



WATER AND CLIMATE

MEETING OF THE GREAT RIVERS OF THE WORLD INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT

Rome, 23-25 October 2017
Sala della Protomoteca, Piazza del Campidoglio

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MONDAY, 23RD OCTOBER

9:00-11:00: Official Opening Ceremony

Welcoming addresses:

- Ms. **Virginia Raggi**, Mayor of Rome
- Mr. **Gian Luca Galletti**, Minister of the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy
- Mr. **Paolo Gentiloni**, President of the Council of Ministers, Italy

Opening speeches:

- **HE Cardinal Pietro Parolin**, Secretary of State of His Holiness, conveying the *message of Francis the Pope*
- Mr. **Karmenu Vella**, European Commissioner for the Environment
- Mr. **Gilbert F. Hougbo**, Chair of UN-Water. President of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Mr. **José Graziano da Silva**, Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- Mr. **David Grimes**, President, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- Mr. **Andrey Vasilyev**, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Mr. **Guang Zhe Chen**, Senior Director, Water Global Practice, World Bank Group

- Ms. **Blanca Jimenez Cisneros**, Executive Secretary, International Hydrological Programme (UNESCO-IHP)
- Mr. **Miguel García-Herraiz**, Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean, in charge of Water and Environment (UpM)
- Mr. **Roberto Ramirez de la Parra**, World President , International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
- Mr. **Jean-François Donzier**, Executive Secretary, Global Alliances for Water and Climate (GAFWaC)
- *Special address by* Ms. **Hakima El Haité**, Special Envoy for Climate Change from the Kingdom of Morocco, Moroccan Presidency of UNFCCC COP22.

11:00-13:00: Session of the Great Rivers of the World

Statements by high representatives of the Great Rivers of the World.

- **AMAZON RIVER** - Ms. Amb. Maria Jacqueline Mendoza Ortega, Secretary General, Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (OTCA)
- **MISSISSIPPI RIVER** - Ms. Belinda Constant, Mayor of Grenta, Co-Chair, Mississippi River Cities and Town Initiatives (MRCTI)
- **YANGTZE RIVER** - Mr. Chen Jin, Vice President, Yangtze/Changjiang River Scientific Research Institute
- **SAINT LAURENT RIVER** – Mr Jean Lemire, Emissary for climate change, Government of Quebec, Ministry for international relations
- **MEKONG RIVER** - Mr. Pham Tuan Phan, CEO, Mekong River Commission
- **RIO DE LA PLATA** - Mr. Amb. Guillermo Enrique González, President, Rio de la Plata Administrative Commission
- **VOLGA RIVER** Mr. Dmitriy Kirillov, Director of Water Policy Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Russian Federation
- **DANUBE RIVER** Mr. Peter Gammeltoft, President, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
- **CONGO RIVER** Ms. Judith Enaw, Secretary General, International Commission of the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha (CICOS)
- **SENEGAL RIVER**- Mr. Hamed Diane Semega, High Commissioner, Organization for the Development of the Senegal river basin (OMVS)

13:00-14:30: Lunch

14:30-18:30: SESSION 1: Improving knowledge for adaptation to climate change - the creation and the strengthening of monitoring networks and Water Information Systems- *Launching of new structuring projects.*

Chair: Mr **Hassan Janabi**, Minister of Water Resources, Republic of Iraq

Rapporteur: Mr. **Arnould Lefébure**, Secretary General, International Commission of the Scheldt

Panel 1

Keynote speaker: Mr. **Silvano Pecora**, Vice President of the Commission for Hydrology, World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)

- Mr. Mykola Kuzio, Vice-Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Ukraine (Dniester basin)
- Ms Patricia Blanc, Director General, Agence de l'Eau Seine Normandie, France
- Ms. Anne Schulte-Wülwer-Leidig, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR)
- Mr. Bertrand Porquet (Secretary General, Initiative for the Future of Great Rivers)
- Ms. Samira El Houat, Director, Sebou Basin, Morocco
- Mr. Victor Dukhovny, Executive Secretary, Network of Water Management Organizations of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA NWO)

