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Invitation to the Event

"The Role of Science Diplomacy in Water Supplies"

We are pleased to invite you to the event **"The Role of Science Diplomacy in Water Supplies"**, taking place on **21 March from 10:30 to 13:00**, in celebration of the **World Water Day and the launch of the United Nations World Water Development Report at the UNESCO Venice Office** (Palazzo Zorzi, Castello 4930). This event is organized jointly by **UNESCO**, the **University for Continuing Education Krems (UWK)**, the **Central European Initiative (CEI)**, and the **Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)**.

The event will explore how science, art and diplomacy can foster sustainable and equitable solutions to global water issues. Water is a fundamental resource, vital for sustaining life and ensuring economic and social development. Inland water systems play a critical role in providing clean water for drinking, agriculture, and industry, while oceans and seas are essential for global climate stability and biodiversity. The fair distribution of water resources, particularly in the Global South, remains a pressing challenge, highlighting the need for international cooperation and scientific engagement in sustainable water management.

Scientists, development experts and policy makers will discuss existing frameworks, models and best practices for effective science-policy interfaces, in addressing the critical challenges of the water sector. A key outcome of the event will be a white paper outlining recommendations for strengthening science-policy dialogues and providing actionable steps to advance water diplomacy.

For those unable to attend in person, the event will also be accessible online. Join us virtually via the following link: [Link for online participation](#)

Please register by clicking on the registration link: [Registration link](#)

We look forward to your participation!



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Program:

10:30 – 10:45

Welcome and Opening

Ms Magdalena Landry (UNESCO), Dr Christina Hainzl (UWK), Mr Alessandro Lombardo (CEI)

10:45 – 11:00

Presentation of “The United Nations World Water Development Report”

Dr Samuel Partey, UNESCO

11:00 – 11:30

Keynote

Dr László Balatonyi, UNESCO Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP)

11:30 – 13:00

Round Table Discussion

Ms Sophia Beiter, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)

Dr Mounir Ghribi, National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics (OGS)

Prof. Martin Kainz, Research Lab Aquatic Ecosystem Research and -Health (UWK)

Ms Iryna Makarenko, Black Sea Commission

Mr Markus Reymann, TBA21 Thyssen Bornemisza Art Contemporary

Ms Birgit Vogel, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)