

COP 17 Water, Climate & Development Day

3 December 2011: Water Day and High Level Dialogue 1

6 December 2011: High Level Dialogue 2

Africa Pavilion

International experts and senior policy makers in development, water, finance and climate will discuss and generate perspectives for implementing solutions in the following areas:

- Global Policy Solutions
- Financial and Institutional Solutions
- Climate Change information Solutions for water resources
- Infrastructure, Technical and Ecosystem Solutions

Connect the Dots: Water, Climate and Development

Until the world puts water at the top of the development agenda, efforts to achieve a global solution for climate change, economic growth and the Millennium Development Goals will not succeed. Water underpins everything humanity does and is central to development.

In many countries, annual GDP fluctuates with annual water availability. Improved water resources management should be seen as part of the solution for both adaptation and mitigation. Finding solutions to global challenges will not happen without increased investments in water management. Whether in food production, industry, tourism, transport, or health – water is key.

AFRICAN UNION

UNION AFRICAINE



الاتحاد الأفريقي

UNIÃO AFRICANA



Global Water
Partnership



water affairs

Department:
Water Affairs
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



water and
climate
coalition



Economic Commission
for Africa

Water in the UNFCCC Negotiations

The UNFCCC negotiations are a major political process that influences funding mechanisms. It is essential that knowledge and experiences in the water community inform decisions on relevant UNFCCC programmes and mechanisms.

While water is recognised in Article 4.1 (e) of the Convention and Paragraph 14 of the Cancun Agreement, water has not yet been adequately addressed in UNFCCC negotiations. Parties decided during the 34th session of SBSTA not to have water as a separate agenda item but rather discuss it as part of the Nairobi Work Programme, which focuses only on adaptation. Water needs a consolidated approach in the negotiations because it is relevant to both adaptation and mitigation.

Solutions: Water, Climate and Development Day

The Water, Climate and Development Day will focus on practical solutions to place water at the centre of development and to ensure water takes a central place in UNFCCC negotiations.

Countries that have well developed water management systems are better able to cope with extreme events. Investments in better water management and infrastructure build resilience

to climate change hazards. On the mitigation side, interventions, including hydropower, biofuels, carbon storage and sustainable forest management, are all reliant on sustainable water management.

The Day will highlight water's relationship to economic development and a diverse range of issues and mechanisms under the UNFCCC: Adaptation; Mitigation; Finance; Renewable Energy; Technology, REDD; Land-Use; Land-Use Change; and Forestry.

The outcomes of the Day will be presented in High Level Round Table Dialogue on December 6 in the African Pavilion.

Water Day Objectives:

- To enhance political commitment for addressing water comprehensively within the context of the UNFCCC and recognise the central role of water for adaptation and mitigation
- To generate concrete solutions and call for actions that promote water security for climate resilient development at all levels
- To identify key issues concerning climate data, climate information and water development for countries.

WATER, CLIMATE AND DEVELOPMENT DAY – Saturday 3 December 2011

09.00-09.45 - INTRODUCTION AND SETTING THE SCENE

- Welcoming Remarks: Hon. EDNA MOLEWA, AMCOW President; Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, South Africa
- Interconnectedness of water, climate and development: Dr. ANIA GROBICKI, GWP Executive Secretary
- Building blocks for integrating water into the climate regime: Mr. ANDERS BERNTTELL, Water and Climate Coalition; Executive Director, SIWI

09.45-10.45 - SESSION 1: GLOBAL POLICY SOLUTIONS FOR ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION

Chair: AMCOW Minister

- Water and the Nairobi Work Programme: Mr. YOUSSEF NASSEF, Manager, Adaptation Sub-programme, UNFCCC Secretariat
- Perspectives on water and climate change in UNFCCC Negotiations: Mr. TOSI MPANU-MPANU, Chair of the Africa Group of UNFCCC Negotiators
- Sustaining ecosystems and economies through water: Mr. CARLOS MANUEL RODRIGUEZ, Vice President, Conservation International
- Water key for both adaptation and mitigation: Mr. SIMON THOU, GWP Eastern Africa Regional Coordinator

10.45-11.00 - COFFEE BREAK

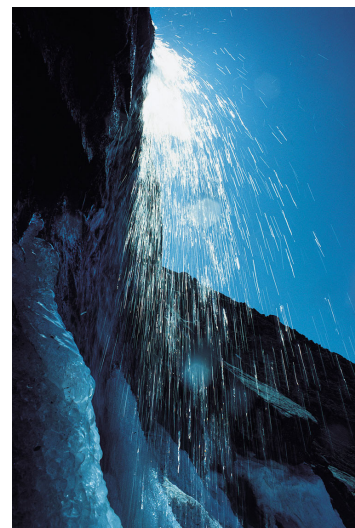
11.00-12.00 - Global Policy Solutions *Moderator: Karin Lexén, Water and Climate Coalition*

Discussion on building blocks for integrating water into the climate regime

12.00-13.00 - SESSION 2: INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNICAL AND ECOSYSTEM SOLUTIONS

