Water Security and Climate Change Conference

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Call for Abstracts

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Academics and practitioners from various sectors are set to discuss the diverse facets of water security in dynamic environments and its relation to climate variability and change.

The Centers for Natural Resources and Development – CNRD (TH Köln), the International Network on Sustainable Water Management in Developing Countries – SWINDON (TU Braunschweig) in cooperation with Food Security Center – FSC are pleased to invite the community of renowned water experts working on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to propose sessions for the International Conference on Water Security and Climate Change (WSCC) 2017, September 18–21, 2017.

Achieving water security is one of the major challenges faced by society on both a global and local level today. Building bridges between disciplines, sectors and different groups of stakeholders, the conference will serve as a platform for discussions towards water secure societies by providing a stimulating environment with the intention to yield innovative ideas and grounds for implementation. WSCC 2017 follows the successful conference WSCC 2016 at the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok which united over 150 experts.

Framework

The WSCC 2017 conference planning committee welcomes your abstracts for oral presentations and scientific posters. The submission period is March 31st to May 31st, 2017.

Starting with a public opening event, the WSCC aspires to offer abundant opportunities for exchange. The main component of the conference are thematic sessions that can be linked with additional dialogue forums – tying the scientific community to policy, industry and society. All sessions will provide enough space for discussion. We highly welcome presentations which combine academic and practical approaches as well as the introduction of new dimensions and perspectives in the current discourse on water security. Accepted contributions to the conference will be published in the WSCC Book of Abstracts, a special book edition of the conference, and in selected academic journals. Each session is hosted by prominent organizations – experts in relevant fields. The conference is held in English.

There is limited funding available to support speakers.

Topics

- Water Security and Sustainable Development Goals
- Climate Change Adaptation and DRR (Paris Agreement; Sendai Framework)
- Nature Based Solutions for Water Resources Management / Storage
- Water Supply and Water Reuse
- Water Smart Cities
- Water and Health
- Sustainable Ground Water Management
- Transboundary Water Governance and Benefit Sharing
- Water-Energy-Food Security Nexus
- Food Security in the Scarce Water World
- Water Security and Migration
- Water Accounting and Water Productivity
- Sustainable Hydropower
- Coping with Droughts
- Water Security and Supply Chain Management

Abstracts that align with these topics will be prioritized, but we are open to all ideas.

We look forward to topics generating new knowledge contributing to water security.

Water Security has always played a vital role in the development process of societies. Access to sufficient water of good quality and the protection against floods and droughts are the most visible challenges and inextricably linked to impacts of Climate Change. Water Challenges caused by these effects are particularly affecting developing countries.

The WSCC goal is to address different dimensions of water security (household, urban, economic, ecosystems, disasters) and to discuss feasible solutions. The conference is supported by various partners of the Exceed program (Higher Education Excellence in Development Cooperation).

Submission

31/03/2017	Abstract submission portal opens
31/05/2017	Abstract submission deadline
12/06/2017	Notification of approved Abstracts
31/07/2017	(optional) Full Paper submission deadline

Abstracts should be submitted online at:
www.watersecurity.info

To receive reminders of important conference dates, subscribe to our mailing list:
www.watersecurity.info/subscribe

Registration Fee

	YOUNG SCIENTIST*	DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**	STANDARD
Early bird until June 30th 2017	150 €	175 €	250 €
Regular from July 1st 2017	175 €	200 €	350 €

* must prove student or PhD status
** fee waiver can be applied for; funding is possible to a limited extent

The registration portal will be opened May 2, 2017

The registration fee includes cost of book of abstracts, conference material on USB, attendance at conference sessions, welcome reception, lunches, morning and afternoon tea/coffee break and a conference dinner.

Guidelines

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Oral presentations provide authors the opportunity to present their work in the context of conference topics.

- Oral paper presentations are given around 15-minute time-slots.
- Oral presentations are organized into thematic sessions with time for questions from the audience/round-table discussion.
- This conference follows the typical presentation standards; the use of PowerPoint or other slide presentations is adequate.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The 90-minute poster session provides an interactive forum for authors to discuss their work.

- Presenters will be assigned locations to put up their posters, which will be organized by topic.
- Poster boards and pushpins will be supplied, and posters should be attached to the boards for display.
- Presenters are encouraged to bring 1-page handouts to accompany their posters.

Please note:
If accepted, participation must be confirmed by June 30th and conference fees paid by July 12th.

Presenting authors are responsible for registration, travel, and hotel costs (limited funding is available).

A Book of Abstracts will be compiled and made available to participants.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

- All abstracts must be submitted online between March 31th and May 31st, 2017.
- Abstracts must be submitted as "Oral or Poster Presentation" or "Poster Presentation Only".
- All abstracts must be submitted through our submission portal in text form as well as a one-page PDF with 0.75 inch margins all around, 11-pt font size or larger.
- The following information must be included in the submitted abstract: presentation title; all author(s)' identifying rmation, including names, degrees, and institutional affiliations; WSCC topics (see list of topics above); 3 to 5 keywords; and narrative text (limited to 300 words)
- Tables and/or figures may be included providing the submission stays within page limits. Images should be formatted as a JPEG file with minimum resolution 300 DPI, charts and figures as a PDF.
- Please use the following naming convention for the file name: (Co)AuthorLastName_First Name_Affiliation_ Topic.pdf (ex. _Doe_John_UniversityXXX_Topic.pdf).
- The Conference Organization Committee may propose an alternative presentation format (open space sessions), based on the available times in the conference program.

CRITERIA FOR ABSTRACT SELECTION

Abstracts will be selected by the WSCC Scientific Committee on the basis of the need to organize a well-balanced program and according to the following criteria:

- Relevance of the presentation for the conference topic
- Innovative character of the presentation and the topic
- Quality of abstract, in terms of content and language

Contact

Please do not hesitate to direct any questions you may have regarding the conference to **wscc2017@th-koeln.de**

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