



3rd Baghdad International Water Conference

First Day

6 May 2023

Royal Tulip Al Rasheed Hotel

Al-Zawra Hall

Item	Time	Duration (minute)	Venue	Details
Register	8:00 -9:30 am	90 min	Ceremony	Handing over an identification badge + conference agenda + brochure
National anthem	10:00-11:30 am	5 min.	Opening session	
Recitation from the Holy Quran		5 min.		
Opening Show		7 min.		
Speech of the Minister of Water Resources: Chairman of the Steering Committee of the conference and its organizer				
Speech of the Prime Minister, Auspices of the conference				
Speech of Mr. Faleh Khazali the Head of the Parliamentary Agriculture, Water and Marshes Committee		5 min.		
Speech of the Minister of Energy of the Islamic Republic of Iran		5 min.		
Speech of Mrs. Plasschaert, representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Iraq, Presented on her behalf by Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Isaczai		5 min.		

Exhibition opening+Break and Press Interviews	11:30-12:20 pm	50 Minutes
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Session: VIP	Session Title: Water for Human and Nature
Time:	(12:20-1:20pm) 1 Hour
Venue:	Al-Zawra Hall
Interlocutor:	Dr. Jassim Abdulazeez Hammadi
Speakers:	1- Mr. Aun Dhyaib Abdullah / His Excellency the Minister of Water Resources 2- Mr. Abbas Jabr Al-Alaywi / His Excellency the Minister of Agriculture 3- Mr. Nazar Mohammed Amidi / His Excellency the Minister of Environment 4- Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Isaczai, Deputy Special Representative for Iraq(UNAMI) and Resident coordinator 5- Michael Haney/manager of the Water Program in the Middle East/north Africa
Session Rapporteur:	Mr. Zaid Hamoudi Habib

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Speech by Mr. Vincent Pasquier / Deputy Head of the Middle East and North Africa Department / Swiss Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs	1:20 -1:25 pm	5 min.	
Speech by Mr. Loïc Fauchon / President of the World Water Council (WWC)	1:25-1:30 pm	5 min.	recorded
Speech of Mr. Richard Abdulnour / World Bank Special Representative in Iraq	1:30-1:35 pm	5 min.	
Speech of Mr. Khaldon Khashman / Secretary General of Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA)	1:35-1:40 pm	5 min.	
Speech of Mr. Mahmoud Abu Zaid / President of the Arab Water Council	1:40-1:45 pm	5 min.	Recorded

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			Al-Zawra Hall
Thematic session: Blue Peace Middle East & Water Diplomacy Center Session Chair: Hussein Abdulameer Baga / The Technical Undersecretary of the Ministry of Water Resources Moderator: Mr. Mufleh Al-Alaween Speakers: 1-Mrs. Maysoon Al-Zoubi 2- Mr. Jihad Saleh Al-Mahamid 3-Mr. Nadim Farajallah 4-Mr. Majed Abu-Zreig 5- Mr. Mark Zeitoun 6- Mr. bülent İnanç Session Rapporteur and Focal Point: Mrs. Hind Assim	1:45-3:10 pm	Hour and 25min.	From National Challenges to Regional Solutions Enhancing cooperation through transboundary basin research

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			Al-Zawra Hall
Thematic session: United Nations Organizations UNDP Chairman of the session: Mr. Aun Dhyaib Abdullah / Minister of Water Resources Speakers: 1- Mr.Gregory Galligan /The Canadian Ambassador to Iraq 2- Mr.Hans Sandee / Dutch ambassador to Iraq 3- Mr. Auke Lootsma/Resident Representative for UNDP Iraq office 4- Ms.Francesca Bernardini /Chief of the Transboundary water management UNECE 5- Mr. Mohammed Amin Faris / The Advisor to the President of Iraq Session Rapporteur and Focal point: Dr. Luay Ali	3:10–3:40 pm	30 min.	Water Diplomacy




