

Agenda - Science Diplomacy Symposium on Transboundary Nile Water Management

Thursday 24 October 2024

08:30-09:00 Registration
09:00-10:00 Opening Ceremony Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Peggy Oti-Boateng, Executive Director, the African Academy of Sciences (AAS) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Lise Korsten, President of the African Academy of Sciences (AAS)• Dr. Laurent Bocherreau, Science Counsellor of the EU to the African Union• Dr. Hilary Inyang (FAAS), Chair, Symposium Scientific Steering Committee• Prof. Daniel Olago, Coordinator of the 2015 NASAC report on Grand Challenges of Water Security in Africa
10:00-13:00 Session 1: The Natural Science Basis 10:00-11:15 Presentation by speakers (each 20' + 5' Q&A) Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elham Ali Mohammed, Egyptian Authority for Remote Sensing and Space (tbc) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Khaled M. AbuZeid, Ph.D., P.E., PMP Senior Regional Water Resources Director Centre for Environment & Development for the Arab Region & Europe (CEDARE)• Prof. Asaad Shamseldin, University of Auckland [tbc]• Dr. Sebastian Sterl, European Commission, DG Energy / World Resources Institute
11:15-11:45 Coffee Break
11:45-13:00 Panel discussion Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Sossina Haile (FAAS) Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Alexandros Makarigakis, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa• Hesham Bekhit, Cairo University• Kevin Obiero, Kenyan Marine and Fisheries Institute• Antoine Saintraint, European Commission, DG International Partnerships
13:00-14:30 Lunch Break
14:30-17:30 Session 2: The Social Science / Humanities Basis 14:30-15:45 Presentation by three speakers (each 20' + 5' Q&A) Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hilary Inyang (FAAS), Chair, Symposium Scientific Steering Committee Speakers:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Yacob Arsano, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Addis Ababa University [tbc] • Prof. Awa Niang-Fall, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal • Sarah Bebb, PhD candidate, University College London
15:45-16:15 Coffee Break
16:15-17:30 Panel discussion Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Bahru Zewde (FAAS) Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patricia Kameri-Mbote, Director for Environmental Law, UNEP [tbc] • Dr. Aref Gharib, Head of Nile Water Sector, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt • Abdulkarim Seid, International Water Management Institute • Prof. Sylvester Mpandeli, Executive Manager Water Utilisation in Agriculture, Water Research Commission, South Africa
17:30 Adjourn
18:00-19:30 Networking Dinner

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09:00-12:30 Session 3: Recap and Way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09:00-09:15 Recap of Day one: Nkem Khumbah the African Academy of Sciences (AAS) • 09:15-09:45 Prof Miroslav Veskovc, Novi Sad University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) - Lessons to be learnt for the Nile • 09:45-11:15 Break out discussion about recommendations [All participants] Three Themes to be considered by Steering Committee in advance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Group I – Moderator: Khaled AbuZeid ◦ Group II – Moderator: Sossina Haile ◦ Group III – Moderator: Hilary Inyang
11:15-11:45 Coffee Break
11:45-12:00 Presentation of group discussions
12:00-13:00 Plenary discussion on recommendations
13:00-13:15 Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Group luncheon