



2013 International Year of Water Cooperation

Closing Ceremony

Mexico, 5-6 December 2013



Provisional Programme

(as of 3rd December 2013)



DAY 1
5 December 2013

YEAR OF WATER COOPERATION: LESSONS LEARNT
(*Anthropology Museum, Auditorium Torres Bodet*)

Av. Paseo de la Reforma y Calzada Gandhi S/N, Chapultepec Polanco, Mexico City

08:30-9:30 Registration

09:30-10:30 OPENING SESSION

- **Welcome to Mexico**, *Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico*
- **Sirodjidin Aslov**, *Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tajikistan*
- **Gretchen Kalonji**, *Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO*
- **Jose Lino Chaves**, *Minister of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica*
- **André Laperrière**, *Deputy Director General, Global Environment Facility (GEF)*
- **Clayton Burgin**, *Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines*
- **María Cristina Morales Palarea**, *Minister of Environment, Paraguay*
- **David Korenfeld**, *Director General, National Water Commission, (CONAGUA)*
- **Michel Jarraud**, *Chair, UN-Water* (video message)
- **Socorro Roviroso**, *Secretary General of the Mexican Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO*

Rapporteur: **Anil Mishra**, *UNESCO-IHP*

10:30-11:00 *Coffee Break*

10:45-11:00 Press Conference (Meridien Room)

11:00-11:30 OPENING HIGH-LEVEL STATEMENTS

President of the Session: **Roberto Olivares**, *Director General, National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities of Mexico (ANEAS)*

Panel Moderator: **Robert Varady**, *Udall Centre for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona, USA*

- **Jan Eliasson**, *Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations* (video message)
- **Sven Alkalaj**, *Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)* (video message)
- **Liu Zhiguang**, *Consul, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Water Resources, Governor World Water Council, China*
- **Mirko Giulietti**, *Acting Ambassador of Switzerland to Mexico*
- **Clément Leclerc**, *First Counsellor of the Embassy of France to Mexico*

11:30-12:00 Cooperation – The Key to Peaceful Water Sharing

- **Nicholas Bonvoisin**, *Secretary of the Water Convention, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)*
- **Jean-Francois Donzier**, *Permanent Technical Secretary, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)*
- **Astrid Hillers**, *Senior Specialist, Global Environment Facility (GEF)*

Rapporteur: **Alexander Otte**, *UNESCO-IHP*

12:00-12:10 Question and Answer Session

12:10-13:00 Challenges and Opportunities for Water Cooperation - The Role of Decision Making, Science and Education / South-South Water Cooperation

Moderator: **Josefina Maestu**, *Coordinator, UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC)*

- **Mary Khimulu**, *Former Ambassador of Kenya to UNESCO*
- **Charles Ngangoué**, *African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) and Representative of the Minister of Water Resources of Nigeria*
- **Narcio Rodrigues**, *Secretary of State, Minas Gerais, Brazil*
- **Fernando González Villareal**, *PUMAGUA Network, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)*
- **María Luisa Torregrosa**, *Water Network Coordinator Academy of Sciences of Mexico*

Rapporteur: **Zelmira May**, *UNESCO-IHP*

13:00-14:30 *Lunch Break*

14:30-15:45 **INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF WATER COOPERATION: MESSAGES FROM THE MILESTONE EVENTS**

Video: *2013 International Year of Water Cooperation*

President of the Panel: **Gretchen Kalonji**, *Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO*

Moderator: **Jerome Delli Priscoli**, *Governor, World Water Council (WWC)*

- **Josefina Maestu**, *Coordinator, UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC):* The International Annual UN-Water Zaragoza Conference 2012/2013 Preparing for the 2013 International Year. “Water Cooperation: Making it Happen!”, Zaragoza, Spain
- **Blanca Jiménez-Cisneros**, *Secretary, UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP):* Ceremony to launch the International Year of Water Cooperation, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France
- **Ellen Beijers**, *First Secretary of the Embassy of The Netherlands to Mexico:* World Water Day, The Hague, The Netherlands
- **Sulton Rahimov**, *First Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan,* High-Level International Conference on Water Cooperation, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- **Jörgen Persson**, *Ambassador of Sweden to Mexico:* World Water Week on the theme of “Water Cooperation – Building Partnerships”, Stockholm, Sweden
- **Chrispine Omondi Juma**, *Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Kenya:* UNESCO Strategic and High-Level Meeting on Water Security and Cooperation, Nairobi, Kenya
- **Tibor Stelbaczky**, *Head, European Union Sectoral Policies Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary:* Budapest Water Summit, Budapest, Hungary