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Thematic session: FAO/ UN RCO /IWMI Session chair: Dr. Salah EL Hajj Hassan Speakers: 1- Mr. Jippe Hoogeveen 2- Mr. Shawkat Saeb Jameel 3- Peter Waring 4- Dr. Youssef Brouziyne 5- Mukhalad Abdullah session Rapporteur and Focal Point: Dr. Shatha Salim Majeed	12:30 – 1:10 Pm	40 min.	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Innovative approaches to control water use in irrigated agriculture - Climate-smart agricultural practices transform water productivity - Climate -informed water planning: evidence from the use of water accounting + in arid context

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Venue	Baghdad Hall		
Thematic session: The World Bank Session chair: Mr. Ali Muhammed Jawad Speakers: 1.Mr. Richard Abdulnour 2.Dr. Marcus Wishart 3.Dr. Wilfried Hundertmark Session Rapporteur and Focal Point: Dr. Saddam Qahtan Waheed	1:10 – 1:30 pm	20 min.	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combatting climate through cooperation – the importance of water diplomacy in transboundary waters / Dr. Marcus Wishart - Irrigation and Trade-offs around Sustainability of Wetlands and Prosperity / Dr. Wilfried Hundertmark

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venue	Baghdad Hall		
Thematic session: International Organization for Migration in Iraq IOM Session chair: Mrs. Caroline Henderson Speakers: 1- Mr. Ashraf Al-Sahar 2- Alun Cledwyn Session Rapporteur and Focal Point: Mohammed Faisal Aawaja	1:30-2:00 pm	30 min.	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speech by Mrs. Caroline Henderson - Presentation by Mr. Ashraf Al-Sahar

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venue	Baghdad Hall		
Presentation: IMMAP - Dima Hunaiti Presented by Mrs. Clare Pritchard	2:00 2: 15 pm	15 min.	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of the project "Development of River Basin Monitoring System for the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in Iraq" - Overview of the main findings of the needs assessment - An overview of the main achievements of the National Center for Water Resources Management The most important recommendations and subsequent steps in the project

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First Theme		Theme Title	
Interlocutor:	Dr. Wissam Khalaf Obaid	Water for Human and nature 12:30-1:15 pm	
Session Rapporteur and Focal Point	Mr. Jaafar Kazem Alwan		
Researchers		Research Title	
Prof. Dr. Alaa Sallh Ati		productivity under pivot sprinkler irrigation system in desert soil / Holy Karbala Governorate	
Dr. Ibrahim Abdulrazak Khalil +Laith Abdulsattar Jabbar		Modeling Rainfall and Surface Runoff Using a Hydrological Model in Humid Places	
Mr. Saif Hameed Al-Katb		Simulation of pressurized irrigation system in south of Iraq using EPANET Model	
Second Theme		Theme Title	
Interlocutor:	Dr. Mohamed Sabry Ibrahim	Water diplomacy and environmental conservation 1:30-2:30 pm	
Session Rapporteur and Focal Point	Dr. Hatem Sallum Saleh		
Venue	South Hall		
Researchers		Research title	Time
Dr. Hayder Salh Al-Asady / Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs		Introduction to water diplomacy	
Dr. Firas Samir Mohammad Saleh		Addressing the effects of climate-related water crises in Iraq: challenges, opportunities and solutions	
Ali Imran Ali + Qassim Hmood		Effect of irrigation level and soil type on water use efficiency in Dyala River	
Mr. Nezar Kadhim Neamah		Mitigation of Shatt Al-Arab River from the tide in Kteban location and studying the Shiaa Escape effect by using a 1D model	

Lunch 3:40 pm



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Item	Al-Zawra Hall				
	Speakers	Time	Duration	Org.	Presentation Title
Presentations	Mr. Alaa Alnuaimi Mr. Ghaith Shawqy Azeez	8:30-8:40 am	10 min.	The General Authority for Dams and Reservoirs	Dams Safety
	Mr. Tariq Battal Shaher	8:40-8:50 am	10 min.	The General Authority for Dams and Reservoirs	Water scarcity & rainwater harvesting
	Mr. Alaa Turki Khudhair	8:50-9:00 am	10 min.	Planning and Follow-up Office	Water resources, food security and sustainable development
	Mr. Ali Raheem Waseen	9:00-9:10 am	10 min.	Iraqi Marshes and Wetlands Restoration Center	Wetland sustainability
	Mr. Andrea Cattarossi	9:10-9:30 am	20 min.	Consultant for updating the strategic study of water and land resources and the study of salinity treatment and preventing the rise of salt tide in the Shatt Al-Arab	consultant vision to implement the two studies

