



Venue: Florida International University, Modesto Madique Campus, MARC Pavilion

AGENDA

DAY 1 – September 17, 2018	
Time	Presentations
	Launch of the FIU UNESCO Sustainable Water Security Chair and Opening Ceremony of the Inaugural Water and Environment Security Conference
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Opening Session:
10:00 am - 10:35 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Andres Gil, Vice President for Research, FIU • Dr. Giuseppe Arduino, Chief, Section on Ecohydrology, Water Quality and Water Education, UNESCO International Hydrological Program • Dr. Michael Heithaus, Dean College of Arts, Science and Education, FIU
10:35am – 10:45 am	Special Invited Presentation: Dr. Cristiano Musillo , Consul General of Italy In Miami
10:45 am - 11:15 am	Keynote Presentation on Water and Environment Security Mr. Victor Pochat , Member, Argentine Academy of Sciences for the Environment
11:15 am – 11:45 am	Keynote Presentation on USAID Water Strategy Dr. Anne Dix , Director ASHA, USAID Washington
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	Q&A
12:00 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Plenary session: Water and Environmental International Issues
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Session Chair: Dr. Todd Crowl , Director, Institute of Water and Environment Presentation of the Chair - Provost Dr. Kenneth G. Furton Acceptance of the Chair - Dr. Maria C. Donoso , Co-Director International Program, Institute of Water and Environment
1:45pm - 2:15 pm	Special Invited Presentation: UNESCO International Hydrological Programme - Strategy on water security Dr. Giuseppe Arduino , Chief, Section on Ecohydrology, Water Quality and Water Education, UNESCO International Hydrological Program
2:15pm – 3:00 pm	Panel Discussion Moderator: Dr. Shlomi Dinar , School of International and Public Affairs Panelists: Mr. Basil Fernandez , Director (Rtd.) of Water Authority of Jamaica (1995-2016) Dr. Pilar Cornejo , Dean FIMCBOR, Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral, Ecuador Mr. William Cunningham , USGS Director, Earth System Processes Division, Chairman of the US National Committee for the UNESCO IHP

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Coffee break
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Session Chair: Dr. Len Berry , Vice President Government Programs, Coastal Risk Consulting Water security and sustainable development Mr. Max Campos , Organization of American States
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Drinking water and sanitation services in a context of global uncertainty Mr. Roberto Olivares , National Association of Water Utilities Enterprises of Mexico
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Water security during crisis situations or extreme natural events Dr. Pilar Cornejo , Dean FIMCBOR, Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral, Ecuador
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Panel Discussion Moderator: Dr. Jayantha Obeysekera , Director, Sea Level Solutions Center, FIU Panelists: Ms. Karen Nortje , Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, South Africa Dr. Leo Lagos , Director of Research, Applied Research Center, FIU Dr. William Logan , Director, International Center for Integrated Water Resources Management (ICIWaRM), USA

DAY 2 – September 18, 2018	
8:30 am - 05:00 pm	Plenary Session: Regional Water and Environmental Challenges and Opportunities
08:30 am - 11:30 am	Challenges and Opportunities in Africa Session Chair: Dr. Lakhdar Boukerrou , Co-Director International Programs, InWE-FIU 1. Mr. Jeff Andrews , USAFRICOM, Chief, Environmental Program – Water and environment security program in Africa 2. Dr. Lakhdar Boukerrou , Institute of Water and Environment – water challenges and opportunities in West Africa 3. Dr. Marius Claassen , Council for Scientific and Industrial Research – Nile River Basin 4. Ms. Swathi Veeravalli , Strategic Integration Officer, Corps of Engineers Research and Development, USACE
11:30 am - 01:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Challenges and Opportunities in Europe and North America Session Chair: Ms. Christine Caly , Associate Director, Jean Monnet Center of Excellence 1. Dr. Fernando Nardi , WARREDOC Director, Università per Stranieri di Perugia, Italy – Water risk and resource management in complex urban ecosystems: the case study of the city of Rome 2. Dr. Mantha Mehallis , Florida Atlantic University – Building capacity for water and environment security during natural disasters.
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Challenges and Opportunities in the Caribbean and Latin America Session Chair: Dr. Rita Teutonico , Associate Dean of Research, College of Arts, Science and Education 1. Prof. Silvio Carrasco , Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, PUCMM, Director of the Water Unit – Impact of water education programs in water security in the Dominican Republic. 2. Dr. Evens Emmanuel , Vice-Rector for Research, Quisqueya University, Haiti – The challenge of water security in small island States: The case of Haiti. 3. Dr. Brian Fonseca , Director, Jack Gordon Institute for Public Policy – Cybersecurity for water security 4. Dr. William Logan , Director, International Center for Integrated Water Resources Management (ICIWaRM), USA - The UNESCO Water Family: How IHP, regional offices, category 2 centers and universities can work as a team for a water-secure world
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Synthesis and future planning