

WATER DIPLOMACY: BUILDING BRIDGES FOR LASTING PEACE

FRIDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2018, 9:30 - 13:00

World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

7 bis Avenue de la Paix, 2nd floor, Kruzel Hall

1211 Geneva

9:30 – 9:45 – Welcome Coffee

9:45 – 10:00 - Keynote Speech: Danilo Türk – Chairman of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace, Former President of Slovenia, Lead Political Advisor, Geneva Water Hub (by Skype).

Facilitator: Christian Bréthaut - Assistant Professor and Scientific Director of Geneva Water Hub, Institute for Environmental Sciences, University of Geneva.

10:00 – 11:15 – THREATS TO WATER DIPLOMACY AND GOOD PRACTICES IN PEACEBUILDING

Strengthening Water Protection during Armed Conflicts: *The raison d'être* of the List of Principles on Water Infrastructures in Relation to Armed Conflicts - **Mara Tignino**, Reader, Faculty of Law and Institute for Environmental Sciences, Geneva Water Hub's Platform for International Water Law, University of Geneva.

Targeting Water Infrastructure in Middle East Conflicts - **Erika Weinthal**, Professor, Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University.

Water for Resilience and Peacebuilding in Syria - **Ahmed Haj Asaad** – Co-founder of the Geo Expertise Association, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.

An Integrated Water Management and Peacebuilding Story from North Darfur: Wadi El Ku - **Atila Uras** – Country Program Manager, Sudan, UN Environment.

Revitalization of Rivers as a Tool for the Prevention of Conflicts – **Yuri Jain**, Rally for Rivers.

11:15-11:30 – Q&A

11:30-11.40 – Coffee break

Facilitator: *Mahir Aliyev*, Coordinator of the UN Environment Programme for the European region.

11:40 – 12 :55 - WATER DIPLOMACY IN THE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES

Remarks on Water Diplomacy in International Water Law– ***Attila Tanzi***, Full Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Bologna and Chairman of the Implementation Committee of the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes; Associate Member, 3VB Chambers, London (UK).

International Mechanisms for the Settlement of Water Disputes - ***Lucius Cafilisch***, Honorary Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.

The Sava River Basin Commission as an Instrument of Peace and Stability– ***Aleš Bizjak***, Slovenian Water Agency, Slovenia.

Water as a Part of the European Climate Diplomacy – ***Arne Lietz***, Member of the European Parliament.

Water Diplomacy from a German Perspective – ***Andreas Werner***, German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

12:55-13 :10 – Q&A