



“ The central role  
of **WATER**  
for **inclusive** and  
**sustainable GROWTH**  
and the creation of  
**decent JOBS** ”



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Time: 18:00 - 19:15  
Venue: Tour & Taxis, Brussels, Belgium  
Room: D2



# PROGRAMME

## 18:00 - 18:10 Keynote speaker

Stefan Uhlenbrook, Coordinator, United Nations World Water Assessment Programme of UNESCO

## 18:10 - 18:20 Keynote speaker

Paolo Ciccarelli, C5 Head of Unit, European Commission - DG for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO)

## 18:20 - 19:10 Interactive Open Dialogue with Audience and Speakers

*Moderators:*

- Eric Beaume, C5 Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission - DG for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO); *and*
- Lucilla Minelli, Programme Officer, United Nations World Water Assessment Programme of UNESCO.

*Speakers:*

- Céline Gilquin, Head of Water Unit, Agence Française de Développement
- Oswald Chanda, Officer in Charge, Water and Sanitation Department, African Development Bank
- Paolo Ciccarelli, C5 Head of Unit, European Commission - DG for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO)
- Stefan Uhlenbrook, Coordinator, United Nations World Water Assessment Programme of UNESCO

## 19:10 - 19:15 Closing remarks

## Sustainable water management enables the creation of decent jobs and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development!

The session will illustrate the linkages between water management and job creation, within the context of inclusive and sustainable growth including a circular economy. The key findings of the United Nations World Water Development Reports (WWDR) 2016 and 2017 on, respectively, 'Water and Jobs', and 'Wastewater: The Untapped Resource', will be presented and put in perspective to other socioeconomic phenomena such as migration and youth unemployment.

Water is indeed a key element in the creation of jobs in various sectors: it is estimated that 3 out of 4 jobs worldwide are water-dependent. Moreover, water stress and the lack of decent work can contribute to distress migration and other societal phenomena. A thorough understanding and related policy implementation for the sustainable management of water resources are crucial to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

More info on the WWDR:  
[www.unesco.org/water/wwap/wwdr](http://www.unesco.org/water/wwap/wwdr)

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