

Water Security: Key Pathways for Climate Resilience

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A live interactive discussion on integrated approaches and information sharing to advance climate resilience and water security

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PANELISTS

Moderator: Ingrid Timboe, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation
Dr. Soumya Balasubramanya, International Water Management Institute
Dr. Ruth Meinzen-Dick, International Food Policy Research Institute
Dr. James Dalton, International Union for Conservation of Nature

Summary

On Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM EDT, the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES) and the Bureau of Global Public Affairs (GPA) are co-hosting an interactive webinar to highlight the relationship between climate and water and the importance of integrated approaches and information sharing to strengthen water security and advance climate resilience.

Program Description

The U.S. Department of State Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs and the Bureau of Global Public Affairs are pleased to announce “Water Security: Key Pathways for Climate Resilience”. The live, interactive online program will be held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am EDT.

Climate change is already affecting the world’s water resources. Climate change can reduce water availability, decrease water quality, impede access to safe drinking water, and impact sustainable development. Despite these links, water security and climate adaptation are often discussed as separate issues with separate solutions. This live webinar will explore the relationship between climate and water and highlight the importance of integrated approaches and information sharing to strengthen water security and advance climate resilience.

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The U.S. government is committed to providing a platform that encourages information sharing, dialogue, collaboration, and stakeholder engagement for cooperative, responsible management of water resources around the world. This engagement builds trust among partners and stakeholders and strengthens cooperation not only on water issues but for natural resources management and climate resilience more broadly.

Moderator and Speaker Biographies



Moderator: Ingrid Timboe, Policy Director, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA)

Ingrid Timboe is the Policy Director at AGWA. She first joined the Secretariat as a Policy Associate in 2017 to help coordinate AGWA and SIWI's organization of Water Action Day at COP23. Based in the United States, Ingrid is involved in all things policy at AGWA, coordinating AGWA Policy Group communications, producing the AGWA Policy Newsletter, helping prepare policy briefs and white papers, participating in the Water and Climate Working Group and on the #CIW steering committee. In addition, she serves as the water focal point for the Marrakech Partnership, coordinating our work with the UNFCCC. She co-hosts the *ClimateReady* podcast with Alex Mauroner. Ingrid holds a Master's Degree in Water Resources Management, focused on transboundary waters, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Affairs. Prior to graduate school, Ingrid spent six years at the World Wildlife Fund working with the Global Policy and Conservation Science teams.



Speaker 1: Dr. Soumya Balasubramanya, Senior Researcher, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)

Soumya Balasubramanya is a Senior Researcher in Environment and Development Economics, and also leads the Economics Research Group at the International Water Management Institute—CGIAR. Her work focuses on reducing inequalities and vulnerabilities, which while key for poverty reduction, is being exacerbated by climate change. She uses theory and methods of environmental economics, non-market valuation, program evaluation and development economics to conduct research on agriculture, water, environment and natural resources, climate change and social development. Soumya collaborates with the scientific community, public and private sector to influence research, dialogue and practice on inclusive and sustainable growth. Her research contributes to the literature in applied economics. It has also been used by several international development aid agencies to inform investments and programs; and by governments in developing countries to design policy. She is a contributing

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author to the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report, due in 2022. Soumya's work has appeared in international news outlets in print, television and radio format, such as in BBC News, Economist Intelligence Unit, Financial Times, Forbes, Free Radio/Radio Liberty, The Guardian and NPR. She has worked in Sub-Saharan Africa; Central Asia; Middle East and Northern Africa; North America; South Asia; and Southeast Asia. She mentors early career researchers to build capacity of young professionals in the economic north and south. Soumya received a B.A in Economics from the University of Delhi, an M.A in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics, and Ph.D. in Environmental Economics and Policy from Duke University.



