

TUESDAY 19 / 11 : FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND WATER

TIME	TITLE AND BRIEF	
10:00-11:00h	<p data-bbox="398 220 1787 244"><i>THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH: HOW TO MEET WASH COMMITMENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF A CHANGING CLIMATE</i></p> <p data-bbox="398 272 2056 352">Climate change poses substantial new challenges for water and sanitation services. Increasing threats of floods, droughts, higher temperatures, wildfires, storm surges and loss of glaciers risk damage to infrastructure and services, interrupting access to water and sanitation, and deteriorating water quality – altogether increasing the risk to human health. Building the resilience of water and sanitation services is therefore critical.</p> <p data-bbox="398 381 2056 461">The most recent reporting cycle by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) underscores the critical relationship between climate change adaptation and mitigation and the provision of basic services such as water supply and sanitation. Interventions require sustainable management of water resources and safe management of water and sanitation infrastructures and services in order to ensure protection of public health and the environment.</p> <p data-bbox="398 489 2056 639">The event aims at exploring options for cross-sectoral action to increase climate resilience of water and sanitation services and address the growing climate threats affecting environment, water resources and human health. The event will also showcase the intergovernmental framework of the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health as a knowledge and expert platform bringing together climate, water and health sectors, as well as a set of tools that facilitate increasing the resilience, including climate-sensitive target setting and risk-based management approaches. The key messages of a recent strategic paper developed under the Protocol “Strengthening climate resilience in the drinking water and sanitation sector through the Protocol on Water and Health” will be presented.</p>	
	<p data-bbox="398 675 539 699">OBJECTIVES</p> <ul data-bbox="398 711 909 999" style="list-style-type: none"> • Take stock of main climate threats and risks affecting water and sanitation services, both in terms of impacts on human health and the environment • Focus on action options for different stakeholders sharing responsibility in water and sanitation service provision to address the above challenges • Discuss the role that the Protocol on Water and Health can play in building climate resilience of water and sanitation sectors 	<p data-bbox="1016 675 1301 699">FORMAT AND PROGRAM</p> <ul data-bbox="927 711 1379 791" style="list-style-type: none"> • The one-hour event will be organized in a format of a moderated discussion between panellists <p data-bbox="1559 675 1890 699">SPEAKERS AND ALTERNATES</p> <p data-bbox="1397 711 1505 735">Speakers:</p> <ul data-bbox="1397 764 2056 1407" style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin / UNECE Deputy Executive Secretary / Dmitry.mariyasin@un.org • Mr. Oliver Schmoll / Water and Climate Programme Manager, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health / schmollo@who.int • Mr. Emídio Sousa, Secretary of State for Environment, Portugal / catarina.sousa@sgambiente.gov.pt • Mr. Hector Tejero, Center for Climate and Health, Ministry of Health, Spain / htejero@sanidad.gob.es • Ms. Andrea Connell, Deputy Director International Affairs, Ministry of Health, the Netherlands / ac.connell@minvws.nl • Mr. Jakhongir Talipov, Head of International Cooperation Department, Ministry for Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Uzbekistan / jakhongirtalipov@gmail.com • Moderators: Ms. Elena Lopez Gunn, Royal Elcano Institute, and Ms. Ana Barreira, International Institute for Law and Environment, Spain

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