



# WATER FOR PEACE

## 3rd World Water Forum

**Shiga, Japan - March 20-21**

The *Water for Peace* theme at the 3rd World Water Forum will focus on the role which shared basins, water conflict prevention and inter-state cooperation in water resources management can have in the achievement of:

- The Millennium Development and Johannesburg Goals
- International and Regional Security
- Strengthening Democracy and Human Rights

The Water for Peace theme will consist of: an Opening Plenary session, approximately 14 sessions on different aspects of the theme (including the 4 sessions convened by theme coordinators UNESCO and Green Cross International, see below), and a Closing Plenary.

All sessions will aim to arrive at concrete proposals and strategies for action to be taken and encouraged by different key actors and initiatives after the Forum. These recommendations will be presented at the Closing Plenary, passed on to delegates at the Ministerial Conference, and promoted by the convening organisations during the International Year for Freshwater.

## Detailed Programme

### **Plenary Opening**

*Shiga- Biwako Hall*

*20 March – 10:00-11:30*

Opening Address, *Water for Peace*:

**Mikhail Gorbachev**  
President, Green Cross International

Invited Special Guests:

**Mohamed Elyazghi**  
Minister for the Development of Land, Water and  
Environment of Morocco  
**Jean-Michel Cousteau,**  
President, Ocean Futures Society

Co-Presented by:

**Bertrand Charrier**  
Executive Director, Green Cross International  
**Andras Szöllösi-Nagy**  
Deputy Assistant Director General - UNESCO

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### **UNESCO-Green Cross Sessions °**

#### **FROM POTENTIAL CONFLICT TO COOPERATION POTENTIAL: WATER FOR PEACE**

##### **1. *Origins of Water Related Conflicts, 20 March – 12:30-15:15*** *Shiga - Ohmi 8/Otsu Prince Hotel*

Transboundary basins - Upstream and downstream perspectives and positions: history, politics, culture, ecosystems, climatic and demographic changes, disasters and emergencies, unilateral actions/decisions, public participation – especially women and minorities.

Moderator: **Munther Haddadin**, Consultant and Honorary Professor, Oregon State University; former Minister of Water, Jordan  
Rapporteur: **Anthony Turton**, Head of the African Water Issues Research Unit (AWIRU), University of Pretoria  
Keynote speaker: **Aaron Wolf**, Associate Professor, Department of Geosciences, Oregon State University

Senior government representatives from:

##### Upstream

Turkey – Tigris-Euphrates basin  
Bolivia – La Plata

##### Mixed Interest

Namibia – Okavango basin  
Syria - Tigris-Euphrates and Orontes basin

##### Downstream

The Netherlands – Rhine basin  
Ghana – Volta basin  
Botswana – Okavango basin

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° Each session is 2 hrs 45 minutes, to be divided into two halves of 80 minutes, with 55 minutes of presentations from panels of representatives, experts and practitioners, followed by 25 minutes of discussion. The four sessions are consecutive, not in parallel.

**2. Tools for Resolution and Prevention of Conflicts,**  
*March 20 – 15:45- 18:30 , Shiga - Ohmi 8/Otsu Prince Hotel*

Moderator: **Jerry Delli Priscoli**, Consultant, US Army Corps of Engineers  
Rapporteur: **Keith Hipel**, Professor in Systems Design Engineering, University of Waterloo

Panel 1

- *Ethics and Values*  
**Lord Selborne**, Chair of the COMEST Sub-Commission on the Ethics of Freshwater, UNESCO
- *Legal instruments – basin agreements and international conventions and laws*  
**Salman Salman**, World Bank Group
- *Human right to water – implications for international law and international water resources*  
**Joseph W. Dellapenna**, Professor, International Water Resources Law, University of the Pacific
- *Shared Aquifers*  
**Shaminder Puri**, Chairman, IAH Subcommittee on Transboundary Aquifers

Panel 2

- *Alternative Dispute Resolution*  
**Yona Shamir**, Director, ICNM
  - *The Importance of Education*  
**Pieter van der Zaag**, Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Zimbabwe,
  - *Public Awareness and Participation – the Role of Civil Society*  
**Ousséni Diallo**, President, Green Cross Burkina Faso
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**3. Incentives for Cooperation, 21 March – 8:45 - 11:30**  
*Shiga - Ohmi 8/Otsu Prince Hotel*

The benefits of cooperation: how to get there; how to finance the process; how the benefits should be shared; how to move from water cooperation to economic integration.

Moderator: **Victor Pochat**, Chairman of the IHP Intergovernmental Council, and National Director for Water Policies, Co-ordination and Development of Argentina's Under-secretariat for Water Resources  
Rapporteur: **Alan Nicol**, Head of the Water Policy Programme, Overseas Development Institute, UK  
Keynote speaker: **David Grey**, Senior Water Adviser for the Africa Region, The World Bank

Panel 1

- Representative **Marc Baltes**, Deputy Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities of OSCE, *Security and stability incentives*
- HRH Prince **Jean Nassau**, Prince of Luxembourg, Vice-President of Suez, Senior Vice-President of Degremont, *Incentives for Cooperation*
- **Peter Gleick**, President of the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security
- **Kamel O. Mahadin**, former Minister of Water and Irrigation for Jordan, President of Global Green Jordan
- **Houria Tazi Sadeq**, Holder, Interdisciplinary UNESCO Chair for Sustainable Management of Water

Panel 2

- **Alfred Duda**, Senior Adviser, International Water, GEF, *Financial and Institutional Considerations*
- **Fekri Hassan**, University of London, *Cultural Incentives for Cooperation*
- **John Metzger**, Team Leader for the Water Utilisation Programme, Example of Mekong River Commission
- **Natalia Alexeeva**, Peipsi Centre for Transboundary Cooperation, *Cooperation in Transboundary Water Management – Lake Peipsi Case*

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4. ***Water for Peace – Elaboration of Theme Conclusions***  
*March 21– 12:30 - 15:15 , Shiga - Biwako Hall/Conference Room*

Moderator: **Mike Muller**, Director General, Department of Water Affairs and Forestry,  
South Africa  
Rapporteur: **Bill Cosgrove**, Vice President, World Water Council

- Presentations of session reports by rapporteurs from all Water for Peace sessions.
- Report on interconnected conclusions from IWRM theme (invited).
- Discussion between rapporteurs, moderators, session convenors and other interested parties to identify key Water for Peace recommendations and conclusions.

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**Plenary Closing**  
*Shiga - Biwako Hall*  
*March 21, 16:00-17:30*

*Water for Peace Recommendations -the Way Forward*

**Bill Cosgrove**  
Vice-President  
World Water Council

**Koïchiro Matsuura**  
Director-General, UNESCO

**Mikhail Gorbachev**  
President, Green Cross International

Special Guests:

**Tjaco Van Den Hout**  
Secretary General of  
The Permanent Court of Arbitration

**Ismail Serageldin**  
Director of the Library of Alexandria

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