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venue	Al-Zawra Hall		
Thematic session: The Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands ACSAD. Session Chair: Technical Advisor Mr. Alaa Al-Den Taher Speakers: 1- Dr. Naser Edin Obaid 2- Dr. Ihab Jnad 3- Dr. Mahmoud Al-Sibai Session Rapporteur and Focal Point: Mrs. Saria Laith	9:30-10:30 pm	1 Hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The impact of climate change on water resources and agricultural crops - ACSAD experience in the field of groundwater management - Using modern technologies to manage irrigation water and its role in rationalizing the use of water resources

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venue	Al-Zawra Hall		
Thematic session: Water Convention (Helsinki 1992) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) Session chair: Hussein Abdulameer Baga /The Technical Undersecretary of the Ministry of Water Resources Speakers: 1. Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Isaczai 2. Mr. Ziad Khayat 3. Mr. Armin Bigham Ghazani 4. Mr. Harry Liiv 5. Ms. Francesca Bernardini Session Rapporteur and Focal Point: Dr. Luay Ali	10:30- 11:10 am	40 min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accelerating Action for Transboundary water cooperation in Western Asia - what SDG indicator 6.5.2 tells about the status of transboundary water cooperation in the region - Advancing Transboundary Water Cooperation through the 1992 UN Water Convention - Iraq's accession to the 1992 Water Convention: experiences and perspectives

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venue	Al-Zawra Hall		
Thematic session: APSU Water Sustainability Organization Session chair: Dr. Faisal Kadhim Al-Edhari Speakers: 1- Dr. Ibrahim Bahr Al-Uloum 2- Mr. Ali Nasser Banyan 3- Dr. Abbas Kazem Obaid 4- Dr. Khalid Shemal Mesheb 5- Dr. Majed Abu-Zreig Session Rapporteur and Focal Point: Mrs. Zahraa Abdullah	11:10- 11:50 am	40 min.	Transparency of information between decision makers (state institutions) and stakeholders (local and civil society)

Break	11:50-12:20 pm	30 min.	
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Thematic session: CMI/WDC/APSU Session chair: Dr. Majed Abu-Zreig Moderator: Ms. Marzia Cimmino Speakers: 1- Mrs. Maysoon Al-Zoubi 2- Mr. Alejandro Jimenez 3- Dr. Ana Elisa Cascao 4- Mr. Nashwan Dhahir 5- Murtadha Al-Sudani Session Rapporteur and Focal Point : Ammar Salah Ahmed Thematic session: WDC /IHE/GWH 1- Prof. bülent İnanç 2- Dr Mara Tignino 3- Dr. Abdulsahib Almedhachi 4- Susanne Schmeier Session Rapporteur and Focal Point: Mrs. Hamdiea skheel Jazaa	12:20-1:50pm 	1 Hour and 30 min. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhancing regional dialogue through water diplomacy: lessons learnt from regional co-operation on transboundary water resources - Enhancing Cooperation through Transboundary Basin Research

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Thematic Session: Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) Session chair: Mr. Thomas Wilson Speakers: 1. Mr. Delan Ahmed 2. Mrs. Aveen Jalal Session Rapporteur and Focal point: Mr. Ammar Salah Ahmed	1:50 – 2:20 pm 	40 min.	Social and Environmental Consequences Of Climate Change and Water Issues in Iraq

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Presentation: International Union for Conservation of Nature Speaker: Mr. Ali Ahmed Hayajneh	9:20 – 9:40 am 	20 min.	Water Program Projects and Initiatives

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Thematic Sessions: UNIDO/ AICS Session Chair: Eng. Intesar Razaq Hussain Speakers: 1. Expert Tariq Battal Shafer / General Authority for Dams & Reservoirs 2. Dr. Zeyad Sulaiman / University of Mosul 3. Ms. Monica Pisu / Italian Agency for Development Cooperation 4. Ms. Giulia Mazzara/ Italian Embassy in Iraq Session Rapporteur and Focal Point: Mr. Ghaith Shawqy Azeez	9:40-10:25 pm 	45 min.	Water Management: Challenges, Opportunities and Possible Cooperation

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Thematic Session: Arab Countries Water Utilities Association ACWUA/ IWMI/APSU/ Session Chair: Mr. Hatem Hameed Hussein Speakers: 1. Dr. Youssef Brouziyne 2. Dr. Ali Al-Lami 3. Prof. Ibrahim Mahdi Abd Al-Sudani 4. Eng. Khaldon Khashman 5. Ms. Rawia Mazal Mahmoud Al-Azzawi Session Rapporteur and Focal Point: Mrs. Maryam Naeem	10:25-11:15 pm 	50 min.	Data-based solutions and Water Risk Management in Iraq




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Thematic Session: MERCY CORPS Session Chair: Dr. Ayad Hameed Abbas Speakers: 1.Mr. Yousef Jasim 2.Dr. Daad Sadi Al-Ubaidy 3.Mrs. Sadiyah Flieh Hasson 4.Dr. Jassim Hussein Abdullah Session Rapporteur and Focal Point: Mrs. Dina Makki Ibrahim	12:20-1:05 pm	45 min.	 - Empowering the rule of law in order to increase control over water quality in Iraq -Water Scarcity and Salinity in Basra Governorate.

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Thematic Session: WFP Session Chair: Dr. Khalid Shemal Mesheb Speakers: 1.Dr.Furat Al-Faraj 2.Mr.William Okoyo Session Rapporteur and Focal point: Dr. Maysoun Ayad Hameed Point	1:05-2:05 pm	Hour	 Climate Information in Iraq: -Drought Study presentation by Dr. Furat Al-Faraj -Need for an Inclusive Iraq climate Information system for Early warning systems and Anticipatory Action by William Okoyo

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Third Theme		Theme Title
Interlocutor:	Mr. Hussain Ali Hussain	Sustainability of Wetlands and Prosperity 9:00-10:00 am
Session Rapporteur and Focal Point	Mr. Nizar Kazem Nima	
Researchers		Research title
Mr. Ghaith Muhammad Ali Majeed		Capacity Evaluation of A current Euphrates River Section between Babylon and Karbala Governorates Using HEC-RAS Software
Mr. Bassem Al-Thahaibawi		Evaluation of al-Hawizeh marsh Environment Southern of Iraq using Integrated Biological Index (IBI)
Dr. Hydar Lafta Ali		Implementation the First Stage of Wastewater Garden in El Chibaish City,Iraq
Eng. Hadeel Yassen Abbas		The effect of changing the levels of the marsh waters on urban expansion and pollution of the marsh environment (the effect of wet and dry years on the taboos of the Hammar Marsh)
Fourth Theme		Theme Title
Interlocutor:	Mr. Ahmed Kadhim Abdullah	Water Management: Knowledge and Innovation 10:15-11:15 am
Session Rapporteur and Focal Point	Dr. Ibrahim Abdulrazak Khalil	
Researchers		Research title
Dr. Alaa Salih Ati		Water requirement and water productivity of Zea mays L. under different irrigation systems in Al Qadsia and Babylon Governorates
Dr. AlHassan Haider Ismail		ground water quality in shallow aquifers of the sedimentary plain in Iraq: A potential concern for drinking and irrigation
Eng. Khaldoon Ibrahim Abbas		The possibility of using smart irrigation in the fixed sprinkler irrigation system and its impact on the performance of the system and the growth and production of maize yield
Eng. Wissam Sami Al Jassem		Experimental Study on the effect of Rationing System on the Infiltration Rate of Cement Treated Gypseous Canals

Lunch 2:20-3:20 pm

Closing session:

Al-Zawraa Hall 3:20pm

- Conference recommendations,
- Closing speech by His Excellency the Minister
- Distributing certificates of appreciation and taking pictures

The conference sessions are presented by Dr. Sara Arafa / Project Coordinator of the Stability and Peacebuilding Unit for Central and Southern Iraq at the International Organization for Migration in Iraq IOM .