Mr. Ales Bizjak | Ministry for the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia
- Mr. António Branco, Portuguese Environment Agency
- Ms. Natalya Agaltseva | Centre of Hydrometeorological Service, Republic of Uzbekistan
- Mr. Manuel Quintino | National Institute for Water Resources, Angola
- Mr. Andrew Roby | Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom
- Ms. Jennifer Jun | Stockholm Water International Institute

11.30 a.m. – 12 p.m. CLOSING SESSION

DAY 3

## Speakers:

- Mr. Luca Lucentini | National Institute of Health, Italy & Ms. Sibylle Vermont | Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland
- Mr. Henk Ovink | Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, the Netherlands



**THANK YOU!**