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WORKSHOP

Water resource challenges, policy and NbS: Bottlenecks and solutions in Europe and the MENA region

Date and time: December 17, 8:30-17:30.

Location /Room: Sahara, Teknikringen 10B, KTH, Stockholm, Sweden

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In the context of climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction, the workshop aims to:

- identify bottlenecks in science, technology, policy and finance that hinder sustainable solutions for water resources in Europe and the MENA region (Middle East and North Africa), and
- discuss innovative, long-term solutions to current problems.

The event will take place under the Chatham House Rule.

PROGRAMME

8.30	9.15	Registration and Coffee
Session 1: Water management challenges in Europe		
Chair: Jerker Jarsjö, Stockholm University, SU	Discussant: Melissa Herlitz, Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change CMCC	
9:15	9:20	Jerker Jarsjö, SU. <i>Welcome</i>
9:20	9:40	Melissa Herlitz, CMCC. <i>Insights from the Naturance project: innovative initiatives for increasing NbS investment</i>
9:40	10:00	Jerker Jarsjö, SU. <i>Wetlands as NbS: a Swedish case study</i>
10:00	10:20	Jessica Page, the Royal Institute of Technology KTH. <i>Water challenges and NbS in urban areas</i>
10:20	10:45	Dionisio Perez, IMDEA Water. <i>Co-creation for transformational adaptation: Insights from the EU and MENA regions</i>
10:45	11:00	Discussant, <i>Concluding reflections</i>
11:00	11:30	Coffee
Session 2: Water security challenges: the Tigris-Euphrates basin and Kurdistan		
Chair: Martin Säfström, SU	Discussant: Filippo Verre, Lund University LU	
11:30	12:00	Michael Mason, the London School of Economics and Political Science LSE. <i>The Tigris-Euphrates basin</i>
12:00	12:30	Arda Bilgen, LSE. <i>The Tigris-Euphrates basin</i>
12:30	13:00	Winthrop Rodgers, Chatham House. <i>Iraq's Kurdistan Region</i>
13:00	13:15	Discussant, <i>Concluding reflections</i>
13:15	14:15	Lunch

Session 3: Water security challenges: Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Syria		
Chair: Hans Ingvar Roth, SU		Discussant: Marianne Laanatza, MENA.SE
14:15	14.45	Pinar Dinc, LU. <i>Water and Farmers in Fragile Landscapes: Navigating Instability in North and East Syria (Rojava)</i>
14.45	15.15	Michael Gilmont, Environmental Change Institute ECI, University of Oxford. <i>Jordan, Israel and Palestine</i>
15.15	15.45	Nafn Amdar, International Water Management Institute IWMI. <i>From Data Gaps to Water Futures: Data-Driven Decision Support Tools for Water Security in the MENA Region</i>
15.45	16:00	Discussant, <i>Concluding reflections</i>
16:00	16:30	Coffee
Session 4: Solutions		
Rapporteur and panel debate moderator: Greg Shapland, LSE.		
16:30	16:45	Rapporteur, <i>Reflections – solutions</i>
16:45	17:25	Panel debate with Michael Gilmont, Melissa Herlitz, Michael Mason.
17:25	17:30	Jerker Jarsjö, SU. <i>Closing of workshop</i>