

Special event marking the 30th anniversary of the Water Convention

Thursday, 30 June 2022 | 9:30-17:30 | Tallinn Creative Hub (Estonia) and online

Wednesday, 29 June 2022		Venue: Seaplane Harbour
19:30	Anniversary Dinner Reception	
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Time	Session	
09:30-10:30	Setting the stage: 30 years of transboundary water cooperation	
	<p>Opening and Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Meelis Münt, Secretary General of the Ministry of the Environment, Estonia • Ms. Jaana Husu-Kallio, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland • Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE <p>Moderator: Mr. Johannes Tralla, Estonian National Broadcasting journalist</p>	
	<p>Thirty and thriving – A small tale of the Water Convention</p> <p>The “tale” of the Convention told by previous Chairs of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lea Kauppi (Finland - 1998-2000) • Mr. Carel de Villeneuve (Netherlands - 2001-2003) • Ms. Heide Jekel (Germany - 2007-2009) • Ms. Sibylle Vermont (Switzerland - 2010-2012) • Mr. Massimo Cozzone (Italy - 2013-2015) • Mr. Peter Kovacs (Hungary - 2016-2018) • Mr. Arsen Zhakanbayev (Kazakhstan - 2019-2021) <p>Moderator: Mr. Johannes Tralla, Estonian National Broadcasting</p>	
	<p>Launch of the anniversary publication “The Water Convention: 30 years of impact and achievements on the ground”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sonja Koepfel and Ms. Iulia Trombitcaia, Water Convention Secretariat 	
10:30-12:30	Looking back: A wealth of experience - three decades of successful implementation of the Water Convention	
	<p>Panel 1: Improving water management: Economic, social and environmental benefits through the implementation of the Water Convention (10:30 – 11:30)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Anne-Marie Reckinger, Water Management Agency, Luxemburg • Ms. Bernadette Araba Adjei, Water Resources Commission, Ghana • Ms. Ulrika Blomberg, Agency for Marine and Water Management, Sweden • Mr. Teodoro Estrela, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain • Mr. Ivan Zavadsky, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) <p>Moderator: Mr. Johannes Tralla, Estonian National Broadcasting</p> <p><i>Questions & Answers</i></p>	

	<p>Panel 2: Enhancing trust: Regional integration, peace and stability generated through the implementation of the Water Convention (11:30 – 12:30)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gerta Lubonja, Water Resources Management Agency, Albania • Ms. Farida Alakbarova, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan • Ms. Helge Elisabeth Zeidler, DG Environment, European Commission  • Mr. Hilario Sanha, Ministry of Energy, Industry and Natural Resources, Guinea-Bissau • Mr. Nassour Saleh Terda, Ministry of Urban and Rural Water Management, Chad • Ms. Dinara Ziganshina, Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia, and Vice Chair of the Implementation Committee under the Water Convention • Mr. Anders Jagerskog, World Bank • Mr. Taylor Henshaw, Global Environment Facility (GEF)  (<i>tbc</i>) <p>Moderator: Mr. Johannes Tralla, Estonian National Broadcasting</p> <p><i>Questions & Answers</i></p>
12:30-14:30	Lunch break
14:30-15:30	<p>Looking forward: What comes next for the Water Convention?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Harry Liiv, Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention, Estonia • Mr. Aleš Bizjak, Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention, Slovenia • Mr. Niokhor Ndour, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, Senegal • H.E. Mr. Suleiman Hussaini Adamu, Federal Minister of Water Resources of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (<i>video message</i>) • Mr. Domingo Melenciano, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dominican Republic • Mr. Abou Amani, Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme, UNESCO  • Ms. Yumiko Yasuda, Global Water Partnership (GWP) <p>Moderator: Mr. Antti Rautavaara, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland</p> <p><i>Questions & Answers</i></p>
15:30-16:45	<p>Looking forward: Future labs & coffee</p> <p>In small groups, participants will engage in a conversation on their visions for the future of the Water Convention.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Elise Zerrath, Water Convention Secretariat</p>
16:45-17:15	<p>Take-aways: 30 years of the Water Convention: learning from the past, building the future</p> <p>Summary and take-aways from the interactive group discussions</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Water Convention Secretariat</p>
17:15-17:30	<p>Closing session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Meelis Münt, Secretary General of the Ministry of the Environment, Estonia • Ms. Francesca Bernardini, Chief of the Transboundary Cooperation Section, UNECE <p>Moderator: Mr. Johannes Tralla, Estonian National Broadcasting</p>

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