

9th World Water Forum, Dakar 2022

High level panel
“No water security without ecological security
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Wednesday 23rd of March, 9.00 am – 10.30 am (UTC / Dakar time),
Room 12

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FRENCH / ENGLISH INTERPRETATION*

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CONTEXT

This HLP will be the climax of a broader initiative structured around the declaration “No water security without ecological security, no ecological security without water security”, [launched by the World Water Council in September 2021 at the IUCN congress](#).

The initiative aims at strengthening the links between water and nature communities, and at promoting Nature Based Solutions as strategic tools for this matter. Signatories, both private or public organizations, engage to play their role in addressing key societal challenges through the protection, sustainable management and restoration of natural and modified ecosystems for the benefit of both biodiversity and water resources (therefore human well-being), in line with the SDGs, adopting a pro-nature attitude, and together with global, national, local and basin levels.

The Dakar Forum provides a unique opportunity to mobilize the water community within the frame of the declaration. This HLP will enable high level discussions on the two major challenges:

- how to make water and nature policies converge and become integrated?
- and now that the interest NbS is demonstrated, how to mainstream their use, in particular water practitioners (local communities, private companies, etc.)?

Besides, the closing of the session will be dedicated to a general call for endorsement of the initiative, and the revelation of new signatories gathered during the first days of the Forum, through multiple side events.

This session will be interactive and will enable attendees to the HLP to directly sign the declaration, and see the name of their organization displayed with other signatories.

PROGRAMME

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Opening:

- **Mr. Loïc Fauchon**, President, World Water Council

Keynote speaker:

- **Mr. Rémy Rioux**, Director General, French Development Agency

Panel

Under the moderation of **Dr. Eric Tardieu**, Director General, International Office for Water

- **Ms. María Alexandra Moreira López**, Secretary General, Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (OTCA)
- **Mr. Anoulak Kittikhoun**, Chief Executive Officer, Secretariat of the Mekong River Commission (MRC)
- **Mr. Thierry Burlot**, President, Loire-Brittany Basin Committee, (France)
- **Mr Eddy Njoroge**, President of International Organization for Standardization (ISO), President of Upper Tana-Nairobi Water Fund, Kenya
- **Hon. Belinda Constant**, Mayor of Gretna, LA, Administrator of the Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative
- **Ms. Muriel Jaujou**, Water cycle & sustainability director, Danone Waters

Closing

- **Ms. Andrea Erickson**, Managing director Water Security, The Nature Conservancy