



International Conference on Water, Peace and Security

Water as a Catalyst for Peace and Cooperation

Ole Sereni - Airport Hotel, Nairobi, 27-28 October 2025

DAY 1 - 27 October 2025

	Room A (Hybrid) Technical Support: Krishna Patil	Room B (in-person) Technical Support: Lekene Shukare	Room C (in-person) Technical Support: Jonatan Godinez Madrigal
08:30 - 09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee		
09:00 - 09:30	Opening Session A Day 1 - Moderator Emmy Euma Odera - International Alert		
	Opening remarks 1: H.E. Jaco Beerends, Netherlands embassy in Nairobi, Kenya		
	Opening remarks 2: Ambassador Fred Gateretse – Ngoga, African Union Commission		
	Opening remarks 3: Principal Secretary Korir Julius, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Kenya		
	Opening remarks 4: H.E. Outi Holopainen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland		
09:30 - 09:50	Keynote speech: Dr Madiodio Niasse, Dakar Water Hub, Senegal		
09:50 - 10:10	Inauguration Speech: Former president of Ghana, H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo		
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break		

11:00 - 12:30	Session 1A		Special Session 1B		Special Session 1C	
	Theme 1 From water-conflicts to peace and cooperation Moderator Karin Roelofs (WPS Advisory Team, Netherlands)		Water, Land and Climate Resilience in Indigenous Communities and Pathways for Peace, Equity, and Climate Justice Moderator, opening remarks & overview - June Bartuin, Indigenous Peoples' for Peace and Climate Justice, Kenya		Water for Peace: Conflict-Sensitive Basin Management in Ethiopia's OmoGibe Moderator and introduction - Zablun Adane - WRI,	
	Opening Remarks Theme 1: Karin Roelofs		Opening remarks & overview	June Bartuin	Introduction to the session by Zablun Adane	
	Water as a Bridge for Peace: Strengthening Cooperation and Stability in the Nile Basin – The Case of Rusumo Hydropower	Abraha Adugna (NBI SEC, Uganda)	Case study presentations based on themes	Naomi Kurgat Paul Chepsoi Lekapan Paul Jonah Cherutich	Approaches to mitigate water-related conflicts through optimization and scenario modelling in the Omo-Gibe Basin	Seleshi Yalew
	Addressing Downstream Water Issues in the Tana River Basin, Kenya	Caroline Ng'weno (Nature Kenya)	Expert panel dialogue		Explore opportunities and challenges for inclusive water governance in the Omo-Gibe Basin	Teketel Tadesse
	The Nile River at a Crossroads: Addressing Threats and Harnessing Potential for Peace, Cooperation, and Sustainable Development	Dawit Zegeye Haile (African Union)	Interactive mapping workshop		Conflict-Sensitive Water Planning and Inclusive Dialogue in the Omo-Gibe Basin	Daisy Kosgei
	Water conflict? Empirical analysis of ENGO effectiveness in addressing domestic water-related conflict	Badradin Mohammed (Univ Maryland, USA) (Online)				
Q&A		Q&A		Q&A		
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break					

13:30 - 15:00	Session 2A Theme 1: From water-conflicts to peace and cooperation Moderator Karounga Kieta -Wetlands International Sahel		Session 2B Theme 1: From water conflicts to peace and cooperation Moderator Anisa Doty - Finnish Water Way for Peace - Water Diplomacy Platform		Special Session 2C Tides of Peace: Unlocking the Potential of Lake Turkana for Climate Resilience and Stability Moderator Daniel Kangogo - UN World Food Programme (WFP)	
	Evaluation of Partnerships for Water and Development: A Case Study of the WPS Partnership	Margaret Kangethe (IHE Alumnus)	Local Water Governance and Human Security in Ethiopia's Borkena River Basin: Pathways to Peace and Cooperation	Sebsib Woldie (Wollo Univ, Ethiopia)	Opening Remarks	Betty Ka (WFP) PS Betsy Njagi (Blue Economies and Fisheries)
	Beyond Control: A Socio-ecological Protocol to Transform Flood Risk into a Catalyst for Peace and Cooperation in Fluvial Deltas	Humberto Tavera Quiroz (Univ Córdoba, Colombia) (Online)	Water Czars and Groundwater Diplomacy: Skills, Scales and Sustainability	Shalet Idawo (Min. Water & Irrigation, Kenya)	Turbulent waters, Troubled shores: The Twin Threats of Climate Change and Conflict on Vulnerable Communities around Lake Turkana, Kenya	Achiba Gargule
	Herder-farmer crisis and the need for national livestock transformation plan in democratic Nigeria	Oluwasegun Ogunsakin (Ekiti State Univ, Nigeria)	Women participation in water management in the Karamoja region, Uganda: Implications on peace and security	Alex Ronald Mwangu (Kabale Univ, Uganda)	Building shared knowledge on Water and Ecosystem Resources for promoting stability for communities in Lake Turkana, Kenya	Christian Berretta
	Trust Governance– The “No-State” Solution	Sofia Maya Collin (Unb. ed Law), USA (Online)	Localised analysis of conflicts in Beni	Papy Kasereka Kaombe (BENI Peace Forum, DRC)	Panel discussion	John Erus, Emmy Auma, Daniela Nairita, Caludia Ah Poe, and Brizan Were
	Q&A		Q&A		Closing Reflections and Way Forward	Jelmer van Veen
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break					

