



SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

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Session Code and Title:

4TA2: Transboundary and cross-sectoral dialogue for peace and water resilience

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Session Description including objectives and expected outcomes (500 words maximum):

Transboundary and cross-sectoral dialogues are crucial for fostering peace, sustainability, and resilience concerning water resources. Here's an outline of how these dialogues can be instrumental in achieving these goals. This session will address the following key aspects: (1) establishment of sound legal framework for transboundary cooperation base on international water laws and, lessons learnt from existing practices, (2) policies, governance and knowledge of nexus (water-food-energy-ecosystem) approach to community and environmental resilience, (3) multi-stakeholder regional dialogues as a pathway for promoting transboundary water cooperation and building communities of practice, (4) communities at the heart of cooperation and development projects, (5) communication and stakeholder involvement as a strategic tool for dialogue, cooperation and coordination on water issues, (6) boosting international cooperation on water challenges through the role of public development banks in unlocking water and sanitation investments, (7) climate change as a driver of transboundary water cooperation.

Transboundary and cross-sectoral dialogues serve as platforms for fostering cooperation, understanding, and resilience in managing water resources. By promoting inclusive discussions, joint problem-solving, and coordinated actions, these dialogues can significantly contribute to achieving

both peace and water resilience at local, regional, and global scales.

Objectives

- Cooperation around water resources is a strategic issue at global level
- Climate change as a driver of transboundary water cooperation
- Economic, political and social benefit for the cooperation
- Establishment of sound legal framework for transboundary cooperation base on international water laws and, lessons learnt from existing practices;
- Communication and stakeholder involvement as a strategic tool for dialogue, cooperation and coordination on water issues.

Outcomes

- Many successes have been achieved at local and regional level, but there are needs to accelerate the scaling up of those progress, notably to the climate change context
- Multi-stakeholder regional dialogues as a pathway for promoting transboundary water cooperation and building communities of practice to reach win-win situation for all parties.
- Foster inclusive transboundary water cooperation based on the international principles of equitable and reasonable utilization of water resources.
- Establishing cooperative agreements and legal frameworks clarifies rights and responsibilities concerning transboundary water resources, reducing the likelihood of tensions and conflicts on shared water resources.

Detailed Session plan:

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
5	Opening	Egypt	OK
5	Setting the scene: Regional dialogues and multistakeholder engagement in transboundary water management	Yumiko Yasuda (GWP)	OK
PART 1	Facilitating cooperation: inter-governmental perspectives		
5	Transboundary dialogue in Lake Tanganyka and Kiv, East Africa	Kaatrien Van Houdon (VITO)	OK
5	Turkey experience for transboundary dialogues	Burcu Calli (Turkish Water Institute)	OK
5	Mekong	Minkyeng Park (Korea-Mekong Water Center)	OK
5	Egypt experience in Regional cooperation	Loay Seif (Egypt)	OK
15	Q&A and panel discussion		
PART 2	Ensuring inclusive transboundary water management		
5	Lake Titicaca Blue Pact, Community driven Transboundary agenda	Vladimir Arana (ISW)	OK
5	US-Mexico	Sharon B Megdal (University of	OK



		Arizona)	
5	Chad, Mali, Niger, community engagement and dialogue in transboundary waters context	Audrey Legat (Deltares)	OK
5	Lake Chad Youth	Bichara Hassan, (Chad Youth Parliament for Water)	OK
5	Water Convention and its mechanism to foster cooperation	Sonja Koeppel, UNECE	OK
15	Q&A and panel discussion		
5	Summary and closing		