



**SIXTH WORLD WATER FORUM, MARSEILLE**

**MONDAY, 12 MARCH 2012**

**SPECIAL EUROPEAN SESSION: EUROPEAN YEAR OF WATER**

15.30	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <p>Mr. Léonetti, Minister of European Affairs, France</p> <p>Ms. Dominique Vlasto, Deputy Major of Marseille, Member of the European Parliament</p>
<p><b>THEME I. ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN EUROPE</b></p> <p><b>CHAIRS:</b> Mr. Andrey Vasilyev, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Ms. Rosario Bento, European Union, DG Climate Action</p>	
15.45	<p><b>Opening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Connie Hedegaard, European Union Commissioner for Climate Action <i>Climate change: a European Adaptation Strategy</i></li> <li>- Mr. Andrey Vasilyev Acting Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe <i>Climate change adaptation and transboundary cooperation</i></li> <li>- Ms. Rosario Bento-Pais &amp; Matteo Rini, DG Climate Action, <i>Presentation of the European Climate Adaptation Platform (CLIMATE-ADAPT)</i></li> </ul>
16.15	<p><b>THEME I. PANEL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Wim Kuijken, Dutch Delta Commissioner (introduced by Ms. Bento): <i>Investing in climate change adaptation: The Dutch Delta Programme</i></li> <li>- Mr. Philip Weller, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) Secretariat (introduced by Mr. Vasilyev); <i>The development of an adaptation strategy for the Danube river basin</i></li> <li>- Mr. Peter Kovacs, State secretary for water, Hungary (introduced by Mr. Vasilyev): <i>Adapting to floods and drought in Hungary</i></li> <li>- Mr. Gheorge Salaru, Minister of Environment, Republic of Moldova and Mr. Ian Dziuba, Acting plenipotentiary of the Dniester and Director of the Dniester-Prut Basin administration of water resources, Ukraine (introduced by Mr. Vasilyev): <i>Jointly reducing vulnerability to extreme floods and climate change in the Dniester</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Gaia Checcucci, President of the Arno River Basin Authority (introduced by Ms. Bento): <i>Wiz-Waterize spatial planning: encompass future drinking water management conditions to adapt to Climate Change and Water Scarcity and Drought</i></li> <li>- Mr. Jean-Jacques Bachy, President of the Regional Council of Champagne-Ardenne, France (introduced by Mr. Vasilyev): <i>Ecosystem-based adaptation, transboundary modelling and early-warning: the AMICE project</i></li> <li>- Ms. Nana Janashia, Executive Director, Caucasus Environmental NGO Network (CENN) (introduced by Ms. Bento) : <i>Community Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in the South Caucasus</i></li> <li>- Mr. Serge Lepeltier, French Ambassador for climate change <i>Conclusion of the session</i></li> </ul>
17.10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THEME 2: EU COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE WATER FIELD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAIR:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Cristiana Pasca Palmer, European Union, DG Development and Cooperation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Facilitation by : Michael Randel, <i>Certified Professional Facilitator</i></p>
	<p><b>OPENING:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Andris Piebalgs EU Commissioner for Cooperation and Development: <i>10 years of the EU Water Initiative</i></p> <p><b>THEME II. PANEL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Henri Ossebi, Minister of Energy and Water, Congo Brazzaville, representing AMCOW: <i>The Africa-EU Strategic Partnership on water affairs and sanitation</i></li> <li>- Mr. László Borbély, Romanian Minister of Environment and Forests: <i>National Policy Dialogues in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia</i></li> <li>- Ms. Maria Peppas, International Director, Greece Ministry for Environment: <i>Advancing joint Integrated Water Resources Management / Integrated Coastal Zone Planning and the application in the Buna/Bojana River</i></li> <li>- Mr. Liu Zhiguang, Deputy Director General Department of International Cooperation, Science &amp; Technology, Ministry of Water Resources, China: <i>The China-Europe water platform</i></li> <li>- Mr. Dov Zerah, General Director FDA: <i>Coordination between</i></li> </ul>

*multilateral and bilateral cooperation*

- Ms. Christiane Leong Ho Yng, Expert on Multilateral Trade Issues, ACP Secretariat: *Lessons from the ACP-EU Water Facility*
- Mr. Jacques Oudin, President of the exchange group of the French National Committee for Decentralized Cooperation: *Financing decentralised cooperation.*

18.30 **CLOSING OF THE SPECIAL EUROPEAN SESSION**

- Mr. Andris Piebalgs, EU Commissioner for Cooperation and Development  
*Synthesis of the panel on cooperation*
- Mr. Staffan Nilsson, President of the Economic and Social Committee,  
Mr. Semen Levi, Russian Deputy Minister for Natural Resources  
Mrs. Gudrun Kopp, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister  
for Economic Cooperation and Development (tbc)
- Mr. Léonetti, Minister of European Affairs, France

