

Seminar: IWRM and ecosystem based approaches: Complementary, duplicating or competing?

Keynote Speakers and Presenters

(In order of presentation sequence)



Keynote Speaker

Assessing the interconnectedness of ecosystems, water and food
Prof. Nicola Fohrer, Global Water Partnership, the German Hydrological Society, Germany

Dr. Nicola Fohrer is professor of hydrology and water resources management at Kiel University since 2003. Her working focus is ecohydrology, water quality and water management in rural areas. She works since many years in China, India and Russia in the context of IWRM. She is vice-president of the German Hydrological Society (DHG) and area coordinator for water at the Indo-German Centre for Sustainability at IIT Madras. She serves as member and spokesperson in the DFG review board for water science, in the Leibniz senate commission for evaluation, in the Global Water Partnership as member of the technical commission (TEC)



SDG targets and implementation of IWRM in Sri Lanka
Mr. Dammika Sirisena, MCB Bank Limited, Sri Lanka

Dammika Sirisena-Branch Manager attached to MCB Bank Limited in Galle Branch (Southern Sri Lanka). Professional Banker with over 10 Years experience in SME Banking, Retail Banking & Corporate Banking having worked at several leading banks in Sri Lanka namely DFCC Bank, NDB Bank & MCB Bank. Researcher at University of Colombo. He has a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration & a Masters degree in Financial Economics. He has published several research papers regarding Irrigation & Water Management projects in Sri Lanka.



Reducing uncertainty in ecosystem based approaches towards more holistic IWRM

Dr. Mary Matthews, United Nations Development Programme Global Environment Facility, UNDP GEF Kura II Project, Azerbaijan

Dr. Mary M. Matthews - the Chief Technical Advisor and Regional Project Coordinator for the UNDP-GEF International Waters Kura II Project: Implementing IWRM Across the Kura River Basin. Since 2001 she has served as Chief Technical Advisor, stakeholder analyst, policy strategists, institutional expert, socio-economic expert across Africa, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and the Caribbean for UNDP-GEF, UNEP, EU, World Bank, and bilateral donors. She works with environmental project design, development and implementation. Her background in social and environmental sciences, mediation, and political economy make the unique challenges of international fresh waters exciting as she builds critical transboundary cooperation.

Coastal Flood Adaptation for Indigenous Communities in Canada
Mr. Andrew Robinson, Nisga First Nation, Canada

Andrew Robinson is a member of the Nisga'a Nation, and currently holds the position as Chief Administrative Officer for the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap. Andrew holds a Masters of Arts with Distinction from the University of Northern British Columbia, with a specialization in Indigenous Studies. Mr Robinson has a passion for the Nisga'a Final Agreement, a modern treaty with the Governments of Canada and British Columbia. The Treaty offers unique opportunities for the melding of western science and traditional knowledge and governance in a post treaty environment where water and the rights Nisga'a People enjoy, are key to their planning, and path forward in the global environment

Demonstrating operational linkages with a wetland buyback scheme
Dr. Caroline A. Sullivan, Southern Cross University, Australia

Professor Caroline Sullivan is an ecological and environmental economist specialising in water management and policy, climate adaptation and valuation of ecosystem services. Prior to joining the academic staff at SCU, Professor Sullivan worked as a Distinguished Research Fellow at the Oxford University School of Geography and the Environment, where she was based for 2 years, working on adaptive management of large river systems. Previously to this, for 8 years she held the position of Head of Water Policy and Management at the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Wallingford, UK. Prior to that, Dr Sullivan worked as a researcher at Keele University, UK, and for 9 years served as an Education Officer for the Government of Brunei Darussalam, where she was involved in the establishment of the teaching of economics in that country.