

Strengthening the basis for water cooperation across borders



Sunday, 1 Sep 2013, 14:00-17:30, room B7

Part I Strengthening international water law as a basis for transboundary water cooperation

- 14:00 Welcome and introduction by session moderator:
Dr. Anders Jägerskog, Programme Director, Knowledge Services, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)
- 14:05 Setting the scene: Why strengthen international law as a basis for cooperation?:
Dr. Owen McIntyre, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University College Cork, Ireland
- 14:15 Do we need a home for the UNWC?:
Mr Alexander Verbeek, Policy Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands
- 14:25 The UNECE Water Convention – Going Global:
Ms. Heide Jekel, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- 14:35 Evolving norms under international groundwater law: the ILC Draft Articles and the UNECE Model Provisions: **Prof. Joseph W. Dellapenna**, Villanova University School of Law, USA
- 14:45 Interactive discussion between panel members and the audience
- 15:30 Coffee break

Part II From theory to reality: impacts of law and policy on the ground

- 16:00 Part I Recap and Introduction to Part II:
Ms. Marie-Laure Vercambre, Director, Global Freshwater Program, Green Cross International
- 16:05 The future implementation of the UNWC: **Flavia Rocha Loures**, Senior Program Officer, International Law and Policy, Freshwater Program, WWF
- 16:15 Experience from the UNECE region: Institutional cooperation, guidelines and other tools:
Prof. Seppo Rekolainen, Director, Freshwater Centre, Finnish Environment Institute
- 16:25 Managing transboundary aquifers in Latin America:
Ms. Lilian del Castillo Laborde, Professor, University of Buenos Aires School of Law
- 16:35 Linking communities across borders: **Dr. Alejandro Iza**, Head, IUCN – Environmental Law Centre
- 16:45 International water law and China's transboundary waters: **Dr. Chen Huiping**, Adjunct Professor, Coastal and Ocean Management Institute (COMI), and School of Law, Xiamen University, China
- 16:55 Interactive discussion between panel members and the audience
- 17:25 Moderator's concluding remarks