Speaker 2: Dr. Ruth Meinzen-Dick, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Ruth Meinzen-Dick has over 25 years' experience in transdisciplinary research. One of her major research areas deals with how institutions and policies affect the way people manage natural resources, especially land and water. She also studies gender issues in agriculture, with a particular focus on gender differences in control over assets, and the impact of agricultural research on poverty. She is the author of over 150 peer-reviewed publications based on this research. In addition to leading numerous large research programs, she is Coordinator of the CGIAR program on Collective Action and Property Rights (CAPRI), and co-leader of IFPRI's research theme on Strengthening Institutions and Governance. Much of her research has been in South Asia and Africa south of the Sahara. A citizen of the United States, Meinzen-Dick was raised in India. She received her PhD and MSc degrees in development sociology from Cornell University and her bachelor's degree in anthropology from Washington University.



Speaker 3: Dr. James Dalton, Director, Global Water Programme, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

James joined IUCN in 2009 as the Water Management Advisor. Before IUCN he was based in Fiji at the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SPC-GSD) as the Integrated Water Resource Management Adviser. As Director of IUCN's Global Water Programme, James is focused on working with a wide range of partners and stakeholders to advance water governance and management for people and nature. He is an irrigation engineer with degrees in rural development, science and politics, irrigation engineering, and a PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering focusing on groundwater management in the Aral Sea Basin. He has worked on water management for 20 years in over 25 countries worldwide and sits on the governance committee of the Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol, the Board of the Alliance for

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Water Stewardship, the Board of the Alliance for Global Water Adaptation, as a Technical Advisor to the Climate Bonds Initiative, serves on CDP's Water Security Advisory Council and is a member of the Advisory Board to the Dutch Governments Valuing Water Initiative. In October 2020 he was selected as a Member of the European Commission's Platform on Sustainable Finance. He is currently based at the IUCN Headquarters in Switzerland.

Event Details - Snapshot

Title	Water Security: Key Pathways for Climate Resilience
Date and Time	Tuesday, June 29 at 10:00 AM EDT (duration: 90 minutes)
Promo Page URL	https://interactive.america.gov/iip_event/water-climate-pathways/
Watch Page URL	https://interactive.america.gov/water-climate-resilience/
Format	90-minute webcast with live Q&A
Topic	Water Security, Climate Adaptation, Resilience
Audience	Global
Hashtags	

Promotional Banners and Images

Promotional banner image, social media toolkit can be downloaded here at the bottom of the page: https://interactive.america.gov/iip_event/water-climate-pathways/

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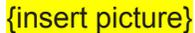
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Social Media Posts

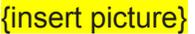
Facebook and Instagram Posts

Suggested images to use with social media posts can be downloaded here:

Schedule date: June 14

Save the date! On Tuesday, June 29 at 10 am EDT we are hosting a live webinar on water and climate adaptation and how information sharing and integrated approaches can help build climate resilience. Join us to learn more about this important topic! [{insert event page}](#) 

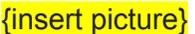
Schedule date: June 18

Do you want to learn about water security and climate adaptation? Bring your questions and join our interactive webinar on June 29 at 10am EDT and learn more from our panel of water and climate experts! [{insert event page}](#) 

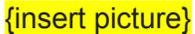
Schedule date: June 22

Did you know climate change is already affecting the world's water? Climate change reduces water availability, decreases water quality, impacts sustainable development and impedes people's access to safe drinking water. On June 29 at 10am EDT, we are hosting an interactive webinar with a panel of experts who will share their knowledge on strengthening water security and building climate resilience! Join us to learn more. [{insert event page}](#) 

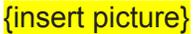
Schedule date: June 26

Water plays a crucial role in resilience and adaptation in response to climate change. Despite these links, water security and climate adaptation are often discussed as separate issues with separate solutions. Tune in on June 29 at 10 am EDT for a live webinar that will explore the relationship between climate and water and highlight the importance of integrated approaches to strengthen water security and advance climate resilience. [{insert event page}](#) 

Schedule Date: June 28

Join us live TOMORROW June 29 at 10 am EDT to learn how water and climate are linked and ways to build climate resilience. What questions do you have for our expert panel? [{insert event page}](#) 

Schedule Date: June 29 at 9:00 am EDT

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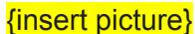
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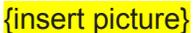
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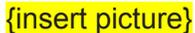
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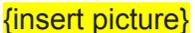
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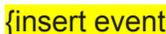
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