

Capitalizing on water and multi stakeholder engagement for successful implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Lead Organization

SIWI

Co-Conveners

AGWA and ClimateIsWater initiative ¹

International Partners

CDP, FWP, GWP, INBO, IUCN, UNECE, UNESCO-IHP, WaterAid and World Water Council

Time

8 November, 17.00 – 18.30

Place

Green zone of the COP 22 area - Innovation and Civil Society zone

Objective

This session is designed to bring together the water and other relevant communities to advance a dialogue on the role of water resilience in realizing the ambitions of the Paris Agreement.

The event aims to showcase the opportunities and challenges that exist for successful implementation of NDCs and their articulation with NAP's, access to climate finance and utilizing the support from non-state parties through the Global Climate Action Agenda.

Program

Master of the Ceremony : *Karin Lexén, Director International Policy at SIWI and Co- Chair of AGWA*

17.00 Water's key role in supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement

Introduction by *Torgny Holmgren, Executive Director, SIWI*

¹ **Members of the ClimateIsWater initiative:** AGWA policy group, ARUP, BORDA, CDP, French Water Partnership, Gates Foundation, Green Cross International, Global Water Partnership, INBO-International Network of Basin Organisations, IUCN, IWA, IWRA, Moroccan ministry of Water – international cooperation unit, Nile Basin Discourse, SIWI, UNESCO-PHI, Water Academy, WaterAid, World Resources Institute, World Youth Parliament for Water, Woman for Water Partnership, World Water Council, WWF US. The network is coordinated by WWC with the support of FWP, SIWI and other members of the steering committee.

Members of the AGWA policy group: AGWA currently (as of 2016) consists of about 200 organizations from all regions around the globe. It is co-chaired by SIWI and the World Bank; other members are ARUP, Both Ends, Cap-Net, CDP, Coalition Eau, Conservation, Deltares, EIB, FANCA, FanMex, FWP, Gates Foundation, GIZ, GCI, GWP, IUCN, IWA, LEAD, OECD, Seattle Public Utilities, Stakeholder Forum, TNC, UNECE, UNESCO, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Institute for Water Resources, WaterAid, WWC, WWF, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Massachusetts, Columbia University, WBCSD

17.05 Part 1: Country case studies

This first part will focus on country's best practices for NDC development and planning, implementation of NAPs and other climate change strategies and programs through water at the national, regional/basin level and/or city level. Non-state actors (local authorities, private sector, NGO's, research community, etc.) that are connected to one of the water alliances in GCAA will also illustrate how they contribute to supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Speakers will illustrate their opportunities of accessing climate finance to support the country-owned adaptation and mitigation programs and highlight their reflections on the requirements needed to improve climate finance access and governance.

Speakers: (5 minutes/speaker)

Senegal: Mr. Mansour Faye, Minister for Water Resources and Sanitation (tbc);
High Commissioner Kabiné Komara of the Senegal River basin organisation (OMVS);

Sweden: Ms. Katarina Luhr, Vice Mayor of Environment for the City of Stockholm, Sweden

Mexico: Dr Ana Cecilia Conde, National Ecology and Climate Change Institute (tbc); Dr.
Victor Yamanaka, Vice Director General, CONAGUA

East Timor: Sr. Augusto Pinto, National Director for Climate Change, East Timor

17.50 Part 2 Accessing Climate Finance for water

Introduction by Prof. Dogan Altinbilek, Vice-President of the **World Water Council**

Response by donors to the case studies on how they could support and way forward (3 mins):

SUEZ : Diane d'Arras, Executive VP Water Europe, President IWA

Green Climate Fund: Mr. Ousseynou Nakoulima, Director of the Country Programming

BMZ : Philipp Knill, Division Chief of climate team,

Inter-American Development Bank : Amal-Lee Amin, Division Chief, Climate Change Division

Q&A to donors moderated by Louise Whiting, **WaterAid**

18.10 Concluding reactions to the session - Implementing the Paris Agreement

H.E Dr Abdeladim Lhafi, **COP22 High Commissioner**

Mr. Klaus Radunsky Representative of the **Adaptation Committee and the LEG working group**

M. Seyni or Ms. Diann Black-Layne from the **Standing Committee on Finance** (tbc)

18.25 Concluding remarks by Karin Lexén on behalf of **AGWA** and **#ClimateisWater**

18.30 End of session