

2018 Danube Water Conference

Achieving sustainable water and sanitation services for all: progress, challenges and future actions

Conference concept: The conference starts with a plenary session with high-level keynote speeches to set the scene for the conference. The remaining of the afternoon is devoted to an interactive “deep dive” into international and national actions to achieve sustainable water and sanitation services. The next morning features parallel sessions presenting case studies on capacity development initiatives to improve sector governance and service delivery. This is followed by parallel sessions featuring implementation experiences in the field of inclusive sustainable water and sanitation services as well as improving utilities through innovations. The conference participants regroup after lunch for an interactive plenary session discussing regional capacity development initiatives. The conference is concluded with a high level panel and audience discussion.

Wednesday, May 2 <i>Venue: NH Danube City</i>	
12:00	Lunch
13:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Words (Austrian Ministry of Finances, IAWD, World Bank) • Brief introduction to the 2018 Danube Water Conference and the event agenda • Ice-breaker (electronic voting)
13:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Challenges of Achieving Sustainable Water and Sanitation Service in the Danube Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening keynote speech by a senior UN or EU representative on development and status of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal on Water • Second keynote speech by an IAWD representative on actions towards sustainable water and wastewater services in the Danube region • Questions and Answers

supported by:

15:00	Coffee Break
15:30	International and national actions to achieve sustainable water and sanitation services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 1: Panel discussion on international and regional actions contributing to the implementation of sustainable water and sanitation services in the Danube region (senior representatives of regional and international organizations) Part 2: Short presentations of national actions on how to strengthen the capacity to implement sustainable water and wastewater services (including case studies) Part 3: Round Tables/World Café Style discussion among all participants on future activities to strengthen capacities in the water sector
18:00	End of Day 1
19:30	Conference Dinner

Thursday, May 3 <i>Venue: NH Danube City</i>		
9:00	Smart policies for sector governance Case studies demonstrating how capacity development activities improve sector governance	Strong utilities for sustainable services Case studies demonstrating how capacity development activities improve sustainable services
10:45	Coffee Break	
11:15	Smart policies for inclusive services Initiatives for achieving inclusive sustainable water and sanitation services – implementation experiences	Strong utilities through innovation Innovations in water and sanitation service provision - implementation experiences
13:00	Lunch	
14:30	Regional capacity development initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 1: Presentations on status of regional capacity development initiatives (i.e. D-LeaP and RCDN) Part 2: Break-out groups to discuss potential needs and improvements of capacity development measures to ensure sustainability of water and sanitation services in the Danube region Part 3: Reporting back results from Part 2 	

16:30	Coffee Break
17:00	<p>Further steps for strengthening sustainable service provision in the Danube region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel and Audience Discussion • Wrap up and Key take home messages
17:45	End of Conference

List of potential business meetings on Friday May 4, 2018

- IAWD General Assembly
- Regulators meeting
- DANUBIS.org breakfast
- YWP national chapter's Chairs meeting
- D-LeaP Committee Council/RCDN PAB meeting
- IFIs meeting
- IWA Danube Meeting