15:45-16:15 Question and Answer Session

Rapporteur: **Miguel Doria**, *UNESCO-IHP*

16:15-16:45 *Coffee Break*

16:45-17:35 WATER COOPERATION: THE FUTURE WE WANT

President of the Panel: **André Laperrière**, *Deputy Director General, Global Environment Facility (GEF)*

Moderator: **Johannes Cullmann**, *Chairperson, UNESCO Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP)*

- Representative of the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme National Committees
 - **Victor Bourgett**, *IHP National Committee, Mexico*
- Members of the IHP Bureau
 - **Polioptro Martínez-Austria**, *IHP Bureau Vice-Chairperson for Latin America and the Caribbean Region*
 - **Jovan Despotovich**, *IHP Bureau Vice-Chairperson for Eastern and Central Europe Region*
- Directors of the UNESCO Centres
 - **Octávio Elísio Alves de Brito**, *International Centre for Education, Capacity Building and Applied Research in Water (HydroEx), Brazil*
 - **Kuniyoshi Takeuchi**, *International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM), Japan*
- UNESCO Chairs
 - **Vera Guarda**, *“Water, Women and Development”, Federal University of Ouro Preto, Brazil*
 - **Asma El Kasmi**, *“Water, Women and Decision-making”, Morocco*

17:35-17:45 Question and Answer Session

Rapporteurs: **Anil Mishra** and **Miruna Bouros**, *UNESCO-IHP*

17:45-18:00 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF WATER COOPERATION: OVERVIEW FROM AROUND THE WORLD –THE FUTURE WE WANT

CONCLUSIONS OF THE DAY

- **Blanca Jiménez-Cisneros**, *Secretary, UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP)*

Rapporteur: **Alice Aureli**, *UNESCO-IHP*

19:00 *Cocktail Reception (Interactive Museum of Economy)*

Tacuba 17, Historic centre, Cuauhtémoc, Mexico City

DAY 2
6 December 2013

BEYOND THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF WATER COOPERATION:
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

(Palacio de Minería, UNAM)

Calle de Tacuba 5, Centro, Cuauhtémoc, Mexico City

09:15-09:30 **Opening Remarks**

09:30-10:30 **Working Groups - Preparing Recipes for Water Cooperation
Round N°1**

Moderators for each group will animate the debate

Procedure:

1. Questions will be allocated to each group for discussion and preparation of written statements.
2. Following the discussion, the Moderators will give feedback on certain questions from each group.
3. To ensure fairness and with respect to time constraints, statements will be selected at random to be read out by one of the moderators.
4. The organizers will use the written statements to compile the final report.

10:30-11:00 **Presentation of the Statements**

11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-12:30 **Working Groups - Preparing Recipes for Water Cooperation
Round N°2**

Procedure: as per Round N°1 - new questions

12:30-13:00 **Presentation of the Statements**

13:00-14:00

CLOSING SESSION

The Way Ahead: *Off the Beaten Track*

President of the Session: **Victor Bourgett**, *IHP National Committee, Mexico*

Moderator: **Blanca Jiménez Cisneros**, *Secretary UNESCO-IHP*

- **Lesha Witmer**, *Representative of the 'Butterfly Effect Coalition': Lessons learnt from Women's Engagement in Water Cooperation*
- **Bart Devos**, *President, World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW)* and **Arturo Eduardo Martinez**, *Latin American Representative to the World Youth Parliament for Water: Long-term Vision on Water Cooperation - Summary of the various youth declarations adopted during the year; illustration of how the IYWC has contributed towards increased cooperation between youth networks and inter-generational cooperation.*

Closing Remarks – Water Cooperation and the Future We Want :

- **Gretchen Kalonji**, *Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO*

Rapporteurs: **Alexander Otte** and **Adriana Salazar**, *UNESCO-IHP*
