WETLANDS: SECURING FRESHWATER FOR ALL

Online Panel Discussion

Monday, 1 February, 15.00 – 16.30 CET



MODERATOR

Ms. Martha Rojas Urrego, Secretary General, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

SPEAKERS (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Mr. Eugenio Barrios, Water Resource and Environmental Policy Specialist, Mexico

Mr. David Cooper, Deputy Executive Secretary, UN Convention on Biological Diversity

Dr. Lei Guangchun, Chair, Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

Dr. Anne Larigauderie, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

Ms. Kelly Ann Naylor, Vice-Chair of UN-Water and Associate Director for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), UNICEF

Dr. Bruno Oberle, (TBC) Director General, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs for the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Mr. Eric Soubeiran, Vice President Nature and Water Cycle, Danone

Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)



World Wetlands Day 2 February 2021 Wetlands and water



Wetlands and Water is the theme to mark Word Wetlands Day in 2021 and this event will Highlight the important role of wetlands for fresh water security and to achieving SDG 6 on ensuring availability of water.

The panellists will provide insights on why we need to **upscale and accelerate initiatives** that conserve wetlands and all freshwater ecosystems to **ensure freshwater for all**.

THE SPEAKERS WILL DISCUSS:

- The status and trends of the world's freshwater ecosystems
- The enabling environment and fundamental drivers key to transitioning towards conservation and sustainable use of freshwater ecosystems
- Examples of emerging initiatives and actions leading the way to more sustainable freshwater ecosystems management

