

Civil Forum

BUDAPEST WATER SUMMIT 2016

PROGRAMME

Budapest, 28-30 November 2016

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The Civil Forum of the Budapest Water Summit 2016 is jointly organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary and the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC).

Venue: Millenáris Park, Budapest (Balaton Room, Building B)

November 28

14:00–16:00 Launch of the Civil Forum - Transforming our world - with water!

Chair: Mr István Farkas, Executive Chairman, Friends of the Earth, Hungary

Presentations: Ms Marta Szigeti Bonifert, Executive Director, Regional Environmental Center

Mr László Pintér, Professor, Central European University, Hungary

Ms Diane D'Arras, Vice President, International Water Association, United Kingdom

Mr Sándor Fülöp, President, Environmental Management and Law Association, Hungary

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break (Building D)

16:30 – 18:30 Session 1: Implementing SDG6 through governance? Outlining potential tools for successful outcomes

Chair: Ms Katalin Czippán, Regional Representative for Europe, Commission on Education and Communication of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature

Presentations: Mr Jean-Francois Donzier, Executive Secretary, International Office of Water, France
Natural Water Retention Measures

Ms Viktoria Mohos-Naray, Senior Legal Advisor, Waterlex, Switzerland
Start with the baseline: importance of country mapping

Ms Dimple Roy, Director Water Program, International Institute for Sustainable
Development, Canada
Watershed Governance in Canada and the world - a complex multi-faceted opportunity?

19:30 - 21:00 Concert and reception at the Palace of Arts (by invitation only)

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9:00 – 11:00 Session 2: Clean sources, clean streams: ecosystems, integrated water resource management, water security

Chair: Ms Gordana Kozuharova, Regional Director for Southern Eastern Europe, Regional Environmental Center

Presentations: Mr Ilya Trombitsky, Executive Director, ECO-Tiras, Moldova
Experience of river basin management approach for confidence building in a divided country

Mr Mihallaq Qirjo, Acting Deputy Executive Director, Regional Environmental Center
Building resilience in local communities of Drini and Drina rivers in South East Europe through raising capacities on water management. Lessons learnt form the implementation of CRESSIDA regional program.

Mr Benmarzou Arafet, Exploralis, Tunisia
An Alternative Approach for Environmental Awareness

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break and optional guided tour of the Sustainable Water Solutions Expo

11:30 – 13:30 Session 3: Safe water for resilient food production

Chair: Mr Hesham M. Shafik, Professor, University of Port Said, Egypt

Presentations: Mr Abdel Ali Laamari, Researcher, National Institute for Agricultural Research, Morocco
Risk aversion and Water Management in the Irrigation Perimeter of Tadla-Morocco: Technology, Policy and Institutional implication

Ms Karin Lexén, Director, World Water Week, International Policy and Prizes, Sweden
Transformation of behavior and new partnerships – a recipe for unlocking the food and water dilemma?

Mr Tomas Orfanus, Deputy Head of the Department of Soil Hydrology, Global Water Partnership, Slovakia
The effects of forest roads on stormflow generation. Case study from south-western Slovakia.

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch (Building D)

14:30 – 16:30 Session 4: Arteries of a living settlement: water for all in urban planning

Chair: Mr Cuauhtemoc León, Director, Environmental Managements Specialist Center, Mexico

Presentations: Ms Meesha Tandon, Senior Manager, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability, India
Adopting Integrated Urban Water Management in Indian Cities

Ms Vessela Monta, Executive Director, International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance, Switzerland

The contribution of Rainwater Harvesting to achieving water-related Sustainable Development Goals - the Blue Schools of IRHA

Mr Károly Kovács, President, European Water Association, Hungary
Sustainable management and affordable development (DCC/LCC) as an artery of a living city

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break (Building D)

**17:00 – 19:00 Session 5: More production with less water consumption?
Implications of the Paris Agreement on the Water - Energy – Industry triangle**

Chair: Mr Zsolt Bauer, European Branch Manager, The Climate Reality Project, Hungary

Presentations: Mr Cheng Zi Chew, Head of Serious Games, DHI Group, Denmark
Serious gaming for serious impacts

Mr Tom Pearson and Mr. Tom Trainor, Team members, Rwenzori Hydro Team – University of Warwick, United Kingdom
Utilising hydro potential in the Rwenzori Mountains, West Uganda to provide clean energy for local communities

Mr Igor Jezdimirovic, President of the Executive Board, Environmental Engineering Group, Serbia
Network of young environmentalists as promoters of adaptation on climate changes

19:00 – 21:00 Wine presentation: “Water Connects – Wine Unites” (Building D)

November 30

**9:00 – 10:30 Session 6: Access for all users – simple as a glass of water?
Financing of the implementation of water related targets in the SDG system**

Chair: Ms Andrea Westall, Trustee, Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development, United Kingdom

Presentations: His Royal Highness Prince Randy K. Alam Sogan, Chairman and President, Black Lion Holdings – Impact Investment Funds & Projects, Benin

Ms Gwendolyn Hallsmith, Executive Director, Global Community Initiatives, United States of America
Public Money for Public Access: Monetary Solutions for Water Finance

Ms Joyashree Roy, Professor, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, India
Sustainable solution for rural drinking water access

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break (Building D)

**11:00 – 12:00 Final conclusions of the Civil Forum:
What we learned and what we want to spread**

Chair: Ms Danka Thalmeinerova, Senior Knowledge Management Officer, Global Water Partnership, Sweden

Rapporteur: Mr János Zlinszky, Director, Sustainable Development Academy of the Regional Environmental Center

Closing: Ms Marta Szigeti Bonifert, Executive Director, Regional Environmental Center