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### Side event

# TRANSBOUNDARY DATA SHARING AS A TOOL FOR WATER DIPLOMACY AND PROMOTING PEACE

Friday, 25 October | 08:30 – 09:45 | Room 4



This side event will explore the crucial role of data sharing in fostering peace and transboundary water cooperation. It will delve into how data sharing can act as a tool for water diplomacy, building trust between stakeholders and initiating cooperation, even in politically fragile contexts. The event will present cases demonstrating challenges and positive experiences of data exchange in transboundary water management. The event will also touch upon the value and lessons learned from the Water Convention's framework and tools for data sharing, briefly addressing the publication "Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Transboundary Data-sharing." Ultimately, the side event seeks to offer insights into how the exchange of data and information can facilitate and support effective transboundary cooperation and vice versa, especially in the face of challenges posed by climate change.

## Programme

Opening remarks (15min)

- **Baboucar Mboundor Ngom**, Secretary General, Ministry of Hydraulics and Sanitation, Senegal
- **Danilo Türk**, Former President of the Republic of Slovenia, Lead Political Advisor, Geneva Water Hub

Panel discussion (40min)

- **Niokhor Ndour**, Secretary General, L'Organisation pour la mise en valeur du fleuve Sénégal (OMVS)
- **Giovanna Valverde**, Ambassador, Special Adviser on Climate Change, Head of terrestrial borders, including transboundary rivers, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Costa Rica
- **Dinara Ziganshina**, Director, Scientific Information Center of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia (SIC-ICWC)
- **Amani Alda'bis**, Water and Environmental Engineer, Alumnus of the Professional Water Diplomacy Program at EcoPeace Middle East

Open discussion (15min)

Closing remarks (5min)

- **Sibylle Vermont**, Deputy Head of Section Global Affairs, Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN) Switzerland

Chair of the event: **Antti Rautavaara**, Special Envoy for Water, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

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## Convenors:



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