Chair: AMCOW Minister

- Optimising water infrastructure for climate adaptation and mitigation: Mr. SERING JALLOW, Director, Water and Sanitation Department, AfDB
- Building resilience through water resources management for mitigating climate change; experience from Mexico and Latin America: Mr. ELIAS FREIG, Manager-Carbon Finance and Climate Change Economics, National Water Commission (CONAGUA), Mexico
- Ecosystem Services and linkages between adaptation and mitigation: Mr. FRANK LOWENSTEIN, Director, Global Adaptation Team, The Nature Conservancy



13.00-15.00 - SESSION 3: CLIMATE CHANGE INFORMATION FOR WATER RESOURCES

Key Solutions for enhanced climate data, climate information and water development for countries

Chair: Mr. Arba Diallo-Chair of GWP West Africa

INVITED PANELISTS

Opening address to the Panel: South African Minister of Cooperation Governance

Mr. Bai Maas Taal	Executive Secretary, AMCOW
Mr. Seleshi Bekele	Senior Climate and Water Specialist, ACPC, UNECA
Prof. Shem Wandiga	Professor, University of Nairobi
Mr. Alhassane Adama Diallo	Director General, ACMAD
Prof. Bruce Hewitson	Professor, University of Cape Town
Mr. Steve Zebiak	Director General, International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI), Columbia University
Mr. Michel Jarraud	Secretary General, WMO
Ms. Ruth Beukman	GWP Southern Africa Executive Secretary
Mr. Jan Egeland	Co-Chair of the Taskforce for the Global Framework on Climate Services
Dr. Linda Makuleni	CEO of the South Africa Weather Service



15.00-16.00 - SESSION 4: FINANCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SOLUTIONS

Building Blocks for Prioritising Water in Climate Finance and Institutional Frameworks

Chair: AMCOW Minister

- Integrating water and climate resilience into national development and institutional frameworks and UNFCCC International Green Climate Fund: Prof. MIKE MULLER, GWP Technical Committee
- Towards an Africa Climate Change Green Fund: Constraints and opportunities, Mr. ALY ABOU-SABAA, Chair of the AfDB Climate Change Coordination Committee
- Raising corporate awareness of global water issues: The importance of disclosure and action: Mr. PAUL SIMPSON, CEO Carbon Disclosure Project

16.00-17.00 - HIGH LEVEL PANEL 1: Reflections and Perspectives for Integrating Water into the Climate Regime

INVITED PANELISTS *Moderator: Alex Simalabwi, GWP Senior Network Officer & Climate Change Focal Point*



Ms. Rhoda Peace, AU Commissioner



Dr. Ania Grobicki, GWP Executive Secretary



Hon. Edna Molewa, AMCOW President, Minister of Water & Environmental Affairs, South Africa



Mr. Anders Berntell, Water and Climate Coalition; Executive Director, SIWI



Mr. Simon Brooks, Vice President, European Investment Bank



Eng. Joao Caholo, SADC Deputy Executive Secretary - Regional Integration

17.00-17.10 - Summary of Key Messages for COP 17; Next Steps and Close of Day

Ms. Rhoda Peace, African Union, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture

HIGH LEVEL PANEL 2: Water, Climate and Development – Tuesday 6 December 2011

How to integrate Water in the climate regime and economic development

Chair: Mr Jean Ping, Chairman of the African Union Commission

08.30 - Welcoming note: Hon.Edna Molewa, AMCOW President and Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, South Africa

08.45 - Overview of water in the current negotiating landscape: Ms Christiana Figueres, UNFCCC Executive Secretary

09.00 - Outcomes of the Water, Climate Development Day: Building blocks for integrating water into the Climate Regime:
Mr Anders Berntell, Water and Climate Coalition; Executive Director, SIWI

Key Messages-interconnectedness of water, climate and development: Dr. Ania Grobicki, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership

09.20-12.00 - Panel Discussion

INVITED PANELISTS



Ms. Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, COP 16 President, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mexico



Mr. Robert Bruce Zoellick, World Bank President



Mr. Trevor Manuel, Co-Chair, UNFCCC International Green Fund, and Minister in Presidency: National Planning Commission, Government of South Africa



Ambassador Lumumba Stanislaus-Kaw DI-APING, UNFCCC COP Vice President and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations



Ms. Doris Leuthard, Swiss Minister for Energy and Environment



Mr. Simon Brooks, Vice President, European Investment Bank



Mr. Todd Stern, Special Envoy for Climate Change, Head of U.S. Delegation to UNFCCC



Dr. D.Kaberuka, President, Africa Development Bank



Mr. Anders Flanking, State Secretary, Ministry of the Environment, Sweden

12.00-12.15 - Summary and Conclusions: Dr. Ania Grobicki, GWP Executive Secretary

12.15-12.30 - Close of the Day and Next Steps: Mr. Jean Ping, Chairman of the African Union Commission

All listed participants subject to change.

