



**Preliminary Program**  
**Fifth Inter-American Dialogue on Water Management**

**October 9 - 14, 2005**  
**Montego Bay, Jamaica**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**12:00-16:00 Registration of Participants**

**18:00-20:00 Opening Ceremony**

- H.E. The Honorable Patrick Manning, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago (*to be confirmed*)
- H.E. The Honorable Donald Buchanan, Minister for Water and Housing, Jamaica
- Basil Fernandez, Managing Director, Water Resources Authority of Jamaica and Chair of National Organizing Committee
- Senior Officials, International Organizations: Abel Mejia (World Bank) To be identified: UNESCO; GEF; OAS; UNEP; other

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10**

**8:00 – 18:00 Registration of Participants**

**8:30-10:30 Plenary Session 1: Water for Sustainable Development**

Co-Chairs: 1. Local (to be defined by Jamaica Organizing Committee)  
2. TBA

- “Water Initiative for the Americas” – Joao Bosco-Senra
- “Overview of Key Issues” – Gustavo Saltiel (World Bank)
- “Water Resources Management in Coastal Zones in the Caribbean” – (CEHI)
- CDB – Cheryl Dixon
- TBA

**10:30-11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00-13:00 Plenary Session 2: Integrated Water Resources Management and Governance**

Co-Chairs: 1. Local (to be defined by Jamaica Organizing Committee)  
2. Victor Pochat (Vice-President of the IHP Intergovernmental Council and President of the Argentina IHP National Committee)

- “Measuring Indicators of IWRM” – (IDB)
- “Examining the Relationship between Good Governance and IWRM” – Scott Vaughan (OAS)
- “IWRM – A Global Perspective” – Keith Kennedy (IWRM.org) (*to be confirmed*)
- “Lessons in IWRM in Latin America” – Axel Dourojeanni (UNESCO-OAS Consultant)

**13:00-14:00 Lunch Break**

**14:00-16:00 Concurrent Session A: Managing Transboundary Water Basins: A Decade of Lessons in Managing Transboundary Water Projects**

Co-Chairs: 1. Rep. from Guyana (to be defined by Jamaica Organizing Committee)  
2. Carlos Costa (Director, IDEAM, President of the Colombia IHP National Committee and IWRN Focal Point)

- “International Water Projects” – Alfred M. Duda (GEF)
- “The UNEP Perspective” – Isabelle Vanderbeck (UNEP)
- “The OAS Perspective” – Jorge Rucks (OAS/OSDE)
- “Country Perspective: Brazil” – Benedito Braga (ANA, IHP National Committee)

**14:00-16:00 Concurrent Session B: Water for Food and the Environment**

Co-Chairs: 1. Donovan Reid (Managing Director, National Irrigation Commission, Jamaica)  
2. Oscar Lucke (IICA)

- “Presentation of the VULSAC Project” – Manuel Jimenez (CAC-SICA)
- “Dialogue on Water and Environment” – Rocio Cordoba (IUCN)
- “Water, Food and Sustainable Development” – Gertjan Beekman (IICA)
- “Managing Irrigation and Drainage for Sustainable Development: Case Studies in the Americas” – Dennis Wichelns (Rivers Institute at Hanover College)

**14:00-16:00 Concurrent Session C: Desalination**

Co-Chairs: 1. Local (to be defined by Jamaica Organizing Committee)  
2. Rudolph Williams (National Meteorological Service, Belize)

- “The Antigua Experience” – John Bradshaw (Antigua Public Utilities Authority)
- “Review of Desalination Activities in Barbados” – Carlyle O. Bourne (Ministry of Agriculture and IHP National Committee)
- “The Bahamas Experience” – Richard Cant (Water and Sewerage Corporation)
- “The Trinidad and Tobago Experience” – Errol Grimes (Water and Sewerage Authority) (*to be confirmed*)
- “The Cayman Experience” – Frederick McTaggart (Ocean Conversion)

**16:00-16:15 Coffee Break**

**16:15-18:00 Concurrent Session D: Managing Groundwater Aquifers**

Co-Chairs: 1. Michael White (Hydrology Consultants, Jamaica)  
2. Michela Miletto (OAS)

- “The SAYTT (Sistema Acuifero Yrendá-Toba-Tarijeño)”
- “The Artibonito-Masacre Aquifer System”
- “The Guarani Aquifer System” – Luis Amore (SAG)
- “The Hueco Bolson Aquifer” – (IBWC Mexico and IBWC USA)

**16:15-18:00 Concurrent Session E: Applying Science and Technology Innovations to Address Priorities in the Wider Caribbean**

Co-Chairs: 1. Arnoldo Ventura (National Advisor on Science and Technology, Jamaica)  
2. Gilberto Canali (DELTAmerica)

- “Science and Technology: New Direction” – Alvaro Aldama (IMTA and IHP National Committee)
- “Mapping of Arid Zones as a Tool for Managing Water Resources” – Guido Soto (CAZALAC).
- “Use of Satellite Imagery in the Delineating Mega Watersheds in Volcanic Areas of the Caribbean” – Bob Bisson (Earthwater Technology, Inc.)
- TBA

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**8:00 – 18:00 Registration of Participants**

**8:30-10:30 Plenary Session 3: Water and Sanitation for All: Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**

Co-Chairs: 1. Linette Vassell (Rural Water Project – MoWH, Jamaica)  
2. Maria C. Donoso (UNESCO)

- “Water Centre in Urban Zones Sponsored by UNESCO” – Ines Restrepo
- “Community Managed Rural Water and Sanitation Systems” – Ian Gage (Project Manager, Jamaica)
- GWP SAMTAC – Carlos Tucci (President GWP)
- AIDIS – Alexander Chechilnitzky (President AIDIS) (*to be confirmed*)
- PAHO – Ana Treasure

