TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE OF IMPROVED GLOBAL FRESHWATER GOVERNANCE

Tuesday, 19 August 2008
08:30 → 11:50
Room K11,
Stockholm International Fairs and Congress Center

invite you to the seminar:

“The UN Watercourses Convention: Legacy, Prospects and Value for the Realization of International Policy Goals”

08:30 → Welcome by Chair → Dr. Anders Jägerskog, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)

08:35 → Introduction → Mr. James P. Leape, Director General, WWF International

08:45 → ADVANCING THE MDGS AND THE UN WATERCOURSES CONVENTION: AN OVERVIEW
   → HRH the Prince of Orange, Chair, UN Secretary-General’s Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB) and → Mr. Attila Tanzi, Professor, University of Bologna, Italy

09:15 → ASSESSING THE RELEVANCE OF THE UN WATERCOURSES CONVENTION FOR ADVANCING INTERNATIONAL POLICY OBJECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, with:
   → Guy Howard, Water and Environment Advisor, Department for International Development (DFID), UK
   → David Coates, Programme Officer, Secretariat, Convention on Biological Diversity, Canada
   → Anton Earle, Project Director, Capacity Building, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), Sweden
   → Dr. Ashok Swain, Director, The Swedish Network of Peace, Conflict and Development Research, Sweden

10:00 → Debate & Questions moderated by → Dr. Bertrand Charrier, Vice-President, Green Cross International

10:15 → Coffee Break

10:45 → THE STATUS OF THE UN WATERCOURSES CONVENTION AND THE CASE FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE: GLOBAL RELEVANCE AND REGIONAL APPLICABILITY, with:
   → Mr. Attila Tanzi, Professor, University of Bologna, Italy
   → Dr. Alexander Lopez Ramirez, Director, Centro Mesoamericano de Desarrollo Sostenible del Trópico Seco (CEMEDE), Professor of International Relations at the Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica (UNA)
   → Dr. Patricia Wouters, Director, UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, University of Dundee, Scotland
   → Mr. Johan Lammers, Professor of International Environmental Law, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

11:30 → Debate & Questions moderated by → Flavia Rocha Loures, Freshwater Programme Officer, International Law & Policy, WWF International

11:50 → Closing remarks by Chair → Anders Jägerskog, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)

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High-Level Panel:
"The Challenge of Improved Global Freshwater Governance & The UN Watercourses Convention"

Tuesday, 19 August 2008, 12:00-13:30
(Room K11, lunch will be served)

Welcome by Chair: Lasse Gustavsson, Secretary General, WWF Sweden

Keynote speech: Managing water across boundaries: lessons to support governance reform in transboundary basins: Dr. Alejandro Iza, Head of the Environmental Law Centre, The World Conservation Union (IUCN)

High-Level debate with:

Moderator Mr. Jean-François Donzier, Secretary General, Permanent Technical Secretariat, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

Honorable Mrs. Maureen Ballestero, Vice-President of the National Legislative Assembly, President of the Permanent Special Commission of Environment, Costa Rica

Honorable Christopher Addae, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Water Resources, Works and Housing, Ghana

Dr. Mats Härsmar, Chief Analyst, Division for Development Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Mr. Rajendra Kishore Kshatri, Acting secretary, Water and Energy Commission Secretariat (WECS), Government of Nepal

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