

World Water Week in Stockholm, 2014

Global Dialogue on Water Security and Sustainable Growth

Side Event

Get an update on the economics of water security
Monday 1 September 17:45–18:45 in Room K2

“Water security is at the heart of our development challenge; it is a driver of economic development and poverty reduction. I am pleased that our Global Dialogue includes conversations at all levels – expert and grassroots – to inspire much-needed cooperation for achieving water security.”

Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia and Global Dialogue High Level Panel Co-Chair

PROGRAMME

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17:45 Welcome and Opening Remarks

DR. URSULA SCHAEFER-PREUSS, *Chair, Global Water Partnership*

17:50 Presentation on the Economics of Water Security

DR. CLAUDIA SADOFF, *World Bank*

PROF. DAVID GREY, *Oxford University, UK*

PROF. JIM HALL, *Oxford University, UK*

18:05 Panel Discussion

MR. ALOK RAWAT, *I.A.S. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, India*

DR. BENEDITO BRAGA, *President, World Water Council*

MR. HERBERT OBERHÄNSLI, *Nestlé, Vice President Economics and International Relations*

DR. JUNAID AHMAD, *Senior Director, Global Water Practice World Bank (TBC)*

18:25 Questions and Answers

18:40 Closing Remarks

18:45 Close of Side Event



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“Increasing water security will create major benefits for human welfare, the economy and the environment. But it will require concerted action on the part of governments to tackle the challenges involved in shifting to a risk-based and holistic approach for water management.”

Mr Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General and Global Dialogue High Level Panel Co-Chair

The Global Dialogue will result in a milestone report on 'Water Security and Sustainable Growth' to be presented at the World Water Forum in South Korea in 2015.

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Lead Convenors *Global Water Partnership (GWP) and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*

Event outline

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) are leading a Global Dialogue on Water Security and Sustainable Growth to promote and accelerate a transition to water security. An Expert Task Force is being led by Dr. Claudia Sadoff and Professors Jim Hall and David Grey (Oxford University) to build the case for global action to address water-related risks by quantifying the impacts of water insecurity and documenting the benefits of strategic investments and risk reduction.

This side event will provide an update of the work of the expert economics task force and host a high level panel, who will be invited to provide their perspectives on the water security challenge. It will also provide an opportunity for open floor discussion of key issues.

Event objectives and outcomes

The purpose of the side event during World Water Week is to present an update on the work and early findings of the expert task force, and provide an opportunity for discussion of key issues surrounding the economics of water security.

The final result of the Global Dialogue will be a milestone report on "Water Security and Sustainable Growth" to be presented to a High Level Panel co-Chaired by President Ellen Sirleaf Johnson, President of Liberia, and Mr Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General, during the 2015 World Water Forum in South Korea.

The next high level panel discussion is planned to take place at the OECD Global Forum on Environment: New Perspectives on the Water-Energy-Food Nexus, 27-28 November 2014, at OECD Headquarters in Paris.

More information about the Global Dialogue on Water and Sustainable Growth

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GWP

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