



Water Resources & Climate Change: Reinforcing the Interlinkages

Transforming water policies to accelerate climate resilience

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Agenda

11:30 Session Opening

H.E Dr. Mohamed Abdel A ty, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt
Ms. Shamila N air-Bedouelle, UNESCO Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences

11:40 Keynote Address (video)

John Mathews, Executive Director of AGWA - Alliance for Global Water Adaptation

11:55 Panel Discussion

Facilitator

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Leading Expert in Water Governance, SIWI

12:45 Closing Remarks

H.E Dr. Mohamed Abdel A ty, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt

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Key messages

Resilient water management offers multiple benefits for sustainable development, climate action and disaster risk reduction.

The water community can provide to the climate community solutions that are relevant and that will contribute to climate goals and improving climate resilience and vice versa.

Climate resilient water management requires major policy shifts at all levels of government.

It needs to be implemented through

- Robustness (planning and designing for a range of plausible futures)
- Flexibility (the ability to avoid institutional and technological traps).

Water resilience requires investing in governance and increasing finance.

Societal leadership and support are key to the necessary transformation.

Building water resilience is crucial for climate justice.

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