



SOS-Water Final Conference

Defining Safe Operating Spaces for Water-Resilient Futures

Science, Policy and Practice for Sustainable Water Management

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IIASA, Schloßplatz 1, 2361 Laxenburg, Austria

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Draft Agenda

TIME	SESSION/SPEAKERS
09:00–09:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee Moderator: Mikael Muegge (EUTEMA)
09:30–09:45	Opening Session: Why Safe Operating Spaces Matter for Europe's Water Future • Taher Kahil – SOS-Water Project Coordinator • Christof Weissteiner – European Research Executive Agency (REA)
09:45–10:45	Session 1: The SOS-Water Vision – From Planetary Boundaries to Local Action Panellists/Presenters: • Lan Wang-Erlandsson – Stockholm Resilience Centre • Judith ter Maat – Deltares/STARS4Water • Andrea Castelletti – POLIMI/SOS-Water
10:45–11:45	Session 2: Scientific Breakthroughs from SOS-Water Presentations: • Katarina Cetinic (NIVA) – Stakeholders Engagement in the SOS-Water Project • Niko Wanders (UU) and Jaime Garcia Marquez (IGB) – Integrated Water Modelling and Biodiversity Assessment • Manuel Pulido-Velazquez (UPV) – Defining Indicators and Thresholds • Michael Brechbuehler (EAWAG), Gijs Simons (FW) and Emilio Politti (IIASA) – Digital Water Technologies and Decision Support: Earth Observation for Water Management and the SOS-Water Dashboard
11:45–12:00	Coffee Break



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12:00–12:30	Session 3: Case Studies in Action – Lessons from River Basins Around the World Presentations: • Jen Steyaert (UU) – Rhine River Basin • Emilio Politti (IIASA) – Danube River Basin • Hector Macian-Sorribes (UPV) – Júcar River Basin • Bruno Invernizzi (POLIMI) and Lam Dang Thanh (SIWRP) – Mekong River Basin
12:30–13:15	Session 4: From Research to Policy – Building a Water-Resilient Europe Panellists: • Stephan Nemetz – Environment Agency Austria (Umweltbundesamt) • Harm Duel – STARS4Water Project Coordinator • Jucar River Basin Authority (CHJ) – TBC
13:15–13:30	Closing Reflections and Remarks • Taher Kahil – SOS-Water Project Coordinator
13:30–14:30	Networking Lunch