

# 7<sup>TH</sup> ASEM SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE

## DANUBE – MEKONG COOPERATION INITIATIVE

### Integrated Water Management in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Addressing Imminent Challenges

Budapest, Hungary  
11-12 September 2018  
Gerbeaud House (Gerbeaud Ház)  
H-1051 Budapest, 7-8 Vörösmarty Square



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# 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Tuesday

**8.00-9.00** Registration and welcome coffee

**9.00-10.00** Opening panel

Welcome speech by **István Joó** (*Deputy State Secretary for Export Development; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary*)

**Inthavy Akkharath** (*Director General of Department of Water Resources; Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao PDR*) – representative of the host country of the 6th ASEM Sustainable Development Dialogue in 2017

**Gábor Zupkó** (*Head of Representation; The European Commission Representation in Hungary*)

**Iván Gyurcsik** (*Permanent Representative of Hungary; Danube Commission*): The past 70 years and the future of the Danube Commission in Budapest

**Peng Qinghui** (*Deputy-Director; ASEM Water Resources Research and Development Centre, China*): ASEM collaboration mechanism for research, development and innovation in water

**10:00-10:30** Coffee break

**10.30-12.05** **Session 1: Water as a key challenge in Asia and Europe – “The case for cities”**

Moderator: **Kálmán Buzás** (*Honorary Professor; Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Hungary*)

Keynote Speaker

**Elvira Broeks** (*Program Officer; Danube Water Program, World Bank*): Addressing water and sanitation challenges in the Danube region through a model of regional cooperation: the case of the Danube Water Program

Speakers

- **Nguyen Minh Khuyen** (*Deputy Director General; Department of Water Resources Management, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam*): Solutions for sustainable water use and management in Da Nang City
- **Károly Kovács** (*President; Hungarian Water Cluster*): European experience on how to prepare and select cost-efficient and affordable water solutions
- **Phomma Veoravanh** (*Director General; Department of Water Supply, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Lao PDR*): The challenge in cities of low income countries on water utility asset management
- **Tosapol Wongwan** (*Senior Professional Civil Engineer; Office of the National Water Resources, Thailand*): Water challenges for major cities in Thailand

Panel discussion

**12:05-13:05** Lunch break



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## 13.05-14.50 **Session 2: Water related disaster management and climate change resilience**

Moderator: **László Balatonyi** (Head of Department; Department of Flood Protection, General Directorate of Water Management, Hungary)

### Keynote Speaker

**Károly Gombás** (Hungarian Priority Area Coordinator; EU Strategy for the Danube Region Priority Area 5 – Environmental risks and Chairman; International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, Flood Protection Expert Group): Increasing the preparedness of the Danube Region against environmental risks

### Speakers

- **Malik Fida Abdullah Khan** (Deputy Executive Director; Centre for Environmental and Geographic Information Services, Ministry of Water Resources, Bangladesh): Status and Challenges of Integrated Water Resources Management in Bangladesh in the context of SDG-2030
- **Peter Čadek** (Head of Investment Division; Slovak Water Management Enterprise): Flood protection measures of the Slovak Republic
- **Howard Markland** (Resilience & Disaster Risk Reduction Development Manager; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand): A Pacific Perspective: Water Security & Climate Change Adaptation
- **Mirza Sarač** (Advisor for Protection Against Detrimental Effects from Waters and Extraordinary Impacts on the Water Regime; International Sava River Basin Commission): International collaboration on flood risk management in the Sava River basin
- **Wang Hao** (Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering; Honorary Director of China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research, China): Flood and drought disaster prevention and response in China

### Panel discussion

14:50-15:20 Coffee break

## 15.20-17.00 **Session 3: Hazardous substances, plastic waste and micro-pollutants of waters and their effects on nature**

Moderator: **Balázs Horváth** (Hungarian Priority Area Coordinator; EU Strategy for the Danube Region Priority Area 4 – Water quality)

### Keynote Speaker

**Ivan Zavadsky** (Executive Secretary; International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River): Hazardous substances pollution in the Danube River Basin

