

## BUDAPEST WATER SUMMIT 2019

### - PREVENTING WATER CRISES -

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**  
**updated on 17 September 2019**

**All speakers are under invitation**

**Budapest, 15-17 October 2019**

**Venue: Millenáris Park, Budapest**

**15 October, Tuesday**

#### **09:30 – 11:00 Inauguration session (by special invitation only)**

H.E. Mr János Áder, President of Hungary

H.E. Mr Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President, 74th Session of the General Assembly, United Nations

Video message by Mr António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations

H.E. Mr Jorge Carlos Fonseca, President, Republic of Cabo Verde

H.E. Mr Carlos Alvarado Quesada, President, Republic of Costa Rica

H.E. Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Cambodia

His Eminence Cardinal Peter K. A. Turkson, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, The Holy See

Hon. Mr Arnold Schwarzenegger, Former Governor of the State of California, United States of America

H.E. Ms Ursula von der Leyen, President- elect, European Commission

Mr Liqun Jin, President, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

#### **11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break**

#### **11:30 – 13:00 Session 1 - Opening panel: Can Water Crises Be Prevented?**

Moderator: Mr Bai-Mass Taal, Former Executive Secretary, African Ministers' Council on Water

Keynote speakers:

H.E. Mr Gerd Müller, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Federal Republic of Germany

H.E. Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, Republic of India

Panel members:

H.E. Ms Cecilia Abena Dapaah, Minister of Sanitation and Water Resources, Republic of Ghana

Mr Li Yong, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Mr Rodolfo Lacy, Director for Environment, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Ms Audrey Azoulay, Director-General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

**13:00 – 14:30 Lunch**

**14:30 – 16:00 Session 2: Value of Water vs. Costs of a Water Crisis – Are We Talking About the Same?**

Moderator: Mr Aaron Salzberg, Director, Water Institute, University of North Carolina

Keynote speakers:

H.E. Mr Ahmat Awad Sakine, Permanent Representative of the African Union to the European Union

H.E. Mr Abdelkader Amara, Minister of Equipment, Ministry of Equipment, Kingdom of Morocco

Panel members:

Mr Benedito Braga, President, SABESP, Brazil

Mr Frank Rijsberman, Director General, Global Green Growth Institute

Mr Olcay Ünver, Vice Chair, UN-Water

Mr Alex Mung, Head of Water Initiative, World Economic Forum

**16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break**

**16:30 – 18:00 Session 3: Water Crises – What Is the Economically Rational Behaviour?**

Moderator: Ms María Concepcion Donoso, Co-Director, International Programs, Institute for Water and Environment, Florida International University, Member of the International Programme and Drafting Committee of the Budapest Water Summit 2019

Keynote speaker:

Mr Martin Frick, Senior Director for Policy and Programme Coordination, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Ms Jennifer Sara, Global Director, Water Global Practice, World Bank Group

Panel members:

Ms Anna Moskwa, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation, Republic of Poland

Ms Monika Weber-Fahr, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership

Mr Joseph Siaw Agyepong, Executive Chairman, The Jospong Group

Mr Ciaran O Cuinn, Director, Middle East Desalination Research Center

Ms Karine Méasson, Head of Water management Division, European Investment Bank

**20:00 - 23:00 Cultural programme hosted by H.E. Mr János Áder, President of Hungary (by special invitation only)**

**16 October, Wednesday**

**9:30 – 11:00 Session 4: Water Stress and Mass Migration – Is There a Way to Prevent Crisis?**

Moderator: Mr Ahmet Mete Saatçi, President, Turkish Water Institute, Member of the International Programme and Drafting Committee of the Budapest Water Summit 2019

Keynote speakers:

H.E. Mr Bekir Pakdemirli, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Republic of Turkey

Mr Amadou Thierno Diallo, Acting Director General for the Global Practices, Islamic Development Bank

Panel members:

H.E. Mr Raed Abu Al-Soud, Minister of Water and Irrigation, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Ms Wambui Gichuri, Director for Water Development and Sanitation, African Development Bank

Mr Charles Iceland, Director, Global and National Water Initiatives, World Resources Institute

Mr Isidro González, Deputy Secretary General for Water, Environment and Blue Economy, Union for the Mediterranean

Mr Mark Green, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break**

**11:30 – 13:00 Session 5: What Is Needed for Doubling Investments?**

Moderator: Mr Xavier Leflaive, Environment Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Member of the International Programme and Drafting Committee of the Budapest Water Summit 2019

Keynote speakers:

Mr György Matolcsy, President, Central Bank of Hungary

Mr Miguel da Moura, President, National Agency for Water Sanitation

Mr Antoine Frérot, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Veolia

Panel members:

Mr David Tyler, Associate Director, Water & Wastewater Sector Specialist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Mr Andreas Proksch, Director General, Sector and Global Programmes Department, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit

Mr Prithvi Raj Singh, Managing Trustee, Jal Bhagirathi Foundation

Mr Pio Wennubst, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to FAO, IFAD and WFP, Swiss Confederation

Mr Nikolay Kosov, Chairman of the Board, International Investment Bank

Ms Anne Finucane, Vice Chairman, Bank of America

**13:00 – 14:30 Lunch**

**14:30 – 16:00 Session 6: Technology to Avoid Water Crises – What Is Missing?**

Moderator: Mr Carlo Giupponi, Dean, Venice International University, Member of the International Programme and Drafting Committee of the Budapest Water Summit 2019

Keynote speakers:

Mr Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization

Hon. Sam Cheptoris, Minister of Water and Environment, Republic of Uganda

Panel members:

Mr Joe D. Manous, Director, Institute for Water Resources, United States Army Corps of Engineers

Mr Sylvain Usher, Executive Director, African Water Association

Mr Kala Vairavamoorthy, Executive Director, International Water Association

Mr István Kenyeres, Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Biopolus

Ms Charlina Vitcheva, Deputy Director General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

**16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break**

**16:30 – 18:00 Session 7: Science Against Water Crises: Do We Know Enough?**

Moderator: Mr János Bogárdi, University of Bonn, Member of the International Programme and Drafting Committee of the Budapest Water Summit 2019

Keynote speakers:

Mr Charles Vörösmarty, Director, Environmental Sciences Initiative, City University of New York

Ms Claudia Sadoff, Director General, International Water Management Institute

Mr Zhang Zhongyi, Chief Economist of the Ministry of Water Resources of China, People's Republic of China

Panel members:

Mr Taikan Oki, Senior Vice-Rector, United Nations University, Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations

Mr Robert G. Varady, University of Arizona

Mr Klement Tockner, President, Austrian Science Fund

**18:30 – 21:00 Cultural programme**

**17 October, Thursday**

**9:30 – 11:00 Session 8: Implementation – Do We Have the Right Systems at Place?**

**Moderator:** Mr Ravi Narayanan, Chair, Governing Council, Asia-Pacific Water Forum, Member of the International Programme and Drafting Committee of the Budapest Water Summit 2019

**Keynote speakers:**

Ms Claudia Pahl-Wostl, Director, Institute for Environmental Systems Research, University of Osnabrück, Federal Republic of Germany

H.E. Ms Lindiwe Sisulu, Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, Republic of South Africa

**Panel members:**

H.E. Mr Mohamed Abdel Aty, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Arab Republic of Egypt

Mr Eddy Moors, Rector, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education

Mr Jean Launay, President, National Water Committee and French Water Partnership, Republic of France

Mr Stefano Burchi, Executive Chairman, International Association for Water Law

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break**

**11:30 – 13:00 Session 9: Transboundary Water Affairs – How to Move from Risks to Opportunities?**

**Moderator:** Mr Aaron Wolf, Director, Program in Water Conflict Management, Oregon State University, Member of the International Programme and Drafting Committee of the Budapest Water Summit 2019

**Keynote speaker:**

Mr Kire Ilioski, Director in the Office of the Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

H.E. Mr Jamal Al-Adly, Minister of Water Resources, Republic of Iraq

**Panel members:**

Ms Hannele Pokka, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Environment, Republic of Finland

Mr Hamed Diané Semega, High Commissioner, Senegal River Basin Development Commission

Mr Franz Rojas Ortuste, Coordinator of the Water Agenda, Vicepresidency of Sustainable Development, Development Bank of Latin America

Mr Péter Kovács, President, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River

Ms Susanne Schmeier, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education

**13:00 – 14:30 Lunch**

**14:30 – 15:30 Session 10: Is Our Institutional Architecture Capable of Supporting Transformation?**

**Moderator:** Ms Maggie White, Senior Manager, Stockholm International Water Institute, Member of the International Programme and Drafting Committee of the Budapest Water Summit 2019



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Keynote speaker:

H.E. Mr Danilo Türk, Former President of the Republic of Slovenia

Panel members:

Ms Lesha Witmer, Women for Water Partnership

Ms Christine Dawson, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State

Mr Joshua Newton, Senior Network Officer, Global Water Partnership

Mr Canisius Kanangire, Executive Secretary, African Ministers' Council on Water

Mr Anthony Slatyer, Australian Water Partnership

#### **15:30 – 16:00 Closing remarks**

Presentation of the Budapest Appeal – Mr András Szöllősi-Nagy, Chair, International Programme and Drafting Committee of the Budapest Water Summit 2019

H. E. Mr Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary