



АССОЦИАЦИЯ ОЗЕРНЫХ РЕГИОНОВ
ASSOCIATION OF THE LAKE REGIONS

**Geneva Water Hub in partnership with
International Association of the Lake Regions**

**“The Drama of Water in a Time of Global Transformation:
Tripartite dialogue on innovative tools of water diplomacy in the XXI century”**

Launching Event of the Publication in International Geneva

Tuesday, 22nd June 2021,

14:00–16:00 (Geneva), 15:00-17:00 (Moscow)

REGISTRATION at

<https://unige.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMqcOusrzMuGdCi-anhsF-tDfAEq88oz6SS>

Geneva Water Hub and the International Association of the Lake Regions are pleased to launch the publication “*The Drama of Water in a Time of Global Transformation*”; a trilateral dialogue on innovative water diplomacy and effective management of water resources in the 21st century between thirty-six prominent Russian and International experts. This publication is intended to be a reference document for actors in hydropolitics, and water diplomacy. It will be presented and discussed during the event.

VENUE

Geneva Water Hub (GWH), c/o World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
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FORMAT

Hybrid: ZOOM and in person participation at the GWH headquarter by invitation only

WORKING LANGUAGES: English, French and Russian with simultaneous translation

AUDIENCE

The invited audience consists of representatives of:

- Permanent missions and delegations to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva
- International Organizations
- Non-governmental organizations located in International Geneva
- Academia and research centers
- Swiss Federal Departments
- Business community

PROGRAM

14:00 - 14:30 – WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLICATION “The Drama of Water in a Time of Global Transformation”

14:00 Opening by the Moderator *H.E. Jürg LAUBER*, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva

14:05 - 14:10 *Mr. Alexander ALIMOV*, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva

14:10-14:20 *Mr. Francois MÜNGER*, Director General, Geneva Water Hub (GWH)

14:20-14:30 *Mr. Alexander TIMCHENKO*, Director General, International Association of Lake Regions (IALR)

14:30 - 15:00 High Level Panel

Moderator, *H.E. Jürg LAUBER* , invites the key speakers for a short statement (up to 5minutes) to respond to the 3 questions:

1. The value of this tripartite dialogue from their work perspective?
2. Which chapter(s) are most urgent or most realistically implementable?
3. How will they use this document?

- ***H.E. Danilo TÜRK***, Chairperson, Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace
- ***Mr. Viacheslav FETISOV***, First Deputy Chairman of the Committee of the State Duma Committee on Physical Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth Affairs
- ***Mr. Dmitry MARIYASIN***, Deputy Executive Secretary; United Nations Economic Commission of Europe (UNECE)
- ***H.E. Andrey G. BAKLANOV***, Ambassador, Deputy Chairman of the Association of Russian Diplomats, Professor of the National Research University Higher School of Economics
- ***H.E. Guy BONVIN***, Ambassador, Swiss Special Envoy for Water in Central Asia, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

15:00 - 15:30 Panel of Experts

Moderator, **Mr. Vladimir MOSHKALO**, Head of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Russia Office invites Experts to provide comments on the publication, or on a specific chapter:

- **Mr. Anton KULBACHEVSKY**, Head of Department of Environmental Management and Nature Protection, Moscow City Government
- **Mr. Tumun TSYDYPOV**, First Deputy General Director of the Baikal Region Development Center
- **Ms. Sonja KOEPEL**, Secretary of the Water Convention and co-Secretary of the Protocol on Water and Health of the UNECE – **TBC**
- **Ms. Dinara ZIGANSHINA**, Deputy Director, Scientific Information Center of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia
- **Mr. Alexei ARNAUTOV**, Director Innovative Projects, EN+, Baikal International water resources Centre, Russia.
- **Ms. Hasmik BARSEGHYAN**, President, the 15th European Youth Parliament for Water

15:30 – 15:50 Q&A session

Moderator, **Ms. Natasha Carmi**, Lead Water Specialist, Geneva Water Hub

15:50 – 16:00 CLOSING SUMMARY

Reflections from GWH and IALR on next steps

- **Dr. Vera I. SMORCHKOVA**, Deputy Director, International Association of lake Regions, Professor of RANEPa, Moscow
- **Prof. Christian BRETHAUT**, Scientific Director, Geneva Water Hub