





TAKING NEXT STEPS FOR A WATER AND CLIMATE RESILIENT WORLD THROUGH CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS



 **Thursday, 23rd March 2023**

 **12.30 – 13.45 (EST)**

 **ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York, USA**

AGENDA

12.30 – 12.35

Welcoming Remark: Abou Amani, Director of Water Sciences Division and Secretary of Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP), UNESCO

12.35 – 12.40

Opening Remark: His Excellency Milciades Concepcion, Minister of Environment, Panama

12.40 – 12.45

Keynote on “UN Water SDG 6 Capacity Development Initiative (CDI)”: Alice Aureli, Chief of Section, Groundwater Sustainability and Water Cooperation, UNESCO

12.45 – 13.05

Intervention by Member States/Country Representatives

Moderator: Karima Lince, Ministry of Environment, Panama

- H.E. Suleiman Hussein Adamu, Minister of Water Resources, Nigeria
- Manuel Menendez Prieto, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge (MITECO), Spain
- Kitty van der Heijden, Director-General International Cooperation at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
- Zhongbo Yu, Joint International Research Laboratory of Global Change and Water Cycle (JLGWC), China & Chairman of Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP), UNESCO
- Callist Tindimugaya, Director of Water Resources, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda
- Rodrigo Sanhueza, Director General de Aguas & President of the Chilean IHP National Committee, Chile
- Magida Alawneh, Palestinian Water Authority (PWA), Palestine

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Presentation on Capacity Development Case Studies, Resources and Initiatives

Moderator: Alice Aureli, UNESCO

- The other side of the coin of Capacity Development: Valentina Uribe Aramillo, Groundwater and Global Change MSc student, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, Netherlands
- Two decades of successful water capacity development, Damian Indij, CapNet UNDP
- GO-WATER programme – Water Governance Capacity Development for Improved Water Security: Hakan Tropp, Programme Director – Capacity Development, SIWI, Sweden
- Water project design guidelines and the plan for the capacity building: Amgad ELMahdi, Water Sector Lead, Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- Capacity building through serious games and open access education, (MOOCs): Carola Hein Chair Holder, UNESCO Chair on Water, Ports and Historic Cities at the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus University Consortium
- Innovation and capacity building hub empowering family and community-based climate resilience: John Rowan, Director, UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science (CWLPS), University of Dundee, UK
- Human and systematic capacity development for climate resilience: Kaylee Yeonkyung Cho, Programme Specialist, UNESCO International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (i-WSSM) Korea
- Outcome of the Needs Assessment for Decision Making and Evidence-based Policy Advisory in Six Member States: Tanzania, Cameroon, Mauritania, Sao Tome And Principes, Madagascar And Senegal: Patrice Leumeni Noutadiou, Senior Policy Officer, Monitoring & Reporting, African Ministers’ Council on Water (AMCOW)

13.35 – 13.40

Statement and Commitment on Capacity Development: Lindsey Kenyon, Groundwater and Global Change MSc student, IHE Delft

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Closing Remark: Eddy Moors, Rector of IHE Delft Institute for Water Education

Rapporteur: José Luis Martin Bordes, UNESCO

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ABOUT THE SIDE EVENT

“Capacity development as a game changer which takes an adaptive approach to the generation and use of knowledge, thereby enabling partners to address current and future challenges in a changing”

For development in water to be sustainable, investing in capacity development is an absolute must. This has been underlined in fora including the 2021 Water Dialogues in Bonn, the UN Economic and Social Commissions regional dialogues held in 2022 as part of preparations for the UN 2023 Water Conference, and the African Regional Consultations for the Mid-Term Review of the International Water Action Decade ‘Water and Sustainable Development’ 2018- 2028.

This event builds on earlier discussions and presents capacity development as key to tackling water and climate challenges, including through mitigation and adaptation, to accelerate progress towards achievement of all water- and climate-related SDGs.

The event will highlight that capacity development is a game changer. When capacity development is a process that involves all segments of society (citizens, communities, schools, government agencies, the private sector and more) rather than an event that targets specific key institutions, results are tangible and lasting. In addition, game-changing capacity development takes an adaptive approach to the generation and use of knowledge, thereby enabling partners to address current and future challenges in a changing world.

The cross-cutting nature of the event is relevant to all Interactive Dialogues, and in particular the Interactive Dialogue 5 – Water Action Decade: Accelerating the implementation of the objectives of the Decade, including through the UN Secretary-General’s Action Plan.

The event will outline a roadmap containing an action plan to build on the game-changing idea on capacity development presented during the 24-25 October consultation meeting held at the UNHQ: “Inclusive education and capacity development through a global system of water training centers and networks.” The action plan will outline work needed to implement effective, adaptive and inclusive capacity-development processes at country and local levels.

The action plan will include measures to foster innovation and strengthen the ability of public sector institutions to embrace new technologies and business models to improve water management in response to climate-change related challenges.

The session will connect this game-changing idea with the recently launched UN-Water Capacity Development Initiative (coordinated by UNESCO and UN DESA) and other relevant initiatives to explore leverage and synergies.

The session will contribute to a common understanding of how best to work toward the global, mutually-agreed and shared objective: individuals, communities and institutions that are able to develop the capacity they need to solve their water challenges, also recognising that in many cases knowledge and skills already exists at the level of individuals, but are not effectively applied, for different reasons.

Speakers will emphasise two aspects that are key to successful capacity-development processes:

- 1) inclusivity, in particular engaging youth and women as water leaders at all levels, and by tapping into local (traditional and indigenous) knowledge;
- 2) managing institutional change processes for policy development and implementation, and
- 3) financing of capacity development, particularly the need for long-term financial support of capacity development processes through fit-for-purpose funding instruments.

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