

Save the date!

13-16 January 2014
@ Zaragoza, Spain

This conference is part of the road map for the *World Water Day 2014* focused on the nexus of *water and energy*.



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2014 UN-Water Annual International Zaragoza Conference – Preparing for World Water Day 2014: Water and Energy (W&E)



The Focus of the Conference: How to make partnerships work?

The Conference will analyze the commonalities and differences both sectors and the advantages and disadvantages of partnerships. It will look into setting up, composition, financing, incentives, synergies, skills, cost effectiveness and support for and from partnerships. As well as definition of responsibilities and liabilities, benefit sharing, symmetries, long term sustainability, negotiation and the flexibility required. The Conference aims to draw lessons on what the factors that make successful partnerships are in water and energy, the role of different actors and how to scale up partnerships.

Objectives of the conference:

The UN-Water Conference aims to contribute to two of the objectives of World Water Day 2014. These are:

- Demonstrate, through case studies, to decision makers in the energy sector and the water domain that integrated approaches and solutions to water-energy issues can achieve greater economic and social impacts;
- Identify key stakeholders in the water-energy nexus and actively engage them in further developing the water-energy linkages.

The Conference will do so by:

- Analyzing and evaluating the existing partnership experience;
- Providing a platform for exchange of experiences of effective partnerships;
- Drawing conclusions on lessons from existing experience and the way forward for effective partnerships to achieve water/energy security;
- Providing a space to promote and enable new partnerships.

The expected results from the meeting are:

- 1 Learning and knowledge exchange among Conference participants;
- 2 Contribution to buy into the partnership idea and the creation of partnerships in different realms of cooperation on W&E;
- 3 Develop a series of documented case studies, video interviews, information briefs and other materials for World Water Day 2014;
- 4 Support project preparation based on Lessons Learnt on existing W&E partnerships;
- 5 Support evaluation and moving forward with existing partnerships supported by the UN system (WB WPP, UNIDO among others).

Draft structure

	Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Key note		Key note: learning from partnership implementation	Key note 2: do and don'ts	
Morning	Field trip (optional)	Sectoral ministries and actors Session convener: World Bank Overview Case	Water and energy utilities Session convener: GWP (tbc) and IWA Overview Case	Follow up and match making (optional)
		Industry and Government Session Convener: UNIDO/Water Mandate Overview Case	NGOs and local authorities ICLEI (tbc)/UNESCO Overview Case	
Afternoon		Science and industry Session convener: UNU Overview Case	Lessons Learnt and way forward	
	Welcome, opening and general framework Efficiency and security water and energy challenges (WWAP/UNEP/UNESCO) Interlinkages and opportunities for collaboration			
Evening		Market place Possible (tbc) US, Aid, WB, WPP, GIZ, SIWI	Market place - Others	