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**23<sup>rd</sup> OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum**

**“Water governance in the OSCE area – increasing security and stability  
through co-operation”**

**FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING**

**Vienna, 26 - 27 January 2015**  
OSCE Congress Centre, Hofburg, Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna

**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**Monday, 26 January 2015**

**09:30 – 11:00**      **Opening Session** (*open to Press*)

**Welcoming Remarks**

- **Ambassador Vuk Žugić**, Chairperson of the Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Serbia to the OSCE, 2015 OSCE Serbian Chairmanship
- **Ambassador Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yiğitgüden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Keynote speeches**

- **Ms. Stana Božović**, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Republic of Serbia
- **Prof. John Anthony Allan**, Professor of Geography, King’s College, London
- **Dr. Mohamed Ait Kadi**, Chair, Global Water Partnership Technical Committee, Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Fisheries, Kingdom of Morocco

**Rapporteur: Mr. Andrew Peebles**, EU Delegation to the International Organizations in Vienna

**Statements by Delegations / Discussion**

**11:00 – 11:30            Coffee Break**

**11:30 – 13:00            Session I: Water governance – approaches, elements, actors**

**Selected topics:**

- The concept of water governance
- Principles of Good Water Governance
- Best practices in implementing good water governance
- Water diplomacy in the OSCE context

**Moderator: Ambassador Tomislav Leko**, Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the International Organizations in Vienna, Chairperson of the Economic and Environmental Committee

**Rapporteur: Ms. Jenniver Sehring**, Environmental Affairs Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Speakers:**

- **Mr. Håkan Tropp**, Managing Director, Knowledge Services Department, Stockholm International Water Institute
- **Mr. Peter Glas**, President, Netherlands Association of Regional Water Authorities, Chair of OECD Water Governance Initiative
- **Dr. Benjamin Pohl**, Senior Project Manager, Adelphi
- **Ms. Eileen Hofstetter**, Water Policy Advisor, Global Programme Water Initiatives, Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation

**Discussion**

**13:00 – 14:30            Buffet lunch hosted by the 2015 OSCE Serbian Chairmanship**  
(Neuersaal Foyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

**14:30 – 16:00            Session II: Water governance across sectors: Fostering food and energy security**

**Selected topics:**

- Best practices in cross-sectoral dialogue and co-ordination of water policy
- The water-energy-food nexus
- New approaches to sustainable hydropower and efficient irrigation

**Moderator: Mr. David Wiberg**, Acting Director of the Water Programme, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

**Rapporteur: Mr. Manav Sachdeva**, Environmental and Economic Officer, OSCE Centre in Bishkek/Osh Field Office

**Speakers:**

- **Mr. Gheorghe Constantin**, Director, Ministry of Environment, Romania, Chair of the EU Water Initiative's Working Group on Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
- **Mr. Cameron Ironside**, Programme Director, Sustainability, International Hydropower Association
- **Mr. Nicholas Bonvoisin**, Secretary, UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
- **Mr. Tom Mollenkopf**, Senior Vice-President, International Water Association

**Discussion**

**16:00 – 16:30**      **Coffee Break**

**16:30 – 18:00**      **Session III: Water governance and the environment: Protecting ecosystems and increasing water efficiency**

**Selected topics:**

- Security-related benefits of sustainable management of water ecosystems
- Climate change and water governance - adaptive capacity
- Partnership frameworks for environmental protection and efficient use of water at local, national and transboundary level
- Technological innovations for efficient collection, treatment and re-use of water

**Moderator: Mr. Walter Kling**, Secretary General, International Association of Waterworks in the Danube Catchment Area

**Rapporteur: Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk**, Environmental Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Speakers:**

- **Dr. Dejan Komatina**, Secretary, International Sava River Basin Commission
- **Mr. Rolf Olsen**, Senior Technical Lead, Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation
- **Ms. Ekaterina Strikeleva**, Head, Water Initiatives Support Programme, the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia
- **Ms. Jovana Husemann**, Research Associate, Institute for Sanitary Engineering, University of Stuttgart

**Discussion**

**18:15**      **Cocktail hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Hofburg, Ratsaal Foyer (5<sup>th</sup> floor)**

**Tuesday, 27 January 2015**

**09:30 – 11:00          Session IV: Water governance at different levels**

**Selected topics:**

- Community-based water governance approaches at local level
- Basin management approaches across administrative boundaries
- Challenges and opportunities in implementing water sector reforms

**Moderator: Mr. Marco Keiner**, Director, Environment Division, UNECE

**Rapporteur: Ms. Dilara Abdullayeva**, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the OSCE

**Speakers:**

- **Dr. Aslihan Kerç**, Project Development and Implementation Co-ordinator, Turkish Water Institute
- **Mr. Andre Matoso**, Regional Director, Alentejo River Basin District Administration, Portuguese Environment Agency
- **Mr. José Anguel Rodrigues Cabellos**, Head of Planning Office, Guadiana River Basin Authority, Spain
- **Ms. Biljana Filipović**, Head, Department of International Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Republic of Serbia

**Discussion**

**11:00 – 11:30          Coffee Break**

**11:30 – 13:00          Session V: Good water governance and transparency**

**Selected topics:**

- Transparency in the water sector at local and national level: security benefits
- Fighting corruption in the water sector and promoting integrity
- Economic instruments for increasing water efficiency
- The role of civil society and the business sector in good water governance

**Moderator: Mr. Jan van de Venis**, Director of Legal Desk, Waterlex

**Rapporteur: Ms. Magdalena Stankowska**, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the OSCE

**Speakers:**

- **Mr. Teun Bastemeijer**, Chief Adviser, Water Integrity Network
- **Dr. Carlos Mario Gómez Gómez**, University of Alcalá, Spain

- **Ms. Susanne Brandstetter**, Chair, Public Participation Expert Group, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
- **Ms. Sabina Jukan**, Manager, Aarhus Centre Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

## Discussion

**13:00 – 14:30            Lunch Break**

**14:30 – 16:00            Session VI: Opportunities for exchange of knowledge and experience in water governance**

### **Selected topics:**

- Global and regional platforms for knowledge and information sharing on water
- Water governance in the global context
- Examples of sharing of technology and innovative methods of water management, including through private sector investments

**Moderator: Ambassador Slavica Milačić**, Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the OSCE

**Rapporteur: Mr. Elton Qendro**, Project Assistant, Governance, Economy and Environmental Issues Department, OSCE Presence in Albania

### **Speakers:**

- **Mr. Soontak Lee**, Co-chair, International Steering Committee, 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, Republic of Korea
- **Professor András Szöllösi-Nagy**, Co-Chair of the Political Processes Commission 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, World Water Council
- **Mr. Martin Krause**, Practice Leader, Environment and Energy, Regional Centre for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, UNDP
- **Ms. Dragana Milovanović**, Head, Department for Participation in Strategic Planning, Management and International Water Co-operation, Water Directorate of the Republic of Serbia

## Discussion

**16:00 – 16:30            Coffee/Tea break**

**16:30 – 18:00            Concluding Session**

- Wrap-up of the discussions, lessons learned and identifying priority areas for future discussion and increased co-operation.
- Outlook to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Preparatory Meeting in Serbia

**Moderator: Ambassador Vuk Žugić**, Chairperson of the Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Serbia to the OSCE, 2015 OSCE Serbian Chairmanship

**Rapporteur: Mr. Bernhard Romstorfer**, Intern, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Speakers:**

- **Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yiğitgüden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ambassador Thomas Greminger**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE
- **Ms. Christine Weil**, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE

**Closing Statements**