Coffee break

Panel 2

Keynote speaker: Mr. **Stefan Uhlenbrook**, Coordinator, United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)

- Mr. Marco Mancini, Professor of water engineering, Polytechnic of Milan
- Mr. Jean-François Donzier, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
- Mr. Lansana Fofana – Haut Commissaire - OMVG (Gambia River basin)
- Mr. Sowed Wamala, Information System Specialist, Nile Basin Initiative
- Mr. Tamsir Ndiaye, Director General, Society of Management of the Manantali Water (SOGEM)
- Mr. Fadi Comair, Lebanon, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (REMOB)

Questions and Answers

18:30 Conclusion of the 1st day

19:00 Evening walking tour to the historical Fountains of Rome, lit up in blue for the Water and Climate Summit

TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER

9:00-13:00: SESSION 2: Water resources and aquatic ecosystems management in a changing climate. *Presentation of pilot experiences, strategies and support for new projects.*

Chair: Ms. **Adriana Doina Pana**, Minister of Waters and Forests, Romania

Rapporteur: Ms. **Clara Pusceddu**, Italian Ministry for the Environment /Sogesid spa

Panel 1

Keynote speaker: Mr. **Jean Launay**, President of the French National Water Committee, President of the French Water Partnership (FWP)

- Mr. Juan Ocola Salazar – Executive President , Autonomous Binational Authority for Lake Titicaca
- Mr. Giovanni Bidoglio, Head of the Water Resources Unit, Institute for Environment and Sustainability of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- Mr. Jean Marie Nibirantije , Executive Director of the Lake Tanganyika Authority
- Mr. Héctor Mauro Vazón, President of the Uruguay River Executive Commission (CARU)
- Mr. Andrea Goltara, Managing Director, Italian Centre for River Restoration (CIRF)
- Mr. Marco Petitta, Vice President, International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH), Professor, Sapienza University of Rome

Coffee break

Panel 2

Keynote speaker: Mrs. **Gaia Checcucci**, Director General, Department for Land and Water Protection (STA), Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea Protection, Italy

- Mr. Olcay Unver, Deputy Director, Land and Water Division, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- Ms. Vera Corbelli, Head of Southern Apennine District Authority, Italy
- Mr Dibi Millogo, Deputy Executive Director, Volta Basin Authority
- Mr. Ian Atkinson, International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) Australian National Committee
- Ms. Gorelits Olga Vladimirovna, Zubov State Oceanographic Institute (Volga River)
- Mr. Giancarlo Gusmaroli, Board Member and Secretary, European Centre for River Restoration, ECRR

Questions and Answers

13:00-14:30: Lunch

14:30-18:30: SESSION 3: Public participation and involvement of the private sector for adaptation to climate change in basins. *Successful partnerships and shared future actions.*

Chair: Ms **Aissatou Balde**, Minister of Environment, Water and Forests, Rep. of Guinea

Rapporteur: Ms. **Galina Stulina**, Leading Specialist in Climate Change, Scientific Information Centre of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of Central Asia (SIC-ICWC)

Panel 1

Keynote speaker: Mr. Amb. **Didier Olmedo**, President, Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee of the Countries of the Basin of Plata

- Ms. Toupta Boguena, Executive Secretary of the Niger Basin Authority
- Mr. Lupercio Ziroldo Antonio, Permanent technical secretary, Latin American Network of Basin Organizations (LANBO)
- Mr. Mitja Bricelj, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia, Member of the International Sava River Basin Commission
- Mr. Gidon Bromberg, Director, EcoPeace Middle East
- Mr. Massimo Bastiani, Coordinator, Italian Board of River's Contracts,