**10:30-11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00-13:00 Plenary Session 4: Risk Management and Natural Hazards**

Co-Chairs: 1. Jeremy Collymore (Director, Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency, CDERA)  
2. Max Campos (CRRH)

- “Water Basin Management and Risk Management: Lessons from the Piura Region, Peru: Strategy of Development and Adaptation to Climate Change” – (Authority of Water Basins Chira-Piura)
- “Adaptation to Climate Change” – Walter Vergara (World Bank)
- “Estimating the Economic Benefits of Natural Hazard Risk Mitigation: Joint OAS-World Bank-IDB-IMF Report and Lessons Forward” – Stephen Bender (OAS)
- “Science and Education as a Base for Risk Management” – Eduardo Banus (UNESCO)

**13:00-14:00 Lunch Break**

**14:00-16:00 Concurrent Session F: Models for Investing and Financing**

Co-Chairs: 1. Devon Rowe (Ministry of Finance and Planning, Jamaica)

2. Francisco Rodriguez (INDRHI Executive Director, President of the Dominican Republic IHP National Committee and IWRN Focal Point)

- “Public Expenditure Review” – Mark Austin (World Bank)
- “Water Sector Economic Aspect: the Chilean Experience” – Humberto Peña (DGA, IHP National Committee and IWRN Focal Point)
- “Financing of the Great River and Martha Brae Water Supply Projects” – Richard Byles (Chairman NWC Jamaica)
- “Public-Private Sector Participation in the Water Sector” – Paul Morgan (Director, Office of Utilities Regulation, Jamaica)
- “Financing Community Water Supply” – Scarlett Gillings (JSIF)

**14:00-16:00 Concurrent Session G: Supporting Ecological Flows**

Co-Chairs: 1. Diana McCaulay (Jamaica Environment Trust)  
2. Eduardo Planos (Cuba)

- “Environmental Flows and Dams” – Karin Krchnak (Nature Conservancy)
- “Integrating Ecological Considerations into Sustainable Water Management Projects and Policies” – (UNEP-ROLAC)
- “Ecological Flows: the Costa Rica Experience” – Sadí Laporte (ICE, IHP National Committee and IWRN Focal Point)
- “Ecohydrology: The New Approach” – Marcelo Gaviño (Ecohydrology UNESCO IHP Project) Rep. of IUCN

**16:00-16:15 Coffee Break**

**16:15-18:00 Concurrent Session H: Integrated Water and Coastal Zone Management**

Co-Chairs: 1. Peter Wilson-Kelly (Head, Watershed Management Branch, NEPA Jamaica)  
2. Vincent Sweeney (CEHI)

- “IWCAM Project: Benefits to the Caribbean” – Patricia Aquing (CEHI)
- “The Barbados Plan of Action: A Caribbean Perspective” – Franklyn McDonald
- “Tourism Development, Water Use and the Environment”
- “Results and Follow-up of the Mauritius SIDS Conference” – Diane Quarless (*to be confirmed*)
- TBA

**16:15-18:00 Concurrent Session I: Water and Gender**

Co-Chairs: 1. Sybil Ricketts (Rural Water Project, Jamaica)  
2. Nick Aumen (Water Quality Branch Chief for Everglades National Park)

- “Youth Path: The Holywell Recreational Park Experience” – Verna Barnette (UNESCO) (*to be confirmed*)
- “Waterways: a Participatory IWRM Initiative Illuminates Community Level Gender Mainstreaming in Transboundary Basin Management” – Janot-Reine Mendler de Suarez (Deputy Director and Project Coordinator, GEF IW:LEARN)
- “Mainstreaming Gender in Water” – (Benevolent Societies Representative, Jamaica)
- TBA

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

**8:30-10:30 Plenary Session 5: Trade Agreements and the Water Sector: Implications and Reforms**

Co-Chairs: 1. Hon. Delano Franklyn (Minister of State Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica)  
2. Maria Esther Bondanza (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina and IWRN Focal Point)

- “Trade Agreements, Water and the Implications for Local Actors” – Miguel Solanes, Pablo Solon and Juan Carlos Alurralde (CEPAL-IDRC Joint Proposal)
- “Central America Trade Agreement and the Water Sector” (*Speaker to be confirmed*)
- “Trade Agreements, Water and the Environment” (*Speaker to be confirmed*)
- “Virtual Water” – María C. Donoso (UNESCO)
- “The View of Civil Society on the WTO, GATT and Water” – John Maxwell (Journalist and Environmentalist, Jamaica)

**10:30-11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00-12:30 Plenary Session 6: Towards a Common Water Strategy**

Co-Chairs: 1. Winston McCalla (Jamaica)  
2. TBA

- “IV World Water Forum” – Cesar Herrera (IV WWF Secretariat)
- “Jamaica Water Policy and Strategy” – Donovan Stanberry (Permanent Secretary Ministry of Lands and Environment)
- “Experiences and Methodologies in the Development of National Water Resources Plans: The Case of the Brazil PNRH” – Alberto J. Palombo (IWRN)
- TBA

**12:30-14:00 Lunch Break**

**14:00-16:00 Plenary Session 7: Reports from All Sessions**

Chair: 1. Basil Fernandez (Managing Director, Water Resources Authority of Jamaica and Chair of National Organizing Committee)

**16:00-17:00 Final Session: Declaration and Closing Ceremony**

Co-Chairs: Local Authorities  
UNESCO  
GEF  
OAS  
UNEP  
World Bank  
Others