15:30 - 17:00	Session 3A Theme 2: Innovations for Water and Peace Moderator Khalid Hassaballah (International Center for Biosaline Agriculture ICBA, UAE)		Special Session 3B From Scarcity to Stability: Climate-Smart Water Governance in Fragile Contexts – The Case of Somalia Moderator Christophe Hodder – UN Climate Security and Environmental Advisor to Somalia		Special Session 3C Turning the Tide: Building Peace through the WPS Approach in the Water-Stressed Lake Turkana Region Moderator Daisy Kosgei WPS Kenya		
	Opening Remarks Theme 2		Khalid Hassaballah	Opening Remarks	Ahmed Kurweyne	Welcome and Introduction	Augustine Lokwang
	Water-based Conflict in Sool Region		Mohamed Daud Somali Academy, Somalia	Framing the scene	Christophe Hodder	Understanding water-related conflicts, Ecosystems mapping, Modelling and Data Analysis for Informed Decisions	Daisy Kosgei, Luiosa Chinyavy, Edmond Kuto, Krishna Patil
	Climate Change and water conflicts in the Lake Chad basin: a Peace and Security issue		Eric Suyru (Ethics & Policy Lab Cameron,)	Panel discussion	Paolo Paron Badra Yusuf Albert Reichert Ahmed Kurweyne	Local Perspectives: How Water is Contributing to Peace	Titus Ekiru
	Space4Water Country Case: The use of Space-based Technology to address water challenges in The Gambia		Momodou J.A. Senghore (NEWRM Centre, Gambia)				Hussein Wario
	A Rawlsian perspective on water governance reform in South Africa		Beatrice Dube (UNISA, SA) (online)				Simon Thuo
	Q&A		Wrap up and closure		Q&A, Reflections, and closing		Sella King'oro (tbc) Augustine Lokwang

17:00 - 17:30	<u>Room A: Closing Session A, day 1: Moderator Zablon Adane (WRI)</u>
	WPS integrated approach: from water-related conflicts to peace and cooperation (Yasir Mohamed, IHE Delft)
	Harvesting of day 1 (Jonatan Godinez Madrigal, IHE Delft)
17:30-19:30	Networking Snacks and Drinks

DAY 2 - 28 October 2025

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09:00 - 09:20	Opening Session A, day 2 - Moderator Dr. Modathir Zaroug (ICPAC, Kenya)					
	Keynote speech: Ms Violet Matiru (CBO, Kenya)					
09:30 - 10:30	Session 4A: Theme 3: Climate security Moderator Dr. Modathir Zaroug (ICPAC)		Special Session 4B Rethinking River Basin Management for Holistic and Sustainable Development of the Nile Moderator Nile Basin Initiative		Special Session 4C Shared Waters, Shared Future: Securing Peace and Sustainable Livelihoods in the Tana River Basin Moderator Nature Kenya	
	Opening Remarks Theme 3	Madiodio Niase (DWH, Senegal)	Opening Remarks & Introduction	Dr Abraha Adugna, NBI-SEC	Opening Framing	
	Turkana dashboard: information tool for supporting water peace and security	Andreja Jonoski/ Krishna Patil (IHE Delft) (online)	Rethinking River Basin Management for Holistic and Sustainable Development of the Nile	Mr. Tom Waako, Program Officer, NBI-SEC	Community Voice (Lived Experience from the Tana Delta)	Community leader from the Tana Delta
	Water Governanace and Conflict Prevention in Kenya's Border Regions: Insights from	Paul Maina (Eunaul Ent, Kenya)	Panel Discussion: Reflections from experts on aligning		Panel Insights	County Government (Tana

