



# COP22 Event programme

## Water, a connector for successful NDC implementation

**Date:** 17 November • **Time:** 15:00-16:30 • **Venue:** Mediterranean (300) - Side Events & Exhibits Hall



**Water is a connector, not a sector, and it provides solutions.**

The water community offers holistic expertise that can support strategies to tackle climate change and facilitate adaptation. However, to meet the climate challenge we must strengthen multi-stakeholder collaboration across all sectors. Water connects policy areas, economic sectors, and societies and is therefore a tool for strengthening partnerships and building trust. In this session we aim to explore how the unique, collaborative effect of water can be utilized and built upon to strengthen relationships between ministries, decision-makers, practitioners and non-state actors to support the

achievement of NDCs and the ambitions of the Paris Agreement.

We will advance the dialogue on the role of water resilience in achieving NDC implementation and how to enhance climate-resilient investment in water. We will also showcase opportunities and challenges for implementation of national climate plans, accessing climate finance and utilizing the support



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**Convenors** | Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), Global Water Partnership (GWP), Regional Environmental Center (REC) and Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA)

## Program

### 15.00 **Introductions**

*Karin Lexén*, Director, World Water Week and International Policy, SIWI  
and Co-Chair of AGWA

*Marta Szigeti Bonifert*, Executive Director, Regional Environmental Center

### 15.10 **Panel discussion 1: Initiatives and tools on water management contributing to the implementation of the NDCs and NAPs**

*H.E. Nestor Batio Bassiere*, Minister for Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change, Burkina Faso

*H.E. Lars Ronnås*, Climate Ambassador, Sweden

*Hesham Bekhit Mohamed Bekhit*, Professor, Civil Engineering Faculty, Cairo University

*Zsuzsanna Ivanyi*, Senior Expert, REC

### 15.50 **Panel discussion 2: Achieving climate-resilient investments and financing**

*Philipp Knill*, Head of Division, Special Unit on Climate Policy and Climate Finance, BMZ

*Demetrio Innocenti*, Adaptation Coordinator, Green Climate Fund

*Sean Kidney*, CEO and Co-founder Climate Bonds Standard

*Andrew Takawira*, Senior Programme Officer, GWP Southern Africa and Africa Coordination Unit

### 16.15 **High-level intervention: Building capacities and coherence through water and by dialogue and collaboration between governments and non-state actors**

*H.E. Hakima El Haite*, Delegate Minister of the Environment and GCAA Champion, Morocco

*Anne-Marie Descotes*, Head of General Directorate for Globalization and Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, France

### 16.25 **Concluding remarks**

*Ruth Beukman*, Executive Secretary, GWP Southern Africa

### 16.30 **End of session**