



High-Level International Conference on Water Cooperation Dushanbe 20-21 August 2013

Special Focused Event
20 August 2013, 16:30 -18:30, Hall No. 5

Hydrodiplomacy: dealing with water interdependencies to achieve water security for all.

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In light of the current global changes and given the important amount of populations living in transboundary basins or whose lives depend on water available in transboundary aquifers, it is not surprising to note mounting competition over the use of freshwater. History has however shown that when it comes to water and because of its vital nature, even though competition and even conflicts do occur, cooperation happens more often.

This event will focus on how *best* to shift away from potential water conflicts, towards cooperation potential. It will put the light on the various forms of informal actions that can lead to trust and cooperation building for transboundary water management. Under the umbrella of constructive joint work, key players involved in the management of transboundary waters can be brought together in foras for trust building, dialogue and cooperation enhancement.

Experts from various disciplinary and geographical backgrounds will discuss how Track II avenues for water diplomacy can indeed be most efficient in laying the foundation for actual technical and political cooperation.

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Draft agenda

Time	Item
16h30-16h45	Opening remarks by Ms Gretchen Kalonji , Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO
16h45-17h45	<p>Panel discussion moderated by Mr Johan Kuylenstierna, Executive Director, Stockholm Environment Institute</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Jeremy Bird, International Water Management Institute• Ms Alice Bouman, Women for Water Partnership• Mr Faisal Rifai, Euphrates-Tigris Initiative for Cooperation• Mr Francois Munger, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation• Mr Jerry delli Priscoli, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers• Mr Shammy Puri, International Association of Hydrogeologists• Bai Mass Taal, African Ministers' Council on Water
17h45-18h15	Discussion with the floor. The moderator will get questions from the floor to the panelists and vice versa given the number of
18h15-18h30	Concluding remarks by Ms Gretchen Kalonji , Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO