

HLPF side event
**“Starting at the source to protect the sea:
Looking upstream to achieve SDG 14”**

Thursday, 7 July 2022 - 7:30-9:00 am (EST) / 13:30-15:00 pm (CET)



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Background:

Managing land, freshwater, coastal and marine resources holistically – from source to sea – is critical to achieve SDG 14 and contributes SDG 6 and SDG 15. Since more than 60% of freshwater resources worldwide are shared by two or more countries, transboundary cooperation is crucial for source-to-sea management. The goal of this side event is to increase the understanding of the interlinkages between marine, terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems, showcase best practices and propose practical steps for achieving effective source-to-sea management.

Guiding questions:

- Why is source-to-sea management needed and how does it benefit SDGs 14 and 15?
- What are the opportunities and barriers of bringing together the terrestrial, freshwater and ocean communities?
- How can transboundary water cooperation help protect coastal and marine environments, including through the framework of the Water Convention?
- What are some of the success stories that exemplify the value of integrating across the source-to-sea system and how can these be replicated and scaled-up?

Registration:

<https://gwp-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcude2rrDgoHdWPjle0BWh1JjaRWprgLdV3>

Time	PROGRAMME
7.30-8.00 am (EST)	<p>Opening</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Co-lead transboundary waters cooperation theme, Global Water Partnership</p> <p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and United Nations Under-Secretary-General <p>Key note speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Peter Thomson United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean
8.00-8.50 am (EST)	<p>Experience sharing on applying the source-to-sea approach across basins</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Ruth Mathews, Coordinator of the Action Platform for Source-to-Sea Management, SIWI</p> <p>Case study from Europe: From the Narva River to the Baltic Sea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Harry Liiv, Special Envoy for Transboundary Waters in the Ministry of the Environment and Chair of the Water Convention, Estonia Mr. Rene Reisner, Head of Marine Environment Department, Ministry of the Environment, Estonia <p>Case study from the Mediterranean Sea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Charafat Afailal, former Minister of Water of Morocco, Expert on water resources, GWP Steering Committee member <p>Case study from Asia: Viet Nam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Thuy Anh, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam <p>Case study from Africa: the Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Thandiwe Gxaba, Deputy Secretary of the Benguela Current Commission (tbc) <p>Question & Answers</p>
8.50-9.00 am (EST)	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Co-lead transboundary waters cooperation theme, Global Water Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Aleš Bizjak, Vice Chair of the Water Convention, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia