



SAVE THE DATE: 16 November 2015 in Geneva

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

On behalf of the Government of Switzerland, I have the honour to invite you to the

**Launching of the
Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace
Monday 16 November 2015**

On 16 November 2015, Switzerland will launch, together with about fifteen co-convening countries, the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace. This Panel will be set for the duration of about two years. The Panel seeks to develop a set of proposals aiming to strengthen the global architecture to prevent and resolve water-related conflicts, to facilitate the use of water for building peace, and to put water relations at the centre of government policy worldwide. This event is co-organised by the Geneva Water Hub (www.genevawaterhub.org) which will support the work of the Panel.

Agenda:

9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.: Ministerial launching

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Conference centre

The ministerial segment will be opened by Federal Councillor Didier Burkhalter, Head of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization and Chair of UN-Water. Following, co-convening countries' representatives will express their views on water and peace and on the Panel. Finally, the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace will be presented.

During the event, internationally renowned musician Mich Gerber will begin creating the so-called "water for peace symphony", which shall be finalised at the end of the work of the Panel.

Registration and information until 6 November 2015 on: www.genevawaterhub.org/panel-launch.

The detailed program of the conference will follow in the next weeks

Languages: French, English and Spanish simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the event.

Yours sincerely,

The Permanent Representative of Switzerland

Alexandre Fasel
Ambassador

To the representatives of academic institutions and civil society organizations

Annexe : List of the Panelists

This event is co-organised with the Geneva Water Hub



and is part of the Geneva Peace Week.

