

**WATER AND
DEVELOPMENT**
PARTNERSHIP
PROGRAMME



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WATER DIPLOMACY – WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT AND WHAT’S NEXT?

**KNOWLEDGE SHARING SESSIONS ON DUPC2 WATER DIPLOMACY
ACTIVITIES**

15-17 November 2022

IHE Delft, Video Conference Room & online

Under the second phase of the IHE Delft Water and Development Partnership Programme (DUPC2), several projects have been supported that addressed questions of water diplomacy, though from very different angles. At the end of the DUPC2 programme phase, we want to take the opportunity to organize a series of sessions for knowledge-sharing among all concerned projects and the involved partners.

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2022

Session 1: Research and other knowledge-related outputs

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- How has research conducted in the framework of the DUPC2 projects improved our understanding of the processes, tools and tracks of water diplomacy? What lessons can we draw from that?
- What are the lessons learnt for interdisciplinary collaboration?
- Where do we see need for further research?

15:00 CET Welcome

- Kimberly Wakkary, DUPC2 Project Management Team, IHE Delft
- Igbal Ali, HRC Sudan
- Jenniver Sehring, IHE Delft

15:15 CET Tour de Table

- All participants

15:45 CET Thematic inputs

Moderation: Alyssa Offutt, IHE Delft

- Lessons learned from the Transboundary Freshwater Diplomacy Database
Alexandra Mercedes Caplan, Oregon State University
- Conceptualizing Water Diplomacy
Jenniver Sehring, IHE Delft
- Digital Water Diplomacy
Emanuele Fantini, IHE Delft
- Science-media diplomacy in the Brahmaputra Basin
Sumit Vij, Geneva Water Hub, University of Geneva & Wageningen University and Research
- The state of knowledge on water, peace and security
Susanne Schmeier, IHE Delft

All inputs will be followed by a brief Q&A.

16:30 CET General discussion

17:30 CET End

WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2022

Session 2: Raising awareness and developing capacities for water diplomacy

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- Which avenues worked well to foster dialogue between researchers and policy-makers/practitioners?
- Which forms of training and methods work well for knowledge transfer and training?
- What are main challenges in developing capacity on water diplomacy in the partner regions?
- Where do we see need for further capacity development?

15:00 CET Welcome & Recap of last session

- Igbal Ali/Jenniver Sehring
- Recap previous session: Jenniver Sehring, IHE Delft

15:15 CET Tour de Table

15:30 CET Thematic inputs

Moderation: Susanne Schmeier, IHE Delft

- Building Regional Capacity in Water Diplomacy for the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources of Lake Chad
O. Yaya, Regional Center for Integrated River Basin Management (RC-IRBM)
- Design, Monitoring and Evaluation for process co-creation: Lessons Learned from the Women in Water Diplomacy Network
Elizabeth Yaari, Environmental Law Institute/Stockholm International Water Institute
- Reflections on teaching water to young diplomats
Bota Sharipova, IHE Delft
- Water science communication models and tools
Annika McGinnis/Fredrick Mugira, InfoNile
- Lessons learnt from science-policy dialogue through the Water and Peace Seminar
Rozemarijn ter Horst, Wageningen University and Research/IHE Delft

All inputs will be followed by a brief Q&A.

16:15 CET General discussion

17:30 CET End

THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2022

Session 3: Challenges and ways to overcome them

<https://zoom.us/j/93281088945?pwd=c0dUQ3A5RGhYK3VDdE9FMUJ1dW9LQT09>

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- What were the best strategies to overcome challenges stemming from the political situation or conflicts on the ground?
- Which structural challenges were experienced by partners from the Global South, and how could they be dealt with?

15:00 CET Welcome & Recap of last session

- Igbal Ali/Jenniver Sehring
- Recap previous session: Alyssa Offutt

15:15 CET Tour de Table

15:30 CET Thematic inputs

Moderation: Mohd Faizee, IHE Delft

- Bringing your own chair to the decision-making table
Alexandra Said, UNEP/Stockholm International Water Institute
- Promoting Water Diplomacy within the Nile Basin, reflecting on the Water Research Center experience
Azza Nabil Babiker, Water Resources Center, University of Khartoum
- The case of wastewater in Israel and Palestine: it flows across borders, around obstacles and it cross cuts through disciplines
Peter van der Steen, IHE Delft
- Potential and limitations of trust building between riparian countries
Igbal Ali, Hydraulic Research Center
- Managing donor expectations and restrictions (activities in conflict/instable areas)
Susanne Schmeier, IHE Delft

All inputs will be followed by a brief Q&A.

16:15 CET General discussion

17:00 CET Way forward: prospects for further collaboration