



Governing Water Wisely: Adaptive Approaches to Water Resources Management

August 25, 09.00-12.30, Stockholmsmässan, Room K24

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Organisers

Twin2Go, Global Water System Project (GWSP), Global Water Partnership (GWP), UNESCO-International Hydrological Programme (IHP)

Background

Failures of governance systems are one of the most important reasons for poor performance of water management under changing conditions, such as climatic change and rapid urbanisation. Where uncertainty cannot be reduced, or where policy decisions cannot be postponed until better knowledge is available, adaptive approaches to water resources management are required that are able to respond flexibly and accommodate conflicting interests. The Twin2Go project has analysed governance systems in 25 river basins around the world, has ranked them with regards to governance and performance, and has identified best practices and lessons learnt for increasing adaptiveness.

Objectives of the session

The aim of the seminar is to share and discuss Twin2Go's insights and to complement the picture with knowledge and experience of other initiatives such as GWSP, GWP, UNESCO-IHP. A panel discussion with policy and decision makers as well as practitioners and researchers will facilitate further exchange of insights from research and practical experience.

The seminar will provide answers on:

- how a water governance system should be designed in order to be able to cope with complexity and uncertainty;
- how approaches can be transferable across different basins and governance levels;
- how transition towards adaptive water governance can be included in existing policy processes.

Programme

Part I Presentations - Chair: Prof. Claudia Pahl-Wostl, University of Osnabrück, Germany

- 9:00 Welcome and Introduction by the Chair
- 9:10 Twin2Go - Towards adaptive governance in river basins: From panaceas to context sensitive analyses. Prof. Claudia Pahl-Wostl, Univ. of Osnabrück, Germany
- 9:30 Twin2Go best practice guidelines. Dr. Elena Nikitina, EcoPolicy, Russia
- 9:40 Twin2Go policy lessons for adaptive water governance. Annika Kramer, adelphi, Germany
- 9:50 Adapting to the impacts of global changes on river basin and aquifer system. Dr. Anil Mishra, UNESCO-IHP
- 10:10 Water, climate change adaptation and development: linkages and challenges. Dr. Danka Thalmeinerova, GWP

10:30 Coffee Break

Part II Panel discussion - Moderator: Prof. Janos Bogardi, GWSP, Germany

- 11:00 Moderated panel discussion on adaptive water governance and transferability of best practices. Panellists:
- Sonja Koeppel, UNECE Water Convention Secretariat
 - Dr. Eben Chonguica, OKACOM - Okavango River Basin Commission, Botswana
 - Partha J. Das, Aaranyak Water, Climate & Hazard (WATCH) Programme, India
 - Mario López Pérez, Comisión Nacional del Agua, Mexico
 - Dr. Louis Lebel, Chiang Mai University, Thailand
- 12:00 Open Q&A with the audience
- 12:30 Close of session



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