



AFRICA FOCUS DAY

Tuesday 3rd September 2013 / 9:00 – 18:30

Room K2, Stockholmsmässan

Session Convener:

Session 3 — Panel Discussion 14:15 - 15:45



African Water Facility
Facilité africaine de l'eau
Mobilising Resources for Water in Africa
Mobiliser des ressources pour l'eau en Afrique

Cooperation and Hydro-Diplomacy: Successful Approaches to Optimise Transboundary Water Management



Congo Basin

Since 2006, the African Water Facility (AWF) has supported a diversity of transboundary water resources management activities on the African continent by funding projects promoting advocacy, legislative and strategic frameworks, and cooperation and partnerships. The AWF has also participated in the preparation of investment programmes designed to secure investments for the effective implementation of transboundary water infrastructure projects. Its extensive experience has helped identify solutions to common challenges faced by riparian states, and better understand issues such as legal and institutional hurdles hindering the successful use and management of shared water resources.

Objectives: Engaging with the panel and the audience, the event proposes to showcase and discuss successful approaches and models, and exchange views on possible solutions for more effective pragmatic sharing of transboundary water resources.

Panelists

- ◆ **Dr Akissa Bahri.** African Water Facility (AWF), African Development Bank
- ◆ **Mr Teferra Beyene.** Nile Basin Initiative (NBI)
- ◆ **Dr Ana Cascão.** Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)
- ◆ **Prof Mike Muller.** South Africa's National Planning Commission; University of Witwatersrand's Graduate School of Public and Development Management
- ◆ **Mr Gustavo Saltiel.** Cooperation in International Waters (CIWA), World Bank
- ◆ **Prof Patricia Wouters.** Global Water Partnership TEC (Technical Experts Committee); Dundee UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science



Dr Akissa Bahri Akissa boasts more than 30 years of research and work experience in water resources management and the agricultural use of marginal waters, sewage sludge and their impacts on the environment. Her experience in water research and management issues spans across Africa, the Mediterranean region and the Middle East. From September 2005 to May 2010, Akissa served as director of the Ghana-based Africa chapter of the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), a research institute supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). A prolific author and groundbreaking researcher, Akissa has authored over 60 publications. She has also received several prizes including the Guinness Foundation *Grand prix du mérite scientifique pour le développement*, the International Foundation for Science/King Baudouin Award, the Kuwait Foundation Prize for the Advancement of Sciences, and the Professor C.N.R. Rao Prize for Scientific Research. She holds a Ph.D. in water resources engineering from the Institute of Science and Technology, Lund University and a Doctorate from the Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse. Akissa is currently the coordinator of the African Water Facility, a special water fund administered by the African Development Bank.



Mr Teferra Beyene Teferra is the executive director of the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI). He possesses over 27 years of work experience in the water sector in policy, leadership, institution building, technical management and legal domains, both in national and transboundary settings. He has assumed senior management positions at the Ministry of Water and Energy, Ethiopia, first as head of the Dams and Hydropower Design Department and later as director of the Boundary and Transboundary Rivers Affairs Directorate. He has been a member of the NBI governance at basin-wide as well as sub-basin levels. He was the interim manager of the Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office (ENTRO). ENTRO is an NBI institution serving the three Eastern Nile countries of Egypt, Ethiopia and Sudan. Teferra graduated in civil engineering with a Bachelor of Technology degree from the University of Calicut, India. He has attended post-graduate courses in Norway, Japan and the U.K. on water resources and hydropower development and management.



Dr Ana Elisa Cascão Ana is a programme manager for the Transboundary Water Management Unit at the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI). She is a political scientist with expertise in hydropolitics in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Ana holds a PhD on the "Political economy of water resources management and allocation in the Nile River Basin". She has been involved in several academic and consultancy projects in the MENA and Nile regions and has written on these topics in both academic and general publications. As programme manager at SIWI, she has directed, facilitated and delivered international training programmes on Transboundary Water Management for the Middle East, East Africa and Southern African regions. Ana is currently working on two co-authored books: "Hydropolitics in the Nile River Basin: Power and Water in the Contemporary Age" (I.B. Tauris) and "Transboundary Water Management and the Climate Change Debate" (Earthscan).



