



3rd Yangtze Forum

Shanghai 2009

Introduction

The 3rd Yangtze Forum will be held in Shanghai, P.R. China **Sunday 19 – Tuesday 21 April 2009**. The conference will be hosted by the Government of Shanghai Municipality with support from the Changjiang Water Resources Commission (CWRC), the EU-China River Basin Management Programme (RBMP), the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

The Forum will comprise a round-table discussion among high-level international and national participants supported by five parallel sub-forums with the following themes:

- 1 **Integrated River Basin Management**
- 2 Great Rivers
- 3 Estuary Rehabilitation and Ecological Protection
- 4 Climate Change and City Safety
- 5 Corporate Engagement

Sub-Forum on IRBM

CWRC, the Changjiang Scientific Research Institute, WWF and the EU China RBMP will co-organise the sub-forum on IRBM, which will address the following topics:

- 1 New progress on IRBM
- 2 Policy and Scientific Support to IRBM
- 3 River Basin Planning

See Appendix 1 for the proposed programme.

EU Yangtze Dialogue Conference

Saturday 18 – Sunday 19 April, leading up to the Yangtze Forum, the same partners will organise the first **EU Yangtze Dialogue Conference**, which will focus on exchange of Chinese and EU experience within the following topics:

- 1 Trends in IRBM in China, Europe and globally
- 2 Innovation in IRBM
- 3 Benefits and Costs of IRBM

See Appendix 2 for the proposed programme.

Appendix 1: IRBM Sub-Forum Programme (Draft)

Day / Time	Activity
Day 1 (Sunday 19 April 2009)	
All day	Registration
18:30	Buffet Dinner
20:00	Instructions to Speakers of the IRBM Subforum
Day 2 (Monday 20 April 2009)	
09:00 – 12:00	Yangtze Forum Opening
IRBM Sub-Forum	
Session 1 – New Progress of IRBM	
Chairpersons: Dong Zheren, NN EU	
13:30 – 13:45	New Progress of IRBM in China Mr Sun Xuetao, Department Chief of MWR
13:50 – 14:05	Edge of water Mr Chris William, Director WWF America
14:10 – 14:25	IRBM in the Yangtze River Basin Mr Liu Zhensheng, General Director of Water Administration Bureau CWRC
14:30 – 14:45	IRBM in the Loire River Basin. From conflicts to stakeholders involvement. Mr Regis Thepot, CEO Loire River Public Organisation
14:50 – 15:05	TBD Mr Wang Hao, Academician, Director of Water Scientific Institute
Session 2 – Policy and Scientific Support	
Chairperson: Liu Zhensheng, Nicolas Costello	
15:10 – 15:25	EU Water Policy Mr Martin Walshe, Executive Secretary GWP
15:30 - 15:45	Environment Flow in the Yangtze River and its management measures Mr Chen Jin, Vice-Director of Changjiang Scientific Research Centre
15:50 – 16:05	<i>Open for additional international presentation</i>
16:10 – 16:25	Water allocation management in Yellow River Mr An Xindai, General Director of Water Allocation Bureau YRCC
16:30 – 16:45	Conflict and synergies between national climate change policies and river management Jamie Pittock, Australia National University
Session 3 – River Basin Planning	
Chairperson: Li Lifeng, Richard Stadtler	
09:00 – 09:15	Integrated Planning of the Rhine River Stefan Hill, General Director of Federal Rhine River Commission
09:20 – 09:35	The progress of Master Planning in China Li Yuanyuan, Vice-Director of Water Planning Institute

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09:40 – 09:55	Management by objective, the EU WFD planning process Bo Christensen, EU China RBMP
10:00 – 10:15	IRBM in Jialing River and Chishui River Lin Lin/Zhu Chunquan, WWF and Lars Skov Andersen, EU China RBMP
10:20 – 10:35	Integrated river basin management: the role of social learning and community knowledge in dealing with complexity and uncertainty Jeff Camkin, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems/CRC for irrigation futures
10:40 – 10:55	Regional groundwater protection and zoning: application to the Zhangji case study area Lobo Ferreira, Leader Researcher Portugal LNEC Department of Water Resource and Environment
Session 4 – The most important issues to promote in IRBM	
Chairperson: Chen Yu	
11:15 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00 – 12:25	The most important issue to promote in IRBM and summary of the discussion Mr Chen Yu, Academician, Member of Standing Committee CTC, Director of NSFC
12:25 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30	Yangtze Forum Plenary: Round Table Discussion
18:00	Banquet Dinner

Appendix 2: EU China Dialogue Conference Programme

Note: The conference may start the afternoon of Saturday 18 April or the morning of Sunday 19 April. The starting time will depend on international flight connections and final planning of the Yangtze Forum. The program below will be adjusted accordingly.

Day / Time	Activity
Day 1 (Saturday 18 April 2009)	
All day	Arrival and Registration
14:00	Field Trip (Alternatively Field Trip Wednesday 22 April in the morning)
18:30	Welcome dinner
Day 2 (Sunday 19 April 2009)	
Session 1 – Opening and Keynote Speeches	
Chairperson: Mr Guo Yu, Director, CWRC Bureau of International Cooperation Mr Magnus Gislev, EC Delegation to China and Mongolia	
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome and Introduction of Participants Mr NN, Vice-Commissioner, CWRC
09:15 – 09:30	Vice Minister of Water Resources / EU Ambassador / Vice Minister of EU country
09:30 – 09:45	Purpose of Conference Mr Nick COSTELLO, First Secretary, EC Delegation to China and Mongolia
09:45 - 10:00	Global trends of river basin management Mr LI Lifeng, WWF International
10:00 – 10:15	River Basin management and planning trends in China Mr GAO Erkun, Director, MWR Department of Water Resources Administration
10:15 – 10:30	Cross border management of the Danube River Basin Mr Richard Stadler, Austria, International Commission for Protection of the Danube River
10:30 – 10:45	Break
Session 2 – Innovation in River Basin Management in Europe and in China	
Chairpersons: Mr Liu Zhiguang – Deputy Director, Department of International Cooperation, MWR Mr Jean Francois Donzier – Executive Secretary International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO)	
10:45 - 11:00	Innovation in Water Management in Britain under the EU WFD Mr Ian Barker, Head of Water Department, UK Environment Agency
11:00 – 11:30	Innovation in Water Management on THE YANGTZE RIVER CWRC
11:30 – 11:45	Innovation in Water Management in <NN country> under the EU WFD To be identified
11:45 – 12:00	Innovation in Water Management on the YELLOW RIVER NN, YRCC
12:00 – 12:15	Innovation in Water Management in Slovenia under the EU WFD Ms Stanka KOREN, Environmental Agency, Republic of Slovenia
12:30 – 14:00	Buffet Lunch

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Session 3 – Benefits and Costs of the Integrated River Basin Management	
Chairperson: Dr Xia Jun, Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences Mr Chris Williams, WWF International	
14:00 – 14:15	Benefits of the EU WFD to water management in Slovakia Mr Norbert HALMO, Min of Environment, River Basin Management and Flood Control
14:15 – 14:30	Benefits of Integrated River Basin Management under the Tarim River Basin Management Project (MWR-WB-AusAID) Mr NN, Chairman of the Tarim River Basin Committee
14:30 – 14:45	Benefits of the EU WFD to water management in <nn country> To be determined
14:45 – 15:00	Benefits of Integrated Water and Environmental Management to the Hai River Basin (WB-GEF Project) NN, Hai River Water Resources Commission
15:00 – 15:15	Implementation costs of the WFD in Hungary, Kosovo and Turkey Mr Michael JACOBSEN, International Director, COWI Antalya, Turkey
15:15 – 15:45	Tea Break
Session 4 – Panel Discussion	
Chairperson: Dr Yu Xingjun, Director, MWR Centre for International Technical and Economic Cooperation Dr Friedrich Barth, RBMP PAG Co-chair, Chairman of European Water Partnership	
15:45 – 16:00 (Optional)	Introductory speeches on the potential significance of the EU WFD to China: 1. A Chinese perspective Dr. Dong ZHEREN, Vice-Chair and Technical Director, GWP China 2. An EU perspective Mr Lars Skov ANDERSEN, Deputy Team Leader, EU China RBMP
16:00 – 17:00	Discussion Panel: 1. Mr Gao Erkun, MWR 2. Dr LIU Zhengsheng, CWRC Bureau of Water Administration 3. Mr LI Lifeng, WWF 4. Mr Martin WALSHE, Executive Secretary, GWP 5. Mr Philip Weller / Mr Richard Stadler, ICPDR
17:00 – 17:30	Summary Dr Friedrich Barth Closing Speech Dr Yu Xingjun
17:30	Registration for Yangtze Forum