Coffee break

Panel 2

Keynote speaker: Ms. **Francesca Bernardini**, Secretary of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, UNECE

- Mr. Roberto Olivares, President, RELOC, President Basin Committee Valley of Mexico
- Mr. Sanusi Imran Adullahi Executive Secretary Basin Commission Lake Chad
- Mr. Willem Schreurs, Secretary General, International Meuse Commission
- Mr. Steven Schonberger, Practice manager, Water Global Practice, World Bank Group
- Mr. Giorgio Zampetti, Scientific Coordinator Committee, Legambiente
- Ms. Tracy Molefi, Co-Chair of the Okavango Basin Steering Committee, Former President of the African Network of Basin Organizations (ANBO)

Questions and Answers

18:30: Conclusion of the 2nd day

19:00 Evening guided tour of the Roman Imperial Forums

21:00: Official gala dinner in Villa Madama (for Heads of Delegations only)

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER

8:30-11:15: SESSION 4: Financial mechanisms for adaptation to climate change in basins. *The incubation of new projects to improve the governance and the financing of the actions*

Chair: Mr. **Niels Vlaanderen**, Co-Chair of the Water Convention Task force on Water and Climate, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment of the Netherlands

Rapporteur: Ms. **Sonja Koeppel**, Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, UNECE

Keynote speaker: Ms. **Monica Scatasta**, Head of Environment, Climate and Social Policy, European Investment Bank (EIB)

- Mr. Gian Maria Milesi Ferretti, Deputy Director, Research Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Mr. Eric Tardieu – Technical Secretary, INBO (International Network of Basin Organizations)
- Mr. Omari R. Mwinjaka, Water Resources Management Officer, East African Community Lake Victoria Basin Commission
- Ms. Simona Camerano, Chief Research and Studies, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (Deposit and Loans Fund, Italy)
- Mr. Christian Severin, Coordinator of the International Waters Focal Area, Global Environmental Facility (GEF)
- Mr. Khatim Kherraz, Executive Secretary Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)
- Mr. Fernando Reyna Guzman, Deputy head of national investments, National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities of Mexico –ANEAS

Questions and Answers

Coffee break

11:45-13:00: Official closing ceremony, at the presence of the President of the Republic of Italy, H. E. Sergio Mattarella

Closing addresses:

- Ms. **Virginia Raggi**, Mayor of Rome
- Mr. **Gian Luca Galletti**, Minister of the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy
- **Presentation of the ITALIAN BUSINESS ALLIANCE FOR WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE**
- **DECLARATION OF ROME: Presentation and endorsement**
- **TRIBUTE TO AFRICA, with the participation of the great African rivers-lakes basin organizations:** - **Judith Enaw**, Secretary General of the International Commission of the Congo-Ubangi Sangha basin.- **El Hadj Lansana Fofana**, High

Commissioner, Organization for the Development of the **Gambia** River (OMVG), - **Hamed Diane Semega**, High Commissioner, Organization for the Development of the **Senegal** river basin (OMVS), - **Dibi Millogo**, Executive Director of the **Volta** Basin Authority, - **Jean Marie Nibirantije**, Executive Director of the Lake **Tanganyika** Authority, - **Sowed Wamala**, Regional Information Systems of the **Nile** Basin Initiative, **Mari R. Mwinjaka**, Water Resources Manager of the **Lake Victoria** Basin Commission, - **Sanusi Imran Abdullahi**, Executive Secretary of the **Lake Chad** Basin Commission, - **Soungalo Kone**, Director of the **Niger** Basin Observatory, - **Khatim Kherraz**, Executive Secretary of the **Sahara and Sahel** Observatory (OSS), - **Tracy Molefi**, Co-Chair of the **Okavango** River Basin Water Commission (OKACOM), - **Samira El Houat**, Director of **Sebou** Hydraulic Basin Agency.

13:30 Conclusion of the Summit and family photo

14:00 Press Conference

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