

Budapest Water Summit 2016 – Side Event

Bringing Solutions for a Sustainable Water Future

Organisers-Water Future Programme, Water Futures and Solutions-IIASA and IWMI

30th November 2016 9.30 am - 11.00 am

MaViz Side Event - Tisza Gallery (Building D)

The Sustainable Water Future Programme (Water Future) is a global platform facilitating international scientific collaboration to drive solutions to the world's water problems. Research conducted through Water Future will ensure a balance between the needs of humankind and nature, and to offer real solutions underpinned by interdisciplinary science to deliver a 'sustainable water world' and on the targets in the UN's 2030 agenda for sustainable development. The programme brings a unique, systems-level perspective to develop integrated approaches for both diagnosing water-related challenges and crafting innovative solutions.

The side event will introduce the Water Future Programme and key initiatives of the programme and its global partners –IWMI, IIASA, share insights into its development, and open up a space for discussion, comments and feedback.

Chair Professor András Szöllősi-Nagy, Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg and National University of Public Service, Hungary, Chair –UNESCO-IHP and Chair of the Planning Committee of Sustainable Water Future Programme

Introduction - Professor András Szöllősi-Nagy - 5 minutes

Introduction of Water Future Programme- Associate Professor Anik Bhaduri, Director of Sustainable Water Future Programme -10 minutes

PANEL Discussion: Global Water System Assessment-30 minutes

Assessing the progress of SDGs needs understanding the complex and interlinked nature of the global water system. The panel will discuss how Sustainable Water Future Programme will contribute in SDG Assessment.

Moderator-Professor Pavel Kabat- Director General and Chief Executive Officer, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

Introduction- Pavel Kabat- 5 Minutes

Panelists: Professor Charles Vorsomarty (City Univesity of New York), **Dr Yoshihide Wada** (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis), **Mr Rick Lawford** (Sustainable Water Future Programme), **Professor Carlo Giupponi** (University of Venice) , **Dr Marianela Fader** (International Centre for Water Resources and Global Change (UNESCO), Koblenz).

PANEL Discussion: Water Solution Labs-30 minutes

Water Future aims to connect problem identifiers with solution identifiers, knowledge generators and knowledge implementers while focusing on integrated solutions to develop knowledge-to-concrete actions and find solutions through the co-production of knowledge involving scientists and other stakeholders. The panel will discuss how the development of the Water Solutions Lab Network and provide opportunities for discussion and feedback.

Moderator – Mr Jeremy Bird, Director General, International Water Management Institute

Introduction-Mr Jeremy Bird- 5 minutes

Panelists: Professor Stuart Bunn (Griffith University and Sustainable Water Future Programme), Dr David Wiberg(International Water Management Institute), Dr Simon Langan (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis), Dr Dimple Roy (International Institute for Sustainable Development-IISD),