



**United Nations
International Year of Water Cooperation 2013**

Launch Ceremony

**11 February 2013
UNESCO Headquarters, Fontenoy - Room IV**

Programme

Paris, France

Main event in UNESCO Fontenoy

09:00 – 10:00 *Registration of participants*

10:00 – 11:00 **Opening Ceremony**

Master of Ceremony: **Ms Gretchen Kalonji**, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Video-message of Mr Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Opening Speeches

- **Ms Irina Bokova**, Director-General, UNESCO
- **Mr Michel Jarraud**, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization, and Chairperson, UN-Water
- **Mr Hamrokhon Zarifi**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Tajikistan
- **Mr Pascal Canfin**, Minister for Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France

Messages from Heads of States

- **Message from H.E. Mr Mwai Kibaki, President of Kenya**, delivered by Hon. Joseph W. N. Nyagah, Minister for Cooperative Development and Marketing
- **Message from H.E. Mr Tsakhia Elbegdorj, President of Mongolia**, delivered by Mr Zorigt Erdenechuluun, Ecology and Environmental Policy Advisor to the President

Prize awarding to the IYWC 2013 slogan contest winner by **Ms Irina Bokova**, Director-General, UNESCO, and **Mr Michel Jarraud**, UN-Water Chairperson

Presentation of the official slogan and messages of the International Year of Water Cooperation 2013

11:00 – 11:30 **Keynote address**

Access to water of good quality for all: Ms Sophie Auconie, Member of the European Parliament

11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee break*

12:00 – 13:00 **High-level panel session**

Water Cooperation to Contribute to the Global Agenda on Sustainable Development

Panel speakers:

Cooperation in the framework of UN-Water: **Mr Michel Jarraud**, Secretary-General, WMO, and UN-Water Chairperson

Water in MDGs, Post-2015 and Sustainable Development Goals: **Mr Gábor Baranyai**, Deputy State Secretary for EU Sectoral Policies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, and Chair of the Organizing Committee, Budapest Water Summit

The right to clean water and sanitation:

Mr Otto Lampe, Ambassador, Deputy Director-General UN-Affairs and Human Rights, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany

Mr Peter Ryan, Director for Policy, Partnership and Communication, Pan-African Inter-governmental Agency Water and Sanitation for Africa (WSA)

Water, energy and food security: **H.E. Mr Mohamed Bahaa El-Din**, Minister for Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt, and President of the African Minister's Council on Water (AMCOW)

Water for peace: **Mr Marco Keiner**, Director of the Environment Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

Cycle for Water: Short gathering in the Foyer for an informal presentation of "Cycle for Water"

14: 30 – 15:00 Keynote address

Water Cooperation for post-Hyogo Framework for Action on Disaster Reduction and Sustainable Development Goals: Mr Kuniyoshi Takeuchi, Director, ICHARM, Japan, and winner of UNESCO-WMO-IAHS International Hydrology Prize 2012

15:00 – 16:00 Panel session

Cooperation on Harnessing Action at All Levels on Addressing Water Challenges

Panel speakers:

Regional and national level cooperative mechanisms:

Mr Bai-Mass Taal, Executive Secretary, African Ministers' Council on Water

Ms Marta Moren Abat, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Research, Directorate Environment, European Commission

Action in cities and local authorities:

Mr Pierre Schapira, Deputy Mayor of Paris, responsible for International Relations, European Affairs and the French-Speaking World

Mr Taqsem A Khan, Managing Director, Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority, Bangladesh

Cooperation at the basin level:

Ms Ermina Salkičević-Dizdarević, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and President of the International Danube Commission

Mr Teferra Beyene, Executive Director, Nile Basin Initiative Secretariat

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30 Panel session

Science, Capacity Building and Partnerships for Water Cooperation

Panel speakers:

Scientific cooperation, education and capacity building:

Mr Soroosh Sorooshian, Winner of the Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water Resources Management

Mr Waheed Adegoke Alayande, Head, Division for Land and Water Studies, Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management, under the auspices of UNESCO, Nigeria

Mr Narcio Rodrigues, Secretary of State of Science, Technology and Higher Education of Minas Gerais, Brazil

Intergovernmental scientific cooperation: **Mr Johannes Cullmann**, Chairperson of IHP Intergovernmental Council

The role of communication and outreach: **Ms Josefina Maestu**, Coordinator/Director, UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication

Partnership with professional organizations, NGOs and other stakeholders:

Ms Danka Thalmeinerova, GWP Knowledge Management Officer International Water Community

17:30 – 18:00 Closing Ceremony

Links to key events of the International Year of Water Cooperation 2013

The Hague High-Level Forum and International Celebration of World Water Day on water cooperation: **H.E. Mr Robert Zeldenrust**, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to UNESCO

Dushanbe Water Conference: **H.E. Mr Sirojiddin Aslov**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations

Stockholm World Water Week 2013 “Water Cooperation - Building Partnerships”:
Ms Britt-Louise Andersson, Communication Director, Stockholm International Water Institute

The 2013 Budapest Water Summit “The Role of Water and Sanitation in the Global Sustainable Development Agenda”: **H.E. Mrs Katalin Bogay**, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Hungary to UNESCO

Closing speeches

Ms Gretchen Kalonji, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO
H.E. Mr Daniel Rondeau, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of the French Republic to UNESCO

Youth event in Pavillon de l'Eau

Young people will play a significant part in the celebrations. Students from Fukushima (Japan) will travel to France to meet with their counterparts from schools in France and from UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (The Netherlands) at the Pavillon de l'eau (Water Pavilion), which the Paris Town Hall has made available for the occasion. They'll share their experiences related to water and prepare a youth declaration on water cooperation to be presented to the other participants.

Exhibition "Water at the Heart of Science" (in the Foyer in Fontenoy)

An exhibition entitled "Water at the heart of science" will also be inaugurated on the occasion of the Launching of the International Year of Water Cooperation. Prepared for the Year, the exhibition was co-produced with the *Institut Français, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD)* and *Centre de Culture Scientifique et Technique de la Région Centre*. Presented first at UNESCO, the exhibition will be shown throughout 2013 in the network of French cultural establishments around the world.

Informal discussion "Cycle for Water" (at 13:00 in the Foyer in Fontenoy)

Short gathering in the Foyer for an informal presentation of "Cycle for Water" by Joost Notenboom and Michiel Roodenburg.

Social event

19:00 – Cocktail at Pavillon de l'Eau, hosted by the Municipality of Paris
(upon invitation)

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