	Research on the Ewaso Ng'iro Basin		climate security, cooperative governance, and sustainable development in the Nile Basin	Simon Thuo, TWM; Thomas Jang, South Sudan;		River or Lamu), Downstream Water User Representative, WI, Nature Kenya, Upstream County Representative
	(De)constructing meanings and pathways of water and peace	Laura Turley (Online) (Geneva Water Hub)	Wrap-up: Key messages and way forward	Ms Gladys Wekesa, Kenya	Interactive Roundtable & Audience Dialogue	
	Q&A		Wrap-up: Key messages and way forward		Wrap-up with concrete next steps	
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break					
11:00 - 12:30	Session 5A Theme 3 Climate Security Moderator Audrey Legat - Deltares		Session 5B Theme 4: Marginalized groups Moderator Laurens Nijzink (Voice4Thought)		Special Session 5C Advancing Sustainable Water and Sanitation Solutions: Transitioning Services for Displaced Communities into Local Utility Frameworks. Moderator Lavuun Verstraete – Programme Manager, UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Region	
	Assessing the Impact of Climate Change on Water Resources and Pastoralists Livelihoods in Kajiado West SubCountry, Kenya	Sammy Oleku (POWER, Kenya)	Opening Remarks Theme 4	Laurens Nijzink	Introduction to the session	Lavuun Verstraete
	Geopolitical Risks of Water Resources and Climate Change in the Tigris–Euphrates Basin: From Transboundary Conflicts	Darío Salinas Hiba Moh. (Blue Peace Middle East) (Online)	Empowering Youth in Water and Peace in Sudan: Lessons Learned from the Sudan Youth	Ali Elhaj (Water Gov & Diplomacy, Sudan)	Peacebuilding through HDP - nexus implementation	Glenn Costes - UNHCR

	to Local Vulnerabilities in Iraq and Syria		Parliament for Water (SYPW)			
	Community-Based Water Governance for Conflict Prevention in Post-Conflict Regions	Mohamud Abdulle Hassan (Mogadishu Univ, Somalia)	Empowering Marginalized Groups: Agency and Resilience in Water, Peace, and Security	Emmanuel Busera (Afro-Asia Inst, Kenya)	Lessons from the field on financial sustainability and institutional reforms	James Origa – World Bank
	Youth Inclusion in Multi-level Transboundary Water Governance: A Case of Sio-Malaba-Malakisi Basin	Wesley Omondi (SMM Young Water Diplomats, Kenya)	Centering marginalized groups in water governance for sustainable peace	Lesarge Sheillah Simpanoi (Univ Nairobi Law, Kenya)	Transitioning to utility-led refugee-inclusive water provision	Samuel Godfrey – UNICEF Sudan
			Negotiated Ownership: Environmental Justice and Community Stewardship of Flood-Prone Rivers	Vija Viese (NTNU, Latvia)	Panel discussion	Sheillah Karimi, KfW Kenya Mohamed Ahmed Bihi, Somali Regional Water Bureau, Ethiopia Jelmer van Veen, (Embassy of Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kenya) James Origa
	Q&A		Q&A		Q&A	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break					

13:30 - 15:00	Session 6A		Special Session 6B		Special Session 6C	
	Theme 4: Marginalized groups		Securing Water, Sustaining Peace: Involving Defence and Security Actors in Addressing the Water Security Nexus – HCSS and IA		Exploring Financing Opportunities for water, peace and security	
	Moderator Seleshi Yalew - IHE Delft		Moderator Jessica Hartog – IA and Thijs van Aken - HCSS		Moderator Ingwell Kuil – Rebel Advisory East Africa	
	Water as a Catalyst for Equity: Centering Marginalized Voices in Governance and Climate Resilience Subtitle: Transformative Leadership from the Margins in Conflict-Affected and Climate-Stressed Contexts	Jatani Bonaya Godana (Engr, Ethiopia)	Introduction to the session		Setting the scene	Ingwell Kuil
	Elevating Marginalized Voices: Reclaiming Agency in Water, Peace, and Security Governance	Phares Ogola (Future Africa, Kenya)	Opportunities and challenges for engaging defence and security actors in addressing water-related security challenges	Dr. Solomon Njenga (Mashariki Research and Policy Centre)	Keynote speech	Fred Kioko
	The Overlooked Actor: Role of the Media in Transboundary Water Governance	Kizito Sikuka (LIMCOM, Zimbabwe)			Panel discussion: Regional perspectives on engaging the 4th D in fragile contexts: Roselyne Omondi, Simon Thuo, Sanya Lengodo, Thijs van Aken	Jessica Hartog
	From the Ground Up: Unearthing Everyday Water Violence and the Agency of Marginalised Communities in Nepal	Hannah Leigh (Online) (WEDC, UK)	Q&A with audience			
Q&A	Q&A and closing		Wrap-up and closure using Mentimeter			
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break					

<p>15:30 - 17:00</p>	<p>Closing Session day 2: High-Level Panel on Water and Peace - Moderator Pieter van der Zaag (WPS/IHE, Delft)</p> <p>Keynote speech: Abdoul Aziz Alhousseini (Voice4Thought, Mali Youth)</p> <p>Panel discussion: WPS; Water, Peace and Security Partnership; Fred Gateretse – Ngoga, African Union; Violet Matiru (CBO, Kenya); Anisa Doty, Finnish Water Way for Peace - Water Diplomacy Platform, Finland; Jelmer van Veen, Netherlands Embassy Nairobi; Voice4Thought, Mali</p> <p>Closing remarks by Yasir Mohamed</p>
<p>17:00 - 19:00</p>	<p>Networking Snacks and Drinks</p>