GLOBAL HIGH LEVEL PANEL ON WATER AND PEACE

Third Meeting, San Jose, Costa Rica, 7-9 December 2016

Agenda

Tuesday, 6 Dec
Arrivals and transfer to Hotel

Wednesday 7 Dec

08.05 am Meet in hotel lobby to move to the conference venue - Museo de los Niños
09.00-9.45 Inauguration in Museo de los Niños, Sala Kalote
Entry of the Vicepresident of the Republic of Costa Rica, Ms. Ana Helena Chacon
Welcome by Dr. Edgar E. Gutierrez Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica
Address by Amb. Pio Wennubst, Assistant Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
Address by Mr. Danilo Turk, Chairman of the High Level Panel, Former President of the Republic of Slovenia
Address by Mr. Manuel Gonzalez, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica
Inaugural Address by the Vice President of Costa Rica Ms. Ana Helena Chacon

9:45-10:00 Formal introduction of Vice-President of Costa Rica to Members of the High Level Panel and supporting institutions, followed by Group Photographs

10:00-10:30 Press Interviews/Coffee Break

10:30-10:45 Cultural Presentation by Programme “Song of Peace” of the Vice-Ministry of Peace of Costa Rica

10:45-11.45 Opening Session
(Chaired by Mr Danilo Turk, Chairman of the High Level Panel)
Speakers:
- Ms. Yamileth Astorga, President of the Instituto Nacional de Acueductos y Alcantarillados of Costa Rica
- Dr. Sundeep Waslekar, President of Strategic Foresight Group
- Mr. Alvaro Umaña, former Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica, Vice Chairman of the High Level Panel
- Mr. Mansour Faye, Minister of Water and Hydraulics of Senegal, Vice Chairman of the High Level Panel

11.45-12:15 Transport to the restaurant

12:15-13:15 Lunch at Chateau 1525
13:15-13:30   Transport to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

13:30-18.30  Working Session of the High Level Panel at Salon Azul, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
(Chaired by Mr Danilo Turk)

13:30-16:00  General Discussion
13:30-14:00  Feedback from international interactions about the Panel and from international events (United Nations; COP22)
14:00-16:00  Identification of the main themes arising from the work of the Panel so far and first assessment of where we stand

16:00-16:30  Coffee break

16:30-18:30  Substantive discussions:
16:30-17:30  Theme 1 on “Protecting water in conflicts and using water as a key instrument for the reconstruction and reconciliation process in post-conflict situations”
17:30-18:30  Theme 2 on “The role of international water law for peace and security”

18:30-20:30  Welcome Reception hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, at Club Union
Launch of the Third Movement of the Water and Peace Symphony by Costa Rican composer Mr. Carlos Guzman and live presentation.

20:30-21:00  Transfer to the Hotel

Thursday, 8 December

07.45   Meet in Hotel lobby for transfer to conference venue - University for Peace
08.00-08.30  Transfer to the University for Peace
08.30-09.00  Welcome and Interaction with students
09.00-10.00  Interaction with Latin-American organisations on good practices and lessons from Latin-American example to feed the reflection of the Global High Level Panel on Water and Peace on possible global recommendations:
  1. Organisation of American States
  2. IUCN
  3. Plan Trifinio
  4. Capnet
  5. Instituto Nacional de Acueductos y Alcantarillados
10.00-10.20  Coffee Break
10:20-11:20  Interaction with Latin-American organisations (continued)
11:20-11:45  Guided tour University for Peace
11:45-12:45  Lunch

12:45-17:15  Working Session of the High Level Panel
            (Chaired by Mr Danilo Turk)

12:45-16:00  Substantive discussions (to be continued)
12:45-13:45  Theme 3 on “Instruments/approaches to avoid intersectoral
            conflicts”
13:45-14:45  Theme 4 on “New mechanisms for hydro-diplomacy”
14:45-15:00  Coffee break
15:00-16:00  Theme 5 on “Water quality as an important issue for the
            prevention and resolution of freshwater conflicts”

16:00-17:15  General discussion and closing of the meeting:
16:00-16:30  Views on the Report: agreement on its scope and structure
            and practical arrangements for drafting the report
16:30-16:40  Fourth meeting of the panel in Spring 2017: options for host
            country and decisions on the roadmap towards the next
            meeting
16:40-16:50  Relations with global stakeholders such as the High Level
            Panel on Water, etc.
16:50-17:00  Conclusions and wrap up by the Chairman
17:00-17:15  Concluding comments by the Secretariat, the two Vice
            Chairmen and the Chairman

17.15-18.00  Transport back to the Hotel

19:00-20:30  Dinner in Hotel Real Intercontinental hosted by the Swiss Embassy in Costa
            Rica

Friday, 9th December
06.30  Breakfast in the hotel
07.15  Departure from the hotel
07.15-09.30  Transport Hotel - Guayabo
09.45-11.30  Guided tour of the National Monument Guayabo
12.00-13.30  Costa Rican Lunch at Restaurant Turrialtico in Turrialba
14.00-16.30  Working Session at the Universidad CATIE
16.30-18.15  Return Journey

Saturday, 10th December
Return to home countries