
Intersectorality and conflicts

Tuesday, 1st of November 2016

World Meteorological Organisation, Room Kruzel, 2nd Floor

Meeting Objective

The Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace was launched on 16 November 2015 in Geneva and will develop a set of proposals aimed at strengthening the global architecture to prevent and resolve water-related conflicts, and facilitate the use of water as an important factor of building peace. It will also enhance the relevance of water issues in national and global policy making.

In this framework, the Geneva Water Hub acts as the Panel's Secretariat and contributes to the Panel's work in providing substantial inputs through its different components (Networking Platform / Education & Knowledge / Think Tank). This round table echoes the working program of the Panel dedicated to issues related to water and intersectoral conflicts. Its purpose is to advance the knowledge regarding this topic and to define tracks for recommendations at the policy level.

Water offers fertile ground for strong rivalries and conflicts among different and competing resource users. Growing pressures on water resources from demographic growth and an increasing number of different types of water uses and users in a time of changing climate dynamics suggests the risk of water conflict will increase.

The growing multitude of water use modalities, water quality threats and variance in water flows is creating great challenges for water governance systems to undertake long term planning that anticipates crises and conflicts. Concepts such as water security (Zeitoun and al. 2016, Cook & Bakker 2012), the water-energy-food nexus (WEF 2011, Hoff 2011, Gallagher et al. forthcoming), integrated water resources management (GWP 2000, Biswas 2008), adaptive water governance (Pahl-Wostl 2015) are an attempt by the research, policy and practice communities to address these challenges.

This round table, co-organized by the Geneva Water Hub, the Luc Hoffmann Institute, the IUCN and the World Economic Forum – Global Water Initiative, will discuss intersectoral conflicts around water resources and discuss how 'fit for purpose' water governance systems are to anticipate, react and define solutions regarding water resources allocation

Agenda

The agenda of the meeting (see below) is structured around three types of intersectoral conflicts involving water resources. These conflicts can take place at different scales, from local to transnational. Comparing and discussing different types of conflicts at different scales will contribute to a lively and fruitful discussion, and to identify key insights with the objective of defining tracks for policy recommendations.

9.30-10.00	Welcome of the participants and coffee
10.00-10.15	Introduction and scope of the meeting
10.15-11.45	Session 1: Water and mining at the local level
	10.15-10.45: the case of Peru, Ms. Milagros Sosa, Wageningen University
	10.45-11.00: Q&A
	11.00-11.45: moderated round table discussion
12.00-13.30	Lunch break
13.30-15.00	Session 2: Industry perspective at the regional level
	13.30-14.00: the case of India, Mr. Alejandro Litovsky, Earth Security Group
	14.00-14.15: Q&A
	14.15-15.00: moderated round table discussion
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-16.45	Session 3: Intersectoral conflicts through different scales
	15.15-15.45: the case of Cambodia, Dr. Louise Gallagher, Luc Hoffmann Institute
	15.45-16.00: Q&A
	16.00-16.45: moderated round table discussion
16.45-17.15	Moderated round table discussion: What solutions to intersectoral challenges
17.15-17.30	Conclusion

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