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ASSOCIATION OF THE LAKE REGIONS

Geneva Water Hub in partnership with
International Association of the Lake Regions

**“The Drama of Water in a Time of Global Transformation:
Tripartite dialogue on innovative tools of water diplomacy in the XXI century”**

Launching Event of the Publication in International Geneva

Wednesday, 19th May 2021
10:00–12:00 (Geneva), 11:00-13:00 (Moscow)
INSCRIPTION at

<https://unige.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMtcOqoqjwqGNPKqx-wD45BFCJvobFCd716>

Geneva Water Hub and the International Association of the Lake Regions are pleased to launch the publication “*The Drama of Water in a Time of Global Transformation*”; a trilateral dialogue on innovative water diplomacy and effective management of water resources in the 21st century between thirty-six prominent Russian and International experts. This publication is intended to be a reference document for actors in hydropolitics, and water diplomacy. It will be presented and discussed during the event.

WORKING LANGUAGES: English, French and Russian with simultaneous translation

AUDIENCE

The invited audience consists of representatives of:

- Permanent missions and delegations to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva
- International Organizations
- Non-governmental organizations located in International Geneva
- Academia and research centers
- Swiss Federal Departments
- Business community

PROGRAMME

10:00 - 10:30 – WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLICATION “The Drama of Water in a Time of Global Transformation”

10:00 Opening by the Moderator *H.E. Jürg LAUBER*, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva

10:05 - 10:10 *Mr. Alexander ALIMOV*, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva

10:10-10:20 Mr. Francois MUNGER, Director General, Geneva Water Hub

10:20-10:30 Mr. Alexander TIMCHENKO, Director General, International Association of Lake Regions

10:30 - 11:00 High Level Panel

Moderator , **H.E. Jürg LAUBER** , invites the key speakers for a short statement (up to 5minutes) to respond to the 3 questions:

1. The value of this tripartite dialogue from their work perspective?
2. Which chapter(s) are most urgent or most realistically implementable?
3. How will they use this document?

- **H.E. Danilo TURK** , Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace
- **Mr. Vyacheslav FETISOV**, All-Russian Society for Nature Conservation
- **Ms. Olga ALGAYEROVA**, UNECE Executive Secretary. (TBC)
- **H.E. Andrey G. BAKLANOV**, Ambassador, Deputy Chairman of the Association of Russian Diplomats, Professor of the National Research University Higher School of Economics
- **H.E. Guy BONVIN**, Ambassador, Swiss Special Envoy for Water in Central Asia, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

11:00 - 11:30 Panel of Experts

Moderator, **Mr. Jan DUSIK**, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) invites Experts to provide comments on the publication, or on a specific chapter:

- **Mr. Sergei CHERYOMIN**, Head of Department for Foreign Economic Activity and International Relations, Moscow City Government
- **Mr. Anton GRIGOROV**, Senior Vice-President, Russian State Development Corporation (VEB RF)
- **Ms. Sonja KOEPEL**, Secretary of the Water Convention and co-Secretary of the Protocol on Water and Health of the UNECE
- **Ms. Dinara ZIGANSHINA**, Deputy Director, Scientific Information Center of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia
- **Mr. Alexey ARNAUTOV**, Director of Innovation Projects, En + Group plc, Baikal International Water Resources Center, Russia
- **Ms. Hasmik BARSEGHYAN**, President, the 15th European Youth Parliament for Water

11:30 – 11:50 Q&A

11:50 – 12:00 CLOSING SUMMARY

Reflections from GWH and IALR on next steps

- **Dr. Vera I. SMORCHKOVA**, Deputy Director, International Association of lake Regions, Professor of RANEPa, Moscow
- **Prof Christian BRETHAUT**, Scientific Director, Geneva Water Hub