

Agenda for Special Event “Reducing inequalities, implementing human rights”

23 March 2023, 10.00 am EST, Conference Room 2:

Time (EST)	Item	Who? Contributors/ presenters etc.	Format and main questions
09.45	Set-up room	Everyone	
10.00	Welcome, aim of the session and “housekeeping”	Co-Master of Ceremonies - <i>Mariet Verhoef-Cohen, President, Women for Water</i>	present
10.05	Spiritual Ceremony, Indigenous Women’s water keepers Blessing song	<i>Lisa Bellanger, Anishinaabe grandmother Midewiwin Spiritual Society, Minnesota</i>	Song for the cultural and spiritual protection of water
10.10	Introduction to Session 1	Saul Vicente, <i>FILAC</i> (Moderator)	Group discussion
10. 15	Group Discussion on the Current State of inequalities and human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ilze Brands Kehris (Assistant Secretary General, UN OHCHR)</i> • <i>Vital Bambanze, Batwa, Burundi, Africa Indigenous Peoples Coordinating Committee, current member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</i> • <i>Francisco Cali Tzay, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i> • <i>Danielle Kamtie (Vice President, World Youth Parliament for Water)</i> • <i>Saengrawee Suweerakan (Network of Indigenous Women in Asia (NIWA))</i> • <i>Monti Aguirre, (International Rivers) global</i> 	
10.40	Member States and audience responses	Confirmed representatives of member states, responding from the floor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bolivia • Colombia • Uganda t.b.c. • Slovenia 	Quick remarks (2 min. p.p.) and comments panelists
10.55	Introduction to Session 2	Fatou M’Bow, African Youth Parliament for Water, (Moderator)	
11.00	Group Discussion / panel on Current Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Juan Leon Alvarado (IITC, Guatemala)</i> • <i>Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse, Assembly of First Nations, Canada</i> 	What in your experience are the solutions that can address the violations of rights to water and

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma Anakhasyan <i>Armenia Women for Health and Healthy Environment, (Women Water Partnership (WfWP) member NGO)</i> • Marcela Olivera <i>(People's Water Forum)</i> • Harrison Caicedo Pacha Kanchay (Representative of the network of Indigenous youth of Latin America, FI-LAC). 	<p>related inequities? Please provide one or two specific examples and/or proposals.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>What are the current solutions that work for reducing inequalities and implementing human rights?</p>
11.40	Member State responses and audience questions	<p>Confirmed representatives of member states, responding from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Africa/ RSA • Indonesia t.b.c. • European Union • Netherlands (co-chair of the water conference) 	Quick remarks (2 min) and questions to the panelists
11.55	Introduction to Session 3	Lorena Schmitt – ANDESS (Chile) and Robie Halip (moderators)	
11.58	Group Discussion – Global-level partnerships to reduce inequalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aziza Akhmouch <i>(on behalf of the OECD Water Governance Initiative)</i> • Dario Mejia, <i>President, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</i> • Michella Miletto, <i>UNESCO- WWAP</i> 	<p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you give some examples of how global partnerships are succeeding in reducing inequalities and implementing human rights? 2. What needs to be done to accelerate progress?
12.20	Group Discussion – Local/Regional/ Cross-Constituency partnerships that reduce inequalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alana Potter <i>(End Water Poverty)</i> • Andrea Carmen <i>(IITC)</i> • Hisseine Ganda Ngague, <i>(World Youth Parliament for Water)</i> • Norma Sactic <i>(Representante de mujeres Indígenas, FILAC).</i> • Amadeo Martinez <i>Coordination of Indigenous Peoples of Central America</i> • Pedro Arrojo <i>(UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Right to Water and Sanitation)</i> 	<p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 How have partnerships led to reducing inequalities and implementing human rights? 2 What new partnerships are needed to accelerate progress?
12.45	Member State and audience responses	<p>Confirmed representatives of member states, responding from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portugal • Malawi • Republic of Korea 	
12.55	Closing remarks	Co-Master of Ceremony Amparo Morales	5 min. highlights

