

**Workshop on Global Water Governance and the UN System:  
Global Water Governance, Challenges and Design Options**



**Workshop Programme**

13 October

12.30 – 13.30: Arrival of participants, informal exchange

13.30 – 14.10: Introduction, Prof. Claudia Pahl Wostl

The purpose of the workshop; past activities (special issue; book); the expected outcomes (a new special issue; book; policy brief); the structure of the workshop; the follow-up to the workshop.

Introductory round – expectations of participants.

14.10-14.30: State of global water governance, Prof. Dr. Joyeeta Gupta

The need for global water governance; the current state of global water governance; the challenges in global water governance. (politics, law, policy, economics); a theoretical framework for analysis of future potential governance frameworks.

14.30-14.40: Lessons learnt from UN coordination bodies, Suzanne Schubert

14.40-14.50: Lessons learnt from UN Water, Thomas Baumgartner

14.50-17.00: Discussion (including a coffee break) led by Prof. Dr. Theo Toonen on the following issues

- Is there need for global water governance?

- What kinds of water (ground water, green water, virtual water) need to be covered under global water governance?

- What are the challenges with the current framework of global water governance?

- What are the options for global water governance?

- The design of break-up groups that would focus on options for global water governance and how to evaluate them.

17.00-18.00: Break up groups discuss the focus of their specific tasks and resolve conflicts amongst themselves

14 October:

9-10: Plenary session: Prof. Claudia Pahl Wostl chairs: Break up groups present their research question. Discussion on whether the research questions fit in nicely and whether there are key gaps.

10-12.00: Break up groups led by Prof. Ken Conca, Prof. Joseph Dellapenna, Dr. William Cosgrove and Dr. Elena Nikitina draw up a problem statement, framework for analysis, a research question and try to systematically answer the research question.

13.00-17.00: Break up groups continued: A systematic analysis of the research issue and discussion leading to the outline of a fairly detailed paper and bullets for tentative conclusions.

15 October:

8-11: Plenary: Break up groups present their questions, structure and key issues.

11-12.30: Follow-up.