



THEMATIC SESSION 5A

River Ethics: Building Harmony between Human and River

🕒 10:30-12:00, 25 September 2024, Wednesday
📍 Beijing International Convention Center, Room 311#

Across the globe, the life of rivers is in critical danger, and there is an urgent need to seek new solutions to the river crisis. River protection and development have always been high on the Chinese government's agenda, and subsequently, the concept of *river life* was established, and ethical considerations of mankind were extended to rivers. This paradigm shift marked the commencement of a new era in China's river governance. The Chinese delegation proposed the initiative of "constructing river ethics" when attending the 2023 UN Water Conference. Furthermore, at the 2024 World Water Forum, a new report on "River Ethics and China's Practices" was released. In this thematic session, multi-lingual versions of the report are released, and various aspects of river ethics are discussed among a group of renowned experts.

SUB-THEME: Water and Watershed Ecosystem

ORGANIZER(S): China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research; UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office for East Asia

PROGRAM

10:30-10:43	Opening	Moderator: Qu Xiaodong
10:30-10:33	Welcome remarks and introduction of speakers	QU Xiaodong: Professor, China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research
10:33-10:38	Opening address	JIN Hai: Director-General, Department of International Cooperation, Science and Technology, Ministry of Water Resources of China
10:38-10:43	Opening address	Shahbaz Khan: Director, UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office for East Asia
10:43-10:57	Report launch	Moderator: QU Xiaodong
10:43-10:47	Report unveiling and	JIN Hai and Shahbaz Khan

	giveaway	
10:47-10:57	Address	Representatives from Uzbekistan and Tajikistan
10:57-11:57	Speeches and discussion	Moderator: Ai Sugiura
10:57-11:07	Presentation	ZHANG Yunchang: Counsel I (Director-General level), Department of Three Gorges Project Management, Ministry of Water Resources of China
11:07-11:17	Presentation	Asit K. Biswas: Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Glasgow, UK; Former President, International Association of Water Resources
11:17-11:27	Presentation	XIA Jun: Academician, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Professor, Wuhan University
11:27-11:37	Presentation	Marco Arcieri: President, International Committee on Irrigation and Drainage
11:37-11:47	Presentation	PENG Wenqi: Chief Engineer, China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research
11:47-11:57	Presentation	Ahmad Farub: Student in Business Administration, Youngsan University, South Korea
10:57-12:00	Conclusion	Moderator: Ai Sugiura
11:57-12:00	Closing remarks	Ai Sugiura: Program Specialist for Natural Sciences, UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office for East Asia

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