



— THE WATER — DIPLOMAT

Preparatory training for
journalists to cover current
hydro-political affairs related
to the 9th World Water Forum

THURSDAY 3 MARCH

Online & free of charge
For non specialist journalists wishing to
cover the 9th World Water Forum

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Context

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The Executive Secretariat of the 9th World Water Forum and the water intelligence update *The Water Diplomat*, managed by *OOSKAnews* and the *Geneva Water Hub*, are collaborating to provide support to journalists seeking to cover events related to the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar. In this context, a course is envisaged to provide journalists attending the Forum with an introductory overview of water management as well as a briefing on the key themes of the Forum. The training will cover both legal and policy aspects of water management. Furthermore, during their participation at the Forum, the journalists will be provided with thematic briefings and networking provided by The Water Diplomat, and some of their articles may be covered by The Water Diplomat itself in its March and April editions or promoted in other media. After the Forum, journalists will be invited to make contributions to the impact of the messages and decisions of the Forum, in the context of appropriate geographical coverage.

General Objective of the Course for Journalists

- Objective of the Course: Improve the media coverage of hydro-political themes and their anchoring in the media supported by this training.
- Objective during the Course: Build the capacity of journalists from the African continent and the rest of the world on water and support their work during the 9th World Water Forum.

Description of the course

This course is intended for journalists (and young water professionals) aiming to cover events at the 9th World Water Forum. Water management is complex and multidimensional, as water is needed at the household level, it is needed for every sector in the economy, and it is necessary in the environment to maintain life itself. Water also has a strategic dimension in the relations between States, jurisdictions and sectors which share surface water and groundwater or in cases when hydraulic infrastructure is attacked during an armed conflict. This training will firstly provide participants with the basic concepts in water policies and management which are required for an understanding of the issues surrounding this vital provide them with a series of briefings on the 9th World Water Forum, its priority themes, its expectations, and its actors.

Expected Results of the Course

After having followed this course, journalists will have a general overview of the principal topics related to water policy and management. They will also have a general overview of questions related to the role of water in international law. Course participants will have knowledge of and scientific references for the principal themes covered during the Forum and they will understand the specific and innovative approach of the 9th Forum to resolving some of the key challenges for the management of water at the global, regional and local level.

Participants' Profile

- Journalists interested in water from a social, economic and environmental perspective.
- Journalists without means to travel and attend the Forum.
- Balanced gender profile of group.

Prior to the online course

A series of introductory videos will be made available to participants prior to the Forum on the following topics:

Topic	Current Status	Lecturer & Source
Water resources policy and management	In production	Dr Tobias Schmitz
Water Sanitation and Hygiene	www.sanitationandwaterforall.org/knowledge-exchange/build-forward-better-water-sanitation-and-hygiene-solutions-sustainable-recovery	Sanitation and Water for All / Catarina de Albuquerque
Transboundary water resources and the evolution of International Water Law	www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hy1mqz_d-KU	Prof Laurence Boisson de Charzourne
The protection of water in international humanitarian law	In production	Dr Mara Tignino
Conflicts between users	www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hy1mqz_d-KU	Prof Makane Mbengue
Water Security for Peace and Development	www.youtube.com/watch?v=IheAdbwvE_8&feature=youtu.be	TV 5 / Prof Christian Bréthaut
Water governance	www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0ZpFm7_YK8	Prof Christian Bréthaut

Programme of online course (N.B. Times are Dakar time / GMT!)

BLOCK ONE: INTRODUCTION

Facilitator: Ms Anna Huovila, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland

09:00 – 09:10: Opening: Ms Anna Huovila, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland

09:10 – 09:20 Opening Address: Abdoulaye Sene, Executive Secretary, 9th World Water Forum

09:20 – 09:35 Boubacar Barry: The innovations of the 9th World Water Forum

09:35 – 09:50 Questions and Answers

09:50 – 10:10: Introduction: Water Resources Management and SDG 6 (Dr. Tobias Schmitz, The Water Diplomat)

10:10 – 10:20 Questions and Answers

10:20 – 10:40: Access to Water Sanitation and Hygiene (Dr. Kitchinme Bawa, African Ministerial Council on Water)

10:40 – 10:50: Question and Answers

10:50 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 – 11:20 Transboundary water resources and international water law (Dr Annukka Lipponen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, Dr. Komlan Sangbana, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe)

11:20 – 11:30 Questions and Answers

11:30 – 11:50 International humanitarian law and water in situations of armed conflict (Dr Mara Tignino, University of Geneva)

11:50 – 12:00 Questions and Answers

BLOCK TWO: THE FOUR PRIORITIES OF THE 9TH FORUM

12:00 – 12:15 Water security and sanitation (Dr Mohamed Diatta, Executive Secretariat 9th WWF)

12:15 – 12:30 Water and Rural Development (Boubacar Barry, Executive Secretariat 9th WWF)

12:30 – 12:40 Questions and Answers

12:40 – 12:55 International Cooperation (Racine Kane, Executive Secretariat 9th WWF)

12:55 – 13:10 Tools and Means (Dr Amadou Gueye, Executive Secretariat 9th WWF)

13:10 - 13:20 Questions and Answers

SUMMARY AND CLOSURE

13:20 – 13:30 Summary and Closure (Anna Huovila, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland)