



WATER AND CLIMATE

MEETING OF THE GREAT RIVERS OF THE WORLD INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT

Rome, 23-25 October 2017
Sala della Protomoteca, Piazza del Campidoglio

MONDAY, 23RD OCTOBER

9:00-11:00: Official Opening Ceremony

Message from His Holiness Pope Francesco

His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of His Holiness

Welcoming addresses:

- **Virginia Raggi**, Mayor of Rome
- **Gian Luca Galletti**, Minister for the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy
- **Paolo Gentiloni**, President of the Council of Ministers, Italy

Special address by **Karmenu Vella**, European Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Introduction of the Summit

Walter Mazzitti, Coordinator,

Opening speeches:

- **Gilbert F. Hougbo**, Chair of UN-Water, President of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- **José Graziano da Silva**, Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- **David Grimes**, President, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

- **Andrey Vasilyev**, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- **Mario Sander von Torklus**, Director and Special Representative of the European Union, World Bank
- **Blanca Jimenez Cisneros**, Executive Secretary, International Hydrological Programme (UNESCO-IHP)
- **Miguel García-Herraiz**, Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean, in charge of Water and Environment (UpM)
- **Roberto Ramirez de la Parra**, World President, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
- **Jean-François Donzier**, Executive Secretary, Global Alliances for Water and Climate (GAFWaC)
- **Luca Lanzalone**, President, ACEA, multi-utility service company of Rome
- *Special address by* **Hakima El Haité**, Special Envoy for Climate Change from the Kingdom of Morocco, Moroccan Presidency of UNFCCC COP22.

11:00-13:00: Session on the Great Rivers of the World

Statements by high representatives of the Great Rivers of the World

- **AMAZON RIVER** - Amb. Maria Jacqueline Mendoza Ortega, Secretary General, Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (OTCA)
- **MISSISSIPI RIVER** - Belinda Constant, Mayor of Gretna, Co-Chair, Mississippi River Cities and Town Initiatives (MRCTI)
- **YANGTZE RIVER** - Chen Jin, Vice President, Yangtze/Changjiang River Scientific Research Institute
- **SAINT LAURENT RIVER** – Jean Lemire, Emissary for climate change, Government of Quebec, Ministry for international relations
- **MEKONG RIVER** - Pham Tuan Phan, CEO, Mekong River Commission
- **RIO DE LA PLATA** - Amb. Guillermo Enrique González, President, Rio de la Plata Administrative Commission
- **VOLGA RIVER** - Dmitriy Kirillov, Director of Water Policy Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Russian Federation
- **DANUBE RIVER** - Peter Gammeltoft, President, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
- **CONGO RIVER** - Judith Enaw, Secretary General, International Commission of the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha (CICOS)

- **SENEGAL RIVER** - Mamadou Diaby, Secretary General, Organization for the Development of the Senegal river basin (OMVS)

13:00-14:30: Lunch

14:30-18:30: SESSION 1 - Improving knowledge for adaptation to climate change - the creation and the strengthening of monitoring networks and Water Information Systems- *Launching of new structuring projects.*

Chair: H.E. **Hassan Janabi**, Minister of Water Resources, Republic of Iraq

Rapporteur: **Arnould Lefébure**, Secretary General, International Commission of the Scheldt

Panel 1

Keynote speaker: **Silvano Pecora**, Vice President of the Commission for Hydrology, World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)

- Mykola Kuzio, Vice-Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Ukraine (Dniester basin)
- Patricia Blanc, Director General, Agence de l'Eau Seine Normandie, France
- Anne Schulte-Wülwer-Leidig, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR)
- Bertrand Porquet, Secretary General, Initiative for the Future of Great Rivers
- Victor Dukhovny, Executive Secretary, Network of Water Management Organizations of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA NWO)
- Sowed Wamala, Information System Specialist, Nile Basin Initiative

Coffee break

Panel 2

Keynote speaker: **Stefan Uhlenbrook**, Coordinator, United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)

- Adriana Petcu, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Waters and Forests, Romania
- Marco Mancini, Professor of water engineering, Polytechnic of Milan
- Pierre Roussel, President, International Office Water, France
- Lansana Fofana – High Commissioner - OMVG (Gambia River Organisation)
- Víctor Juan Cifuentes Sánchez, Head of Hydrological Planning, Hydrological Confederation of Guadalquivir, Spain
- Rachid Rhandi, Directeur de l'agence du Bassin Hydraulique Saqia El Hamra, Morocco
- Fadi Comair, Lebanon, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (REMOB)

Questions and Answers

18:30 Conclusion of the 1st day

19:00 Evening walking tour to the historical Fountains of Rome, lit up in blue for the Water and Climate Summit.

TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER

9:00-13:00: SESSION 2 - Water resources and aquatic ecosystems management in a changing climate. *Presentation of pilot experiences, strategies and support for new projects.*

Chair: H.E. **Mansour Faye**, Minister of Hydraulic and Sanitation, Republic of Senegal.

Panel 1

Keynote speaker: **Jean Launay**, President of the French National Water Committee, President of the French Water Partnership (FWP)

Rapporteur: **Giorgio Pineschi**, Director of Landslide and Flood Protection Unit, Sogesid s.p.a.

- Juan Ocola Salazar – Executive President , Autonomous Binational Authority for Lake Titicaca
- Giovanni Bidoglio, Head of the Water and Marine Resources Unit, Directorate Sustainable Resources, European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- Jean Marie Nibirantije , Executive Director of the Lake Tanganyika Authority
- Héctor Mauro Vazón, President of the Uruguay River Executive Commission (CARU)
- Andrea Goltara, Managing Director, Italian Centre for River Restoration (CIRF)
- Marco Petitta, Vice President, International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH), Professor, La Sapienza University of Rome

Coffee break

Panel 2

Keynote speaker: **Gaia Checcucci**, Director General, Department for Land and Water Protection (STA), Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea Protection, Italy

Rapporteur: **Edouard Boinet**, Project manager, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

- Olcay Unver, Deputy Director, Land and Water Division, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- Vera Corbelli, Head of Southern Apennine District Authority, Italy
- Dibi Millogo, Deputy Executive Director, Volta Basin Authority
- Ian Atkinson, International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), Australian National Committee
- Gorelits Olga Vladimirovna, Zubov State Oceanographic Institute (Volga River)

- Giancarlo Gusmaroli, Board Member and Secretary, European Centre for River Restoration (ECRR)

Questions and Answers

13:00-14:30: Lunch

14:30-18:30: SESSION 3- Public participation and involvement of the private sector for adaptation to climate change in basins. *Successful partnerships and shared future actions.*

Chair: H.E. **Aissatou Balde**, Minister of Environment, Water and Forests, Republic of Guinea

Rapporteur: **Galina Stulina**, Leading Specialist in Climate Change, Scientific Information Centre of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of Central Asia (SIC-ICWC)

Panel 1

Keynote speaker: Amb. **Didier Olmedo**, President, Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee of the Countries of the La Plata Basin

- Lupercio Ziroldo Antonio, Permanent technical secretary, Latin American Network of Basin Organizations (LANBO)
- Mitja Bricelj, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia, Member of the International Sava River Basin Commission
- Abdou Ramani Traore, Niger Basin Authority
- Mira Edelstein, Projects Manager, EcoPeace Middle East
- Massimo Bastiani, Coordinator, Italian Board of River's Contracts
- Mozzafal Hossain, Joint River Commission, Bangladesh

Coffee break

Panel 2

Keynote speaker: **Francesca Bernardini**, Secretary of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, UNECE

- Roberto Olivares, President, RELOC, President Basin Committee Valley of Mexico
- Sanusi Imran Abdullahi Executive Secretary, Lake Chad Basin Commission
- Willem Schreurs, Secretary General, International Meuse Commission
- Raffaello Cervigni, Lead Environmental Economist, World Bank Group
- Giorgio Zampetti, Scientific Coordinator Committee, Legambiente
- Leshia Witmer, facilitator and co-founder at European Pact for Water

Questions and Answers

18:30 - Conclusion of the 2nd day

19:00 - Evening guided tour of the Roman Imperial Forums

20:30 - Official gala dinner in Villa Madama (for Heads of Delegations only)

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER

8:30-11:15: SESSION 4 - Financial mechanisms for adaptation to climate change in basins. *The incubation of new projects to improve the governance and the financing of the actions*

Chair: **Niels Vlaanderen**, Co-Chair of the Water Convention Task force on Water and Climate, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment of the Netherlands

Rapporteur: **Sonja Koeppel**, Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, UNECE

Keynote speaker: **Monica Scatasta**, Head of Environment, Climate and Social Policy, European Investment Bank (EIB)

- Gian Maria Milesi Ferretti, Deputy Director, Research Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Eric Tardieu – Technical Secretary, INBO (International Network of Basin Organizations)
- Omari R. Mwinjaka, Water Resources Management Officer, East African Community Lake Victoria Basin Commission
- Simona Camerano, Chief Research and Studies, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, The Italian National Promotional Institution
- Christian Severin, Coordinator of the International Waters Focal Area, Global Environmental Facility (GEF)
- Khatim Kherraz, Executive Secretary Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)
- Fernando Reyna Guzman, Deputy head of national investments, National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities of Mexico –ANEAS

Questions and Answers

Coffee break

11:45-13:00: Official closing ceremony

*At the presence of the President of the Republic of Italy, **Sergio Mattarella***

Closing addresses:

- **Virginia Raggi**, Mayor of Rome
- **Gian Luca Galletti**, Minister of the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy
- **Presentation of the ITALIAN BUSINESS ALLIANCE FOR WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE**
- **DECLARATION OF ROME: Presentation and endorsement**

- **TRIBUTE TO AFRICA, with the participation of the great African rivers-lakes basin organizations:**
 - **Judith Enaw**, Secretary General of the International Commission of the **Congo-Ubangi Sangha** basin (CICOS),
 - **El Hadj Lansana Fofana**, High Commissioner, Organization for the Development of the **Gambia** River (OMVG),
 - **Mamadou Diaby**, Secretary General, Organization for the Development of the **Senegal** river basin (OMVS),
 - **Dibi Millogo**, Executive Director of the **Volta** Basin Authority,
 - **Jean Marie Nibirantije**, Executive Director of the Lake **Tanganyika** Authority, -
 - **Sowed Wamala**, Regional Information Systems of the **Nile** Basin Initiative,
 - **Omari R. Mwinjaka**, Water Resources Manager of the **Lake Victoria** Basin Commission,
 - **Sanusi Imran Abdullahi**, Executive Secretary of the **Lake Chad** Basin Commission,
 - **Abdou Ramani Traore**, **Niger** Basin Authority,
 - **Khatim Kherraz**, Executive Secretary of the **Sahara and Sahel** Observatory (OSS),
 - **Tracy Molefi**, Co-Chair of the **Okavango** River Basin Water Commission (OKACOM),
 - **Samira El Houat**, Director of **Sebou** Hydraulic Basin Agency.

13:30 Conclusion of the Summit and family photo

14:00 Press Conference

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