

Water, People and Cooperation: Perspectives from the UNESCO Water Family in the context of climate change

Date and time: 2 December 2015, 12.00 – 12.45

Venue: UNESCO Pavilion at Le Bourget

Moderators: Blanca Jiménez Cisneros, Director, Division of Water Sciences and Secretary of the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP), Giuseppe Arduino and Alexander Otte, UNESCO-IHP

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Time	Description
5 min.	Welcoming and introductory words by Blanca Jiménez-Cisneros.
35 min.	<p>Perspectives from six UNESCO Water-related Chairs and Centers :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Kinga Krauze, European Regional Centre for Eco-hydrology (Poland) • Ms. Zainab binti Hashim, HTC (Malaysia) • Ms Asma El Kasmi, UNESCO Chair "Water, Women and Decision Power" (Morocco) • Mr Ali Semsar Yazdi, International Centre, International Centre on Qanats and Historic Hydraulic Structures (ICQHS) (Iran) • Mr. Graham Jewitt, African Centre for Global Change and Water Resources Research (South Africa) • Mr. Manuel Benavides Soto, Water Centre for Arid and Semi-arid Zones of Latin America and the Caribbean (Chile). • Ms. Adrian Parr, UNESCO Chair on Water Access and Sustainability (USA)

As an active member of UN-Water, IHP is involved, among other projects, in the Integrated Monitoring of Water and Sanitation Related SDG Targets (GEMI), an initiative to develop indicators to measure progress towards the proposed targets under the future Sustainable Development Goal 6 on water, as well as a roadmap for their implementation with relevant monitoring mechanisms. In this context, and by constantly seeking to renew and strengthen itself to better assist Member States in their journeys towards water sustainability and security, IHP is today striving to capitalize on past achievements in order to score new ones in the future.

IHP is determined to facilitate and use innovative methods, tools and approaches by capitalizing on advances in water sciences as well as building new competences to meet current global water challenges in the context of climate change by coordinating the action of the UNESCO Water Family, which counts more than sixty water-related Centres and Chairs and 169 National Committees.

As contributors to 50th anniversary celebrations of the water programmes at UNESCO, the International Hydrological Decade (IHD) and the International Hydrological Programme (IHP), the participants of the session will provide multidisciplinary and regional perspectives on the role of the UNESCO Water Family in the context of climate change.