Prof Mike Muller Mike is a commissioner in South Africa's first National Planning Commission, a visiting adjunct professor at the Wits University Graduate School of Public and Development Management and chairman of the World Economic Forum Agenda Council on Water Security. As director general of South Africa's Department of Water Affairs (1997-2005), Mike led the development and implementation of new policies, legislation and programmes in water resources and services as well as South Africa's participation in the ongoing Lesotho Highlands Water Project and water-sharing negotiations with Mozambique and Swaziland, which produced the "IncoMaputo Treaty". Mike chaired the "Water Dome" programme during the 2002 UN World Summit on Sustainable Development and writes extensively on water and development including a policy brief on "Regional approaches to food and water security in the face of climate challenges: A practical approach to meaningful regional integration". He is currently reviewing the role of water resources in regional integration. Mike is also currently collaborating with the AfDB to develop a focused work program to improve transboundary water management and regional integration in Africa through the Bank's operations.



Mr Gustavo Saltiel Gustavo is currently the programme manager of Cooperation in International Waters in the Africa Region (CIWA) of the World Bank. As such, he coordinates the Nile Basin and CIWA programmes. He joined the World Bank in 2003 and, since then, he has been serving as senior water engineer in the Latin American region and sector leader for sustainable development in Mexico. Gustavo has extensive experience in the water and environment sectors, and has held senior level positions in the Government of Argentina, including serving as general manager of the Water Utility Aguas Bonaerenses, and manager of the Water Regulator, and environmental manager of the Reconquista River Basin Organization. He has also served as a consultant for the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and Latin American governments on water and infrastructure-related projects.



Prof Patricia Wouters Patricia is currently a visiting professor at the Xiamen Law School, China, under the Chinese government 1000 Talents Plan, where she heads up the Xiamen International Water Law programme, working with a research team to enhance expertise in International Water Law. She is the founding director of the Dundee UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science in Scotland, the only UNESCO Centre in the U.K. Her research focuses on the duty to cooperate in the context of transboundary water resources, and she continues to supervise graduate students in Dundee and Xiamen in this field. Patricia is a member of the Global Water Partnership TEC (Technical Experts Committee), she also chairs the International Advisory Committee for the UNU-INWEH, and has served on many international boards and committees.

Moderator

Katia Theriault Katia is an international public relations expert who specialises in communications for development finance and sustainable development. She is currently at the helm of the communications and partnerships program at the African Water Facility, hosted by the African Development Bank (AfDB). Prior to joining the AfDB, she managed communications and outreach programmes for Japan and U.S. government agencies, the World Bank and grassroots organisations. Throughout her career, Katia has also designed and delivered trainings on intercultural communications and served as facilitator of international events. She holds a Bachelor's degree in law from the University of Montreal and a Master's degree in international communications from the Université du Québec à Montréal.



About the AWF

The African Water Facility (AWF) is an initiative of the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) hosted by the African Development Bank (AfDB), established in 2004 as a special water fund to help African countries achieve the objectives of the Africa Water Vision 2025. The AWF offers grants from €50,000 to €5 million to support projects aligned with its mission and strategy to a wide range of institutions and organisations operating in Africa. Its three strategic priority activities are (1) **preparing investment projects** to mobilise investment funds for projects supported by AWF; (2) **enhancing water governance** to create an environment conducive for effective and sustainable investments; (3) **promoting water knowledge** for the preparation of viable projects and informed governance leading to effective and sustainable investments. Since 2006, AWF has funded 81 national and regional projects in 51 countries, including in Africa's most vulnerable states. It has mobilised more than €714 million as a result of its project preparation activities, which constitute 70 per cent of its portfolio. On average, **each €1 contributed by the AWF has attracted €20** in additional follow-up investments.

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GENERAL PROGRAMME

OPENING: 9:00

SEMINAR 1: 9:00 – 13:00

General Theme: Shared Waters, Shared Benefits
Co-Conveners: EUWI-AWG, GWP

Session 1: 9:30 – 11:00
Theme: Transboundary Water Management: Turning Threats to Opportunities

Session 2: 11:30-13:00
Theme: Transboundary Groundwater: Opportunities for Cooperation

SEMINAR 2: 14:15 – 15:45

Session 3: 14:30-15:45
Theme: Cooperation and Hydro-Diplomacy: Successful Approaches to Optimise Transboundary Water Management
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Co-Conveners:

HIGH LEVEL MINISTERIAL PANEL: 16:45-18:30

Conveners: AMCOW, AUC
Co Conveners: AfDB/AWF
Co-Chair: AMCOW President / AMCOW Vice President (Southern Africa)

Closing Statement by AMCOW President: 18:25

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