### Speakers

- **Gergely Hankó** (Managing Director; Hungarian Association of Environmental Enterprises) and **Gábor Bordós** (Project manager; Wessling Hungary Ltd.): Plastic waste pollution and awareness raising in the Tisza River basin
- **Vuttichai Kaewkrajang** (Senior Professional; Solid Waste and Hazardous Substances Management Bureau, Pollution Control Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand): Policies and practices for plastic waste management in Thailand



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- **Gheorghe Constantin** (*Director; Directorate of Water Resources Management, Ministry of Waters and Forests, Romania*): Implementation of the River Basin Management Plan the main tool to tackle hazardous water pollution in Romania
- **Dejan Trifunović** (*Counsellor for Exploitation and Ecology Matters; Danube Commission*): Ship waste management along the Danube

Panel discussion

**18.45-21.30 Gala Dinner and Danube river cruise** (separate registration was required)  
Meeting point at 18:45 at Dock 8. (H-1051 Budapest, Petőfi Square, Dock 8, Ludwig Boat)

## 12th September 2018, Wednesday

**8.00-8.45 Registration and welcome coffee**

**8.45-10.30 Session 4: Water allocation on transboundary basins, including water scarcity and drought management, the quality and quantity of surface and groundwater**

Moderator: **Danka Thalmeinerova** (*Regional Coordinator; Global Water Partnership CEE*)

Keynote Speaker

**Ida Nagyné Sós** (*Senior Advisor for Water Management; Department of European Cooperation, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Hungary*) and **Péter Kovács** (*Director General; Ministry of Internal Affairs, Hungary; Chairman of UNECE Water Convention*): Transboundary cooperation amid challenges of climate change

Speakers

- **Hristo Beloev** (*Rector of University of Ruse; Corr. member of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences*) and **Mimi Kornazheva** (*Assoc. Prof.; University of Ruse Department of European Studies and International Relations, Director of Bulgarian-Romanian Interuniversity Europe Center*): Multilevel Governance of Water Allocation on Transboundary Basins in EU – a point of view from Bulgaria
- **Te Navuth** (*Secretary General; Cambodia National Mekong Committee*): Promoting a fair balance on Mekong's shared water
- **Ágnes Rotár-Szalkai** (*Senior Expert in Hydrogeology; Mining and Geological Survey of Hungary*): DARLING-e – transnational project for sustainable usage of shared thermal water resources
- **Philippe Seguin** (*Deputy Secretary General; International Network of Basin Organizations – INBO*): Transboundary basins and climate change: International Network of Basin Organizations initiatives
- **Peter Bulák** (*Senior State Advisor; Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic*): Proactive drought management policy – Slovak National Action Plan to combat drought

Panel discussion

**10.30-11.00 Coffee break**



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**11.00-12:30** **Session 5: Modern water resources management in education – challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

Moderator: **Friedrich Faulhammer** (*President; Danube Rectors Conference*)

Keynote Speaker

**András Szöllősi-Nagy** (*Professor; National University of Public Service, Institute for Sustainable Development Studies, Hungary*): Current challenges in water education

Speakers

- **Helmut Habersack** (*Head of Institute; University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Institute of Water Management, Hydrology and Hydraulic Engineering, Austria*): The EU Danube Strategy Flagship Project DREAM and the UNESCO World's Large Rivers Initiative – two contributions to water education
- **Ngo Tuan Dung** (*Deputy Director General; Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam*): Opportunities and Challenges in Human Resources Development for Water Resources Management and a case study of Vietnam
- **Matjaž Mikoš** (*Chairman; UNESCO Chair on Water-related disaster risk reduction – University of Ljubljana, Slovenia*): UNESCO WRDRR Chair at University of Ljubljana and its recent activities

Panel discussion

**12.30-13.00** **Closing session**

Remarks by **Marta Moren Abat** (*Policy Officer; European Commission, Directorate-General Environment, Unit F.2 Bilateral & Regional Environmental Cooperation*)

Remarks by the representative of the next host country of ASEM Sustainable Development Dialogue

Closing speech by **Gábor Jenei** (*Head of Department; Department for Water Diplomacy and the Danube Region Strategy; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary*)

**13.00-13.45** *Lunch break*

**13.45-19.00** **Field trip to Szentendre** (separate registration was required)

Meeting point at 13:45 by the main entrance of the Dialogue (H-1051 Budapest, 1. Dorottya Street)

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