

## 4.4. Water Cultures, Justice and Equity

### *T.4.4.4 Water justices and cooperation: perspectives and frameworks for fostering cultural diversity, society and nature*



**When:**

**Wednesday 15 April, 09:00 – 11:00**

**Where:**

**Daegu EXCO, 3F room 10 (DEC\_310)**

This session will present scientific and practical approaches to conceptual and legal frameworks regulating the hydro-social sphere. In presentations and discussions, the participants will explore how those frameworks and their implementation can foster water cooperation, justice, cultural diversity and more harmonious interactions of society and nature — all of which is of fundamental importance for sustainable development. The session will concentrate on diverse perspectives on water, water rights, legal frameworks and how they can be better understood and embedded in cooperative mechanisms, from public participation to international conventions.

#### **Objectives**

Foster the recognition and understanding of diverse perspectives on water, water rights, legal frameworks and how they can be better understood and embedded in cooperative mechanisms, from public participation to international conventions.

#### **Outputs**

Clues for designing more inclusive legal frameworks for water at all levels.

#### **Session Contribution**

Recommendations derived from current experiences, networks and studies, which can improve water cooperation and justice among stakeholders on a legal basis.



Colombia's Indigenous Wayuu Struggle with Water Shortages, UN Photo/Gill Fickling

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Agenda	Time (min)	Description of items/presentations	Speakers
1	5	Introduction by the moderator	Alexander Otte (tbc)
2	12	Legal diversity and participation: local, national and international water rights systems	Mara Tignino, Platform for International Water, University of Geneva, Law
3	12	Human right to water: meaning, scope, obligations	Judith Serrano, Research Professor, Colegio de Mexico in the Center for Demographic, Urban and Environmental Studies
4	12	1/ Whose right for which water? 2/ Governance, political and legal dilemmas	Tatsuro Nikawa & Tsugihiko Watanabe, Citizen Network of Japan
5	12	Legal frameworks, diversity and education: striking the balance at the political level	Miguel Corrêa, Secretary of Higher Education of Minas Gerais, Brazil
6	12	The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: which impact on water issues?	Mona Polacca, Indigenous World Forum for Water and Peace
7	12	International legal frameworks: the example of the UNECE Water Convention	Chantal Demilecamps, UNECE
8	20	Discussion with the audience	All participants/moderator
9	10	Wrap-up and messages for IR	Moderator

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