



IWRA XVI World Water Congress

SPECIAL SESSION

Peace for Water: the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace's Vision

Tuesday, 30 May 2017

9:00-10:30

Cancún, International Center Conference, Cozumel Room 4

The Geneva Water Hub's Special Session on "Peace for Water: the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace's Vision" will present the preliminary findings and recommendations of the Report of the Panel. This document has benefited from the inputs of multiple stakeholders including international and non-governmental organizations as well as the private sector. Consultations with States' officials and experts have also been organized in several regions, such as West Africa, Central America and Middle East.

The following questions will be addressed:

- What are the strategies of peace governing inter-sectoral and transboundary water management?
- How open access data may support international peace and security?
- What are the possible responses of the use of water resources and infrastructures as a target or weapon of armed conflicts?

AGENDA

MODERATOR: François Münger, Director of the Geneva Water Hub.

Insights on the Report of the Global High Level Panel on Water and Peace - **Alvaro Umaña Quesada**, Vice-Chair of the Global High Level Panel on Water and Peace. Former Minister of Energy and Environment, Costa Rica.

Strategies of Peace and the Role of Open Data in Water Management – **Andras Szöllösi-Nagy**, Member of the Global High Level Panel on Water and Peace. Professor at the National University of Public Service, Hungary.

Challenges and responses of the use of water infrastructures as a target and weapon in armed conflicts – **Mara Tignino**, Senior Lecturer and Coordinator of the Platform for International Water Law/Geneva Water Hub, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva.

DISCUSSANT: Salman M.A. Salman, Fellow of the International Water Resources Association (IWRA) and Editor-in-Chief of the International Water Law Journal-