

SEMINAR CALL

El Niño and the Nile: Teleconnections, Drought, and the Path to Resilience

A Virtual Seminar on Zoom

Saturday, August 8, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM (New York Time)

Program

TIME (New York Time)	SESSION
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Maria C. Donoso, UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Water Security</i>
9:15 – 9:45	Session 1 — El Niño Explained: ENSO mechanics, global teleconnections, and current forecast outlook <i>Speaker: Wossenu Abtew</i>
9:45 – 10:00	Q&A and Discussion
10:00 – 10:30	Session 2 — Nile Basin Hydrology Under El Niño: Water demand and supply projections across the basin <i>Speaker: Mekdelawit Deribe</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Q&A and Discussion
10:45 – 11:00	Short Break
11:00 – 11:30	Session 3 — Drought Onset and Propagation: From meteorological to hydrological and agricultural drought <i>Speaker: Ethiopia Zeleke</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Q&A and Discussion
11:45 – 12:05	Session 4 — Responses and Preparedness: Early warning, water management, and adaptation strategies <i>Speaker: Assefa Melesse</i>
12:05 – 12:20	Q&A and Discussion
12:20 – 12:30	Closing Remarks

All are welcome — researchers, water managers, students, and policy practitioners with an interest in the Nile Basin and regional climate resilience.

Registration: <https://fiu.zoom.us/meeting/register/GinOkkgQTRuwX8BDX1WMMQ>

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