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## **Water management: A shared responsibility**

(Conference co-organised by the Parliamentary Assembly and  
the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe  
in co-operation with  
the Directorate General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport)

**Strasbourg, 20-21 October 2005**  
**Palais de l'Europe (Room 1)**

## **Preliminary draft programme**

## Thursday 20 October 2005

9-9.30 am Registration of participants

### OPENING SITTING

9.30-10 am. Addresses by:

**Mr Terry Davis**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

**Mr Giovanni Di Stasi**, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

**Mr René van der Linden**, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

10-10.45 am General introduction:

**Mr Loïc Fauchon**, President of the World Water Council, co-chairing the World Water Forum

**Mr Cristobal Jaime Jaquez**, Director General of the Mexican National Water Commission, co-chairing the World Water Forum

**Prof. Pedro Arrojo**, Professor of Economics at the University of Saragossa (Spain), President of the "Foundation for a New Culture of Water"

10.45-11 am *Coffee break*

11 am-12.30 pm **1<sup>st</sup> SITTING - WATER MANAGEMENT: A CHALLENGE FOR LOCAL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

Chair: **Mr Halvdan Skard**, President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress

Rapporteur/moderator: **Mr Bernard Barraqué**, Research Director at the CNRS, Laboratory of Technology, Lands and Societies

- Responsibilities of local decision-makers: a survey
- Presentation of cases:
- Inter-municipal co-operation
- Training of local decision-makers: the keystone

Exchange of views

12.30-2 pm *Lunch break*

2-4 pm **2<sup>nd</sup> SITTING - WATER MANAGEMENT: DUTY TO ADOPT A CONCERTED REGIONAL APPROACH**

Chair: **M. Yavuz Mildon**, President of the Chamber of Regions of the Congress

Rapporteur/moderator: **Mr Bernard Barraqué**, Research Director at the CNRS, Laboratory of Technology, Lands and Societies

- Regional responsibilities (the necessary conditions and the instruments, the obstacles, some examples)

- Inter-regional co-operation

Exchange of views

4-4.15 pm

*Coffee break*

4.15-5.30 pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> SITTING (resumed)**

- Responsibilities at national and intergovernmental level (action of the Governments, their possible contributions, some examples)

Exchange of views

**Friday 21 October 2005**

9.30-10.45 am

**3<sup>rd</sup> SITTING: WHAT ROLE FOR PARLIAMENTS?**

Parliamentarians: the institutional “interface” between the citizen and those in government

Chair: **Mr Bill Etherington**, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Sustainable Development, Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs, Parliamentary Assembly.

Rapporteur/moderator: **Mr André Santini**, MP and Mayor of Issy les Moulineau, President of the “Syndicat des Eaux d’Ile de France”

- The parliamentarian as the people’s spokesman
- The parliamentarian as legislator
- European parliamentary co-operation

10.45-11 am

*Coffee break*

11 am-12 pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> SITTING (resumed)**

Exchange of views

12 noon – 2 pm

*Lunch break*

2-4 pm

**CONCLUSIONS – EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION: ON COURSE FOR THE IVth WORLD WATER FORUM**

A Message from Europe to the International Forum in Mexico City

- Presentation of the results of the first 3 days of European Solidarity Week for Water
- Summing-up: **Mr Daniel Zimmer**, Executive Director of the World Water Council
- Presentation and adoption of a draft Declaration
- Close of proceedings

## Practical Information

### 1. Venue

The conference will be held at the Palais de l'Europe (Council of Europe headquarters) in Room 1 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor).

### 2. Hotels

A list of hotels giving special rates for Council of Europe meetings is attached. Participants are requested to reserve their hotel room directly with the hotel of their choice, indicating that they wish to benefit from the Council of Europe rates.

### 3. Transport

Transport from/to the Strasbourg airport will not be provided.

### 4. Registration

Participants are requested to return the attached registration form before 30 September. There are no registration fees. Participants should arrive at the main entrance of the Palais de l'Europe, where badges will be distributed on presentation of an identity document (pre-registered participants only).

### 5. Working languages

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish. The working documents will only be available in English and French.

### 6. Visas

Participants should check with the French Embassy/Consulate in their country of residence as to whether they need a visa to enter France.

### 7. Press

The Conference is open to the press.

### 8. Secretariat

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