

## Welcome to the DNC2015 Newsletter!

We are pleased to introduce to you the third issue of the DNC Newsletter. In the DNC Newsletter, you can find the latest news on the Dresden Nexus Conference 2015. In this issue, we provide information about:

- opening ceremony speakers
- afternoon plenaries
- closing ceremony speakers
- accessing position papers

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## Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony of DNC2015 will feature the following high-level speakers:

- > MinDir Volker Rieke, German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
- > Dr. Eva Stange, State Minister for Science and the Arts, Free State of Saxony (SWMK)
- > Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Hans Müller-Steinhagen, Rector of Technische Universität Dresden
- > Franz-Birger Marré, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

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## Afternoon plenaries

Each day there will be a plenary in the afternoon on the corresponding theme that aims to synthesize the outcomes of the day. Each afternoon plenary is twofold. First, a panel comprising the leading session conveners and experts from academia, research and politics will elaborate on the session outcomes. Together the panellist will discuss the results from the larger perspective of the overall conference themes "Global Change, SDGs, and the Nexus Approach".

Moderators of the afternoon plenaries are as follows:



János Bogárdi

Senior Fellow of the Center for Development Research of the University Bonn and Senior Advisor of the Global Water System Project (GWSP) (Day 1: Climate Change)



Bernhard Müller

Director of the Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER) in Dresden, Germany, Chair of Spatial Development at the Technische Universität Dresden and Director of the Dresden Leibniz Graduate School (Day 2: Urbanization)



Danka Thalmeinerova

Senior Knowledge Management Officer at the Global Water Partnership Organization and former water and environment expert for the Slovak Ministry of Environment (Day 3: Population Growth and the Increasing Demand for Environmental Resources)

The second important element of the afternoon plenary is the concluding talk. The aim of the concluding talk is to synthesize the major aspects emerging from the daily keynotes and related discussions, the outcome of the sessions and the panel discussion. The concluding talk will (i) analyze the overall outcomes of the day, (ii) provide recommendations for action related to the thematic topic of the day and (iii) provide an outlook for further research.

Concluding talks will be given by:



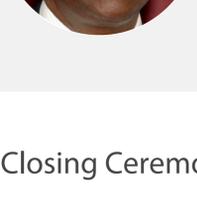
Rabi Mohtar

Endowed Professor at Texas AM University, USA and Founding Executive Director of Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI) (Day 1: Climate Change)



Stephen Curwell

Managing Director of Heys Environmental Consultants Ltd and former Professor of Sustainable Urban Development at the University of Salford, Manchester, UK where he was also the former Director of Design in the School of the Built Environment (Day 2: Urbanization)



Timothy O. Williams

Director for Africa at the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) (Day 3: Population Growth and the Increasing Demand for Environmental Resources)

## Closing Ceremony

To conclude DNC2015 and to help synthesize the outcomes of the three days, a closing ceremony will be delivered by the following speakers:



Rattan Lal

Distinguished University Professor of Soil Science and Director of the Carbon Management & Sequestration Center at the Ohio State University, USA, scientific advisor to IASS, Potsdam, Germany, member of the Federal Advisory Committee on Climate Assessment, and of the Scientific Advisory Board of DOD. Previously, he held positions at the Rockefeller Foundation, New Delhi, India, the University of Sydney, Australia, the IITA, Ibadan, Nigeria and Adjunct Professor at the University of Iceland, Reykjavik

Verena Klinger-Dering

German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)

## Position Papers

In parallel to the organizational activities of the Dresden Nexus Conference 2015, UNU-FLORES has arranged to develop position papers to help build and consolidate the background knowledge of the three topics covered during the conference.

An extended summary of each draft position paper along with background information about the author is now available for download at <https://flores.unu.edu/dnc2015-position-papers>. If you would like to receive the full working draft of any of the position papers, please contact [flores@unu.edu](mailto:flores@unu.edu).

## DNC2015 Background

As a follow up to the kick-off workshop on "Advancing a Nexus Approach to the Sustainable Management of Water, Soil and Waste", the first of the biennial Dresden Nexus conferences (DNC) will take place from 25-27 March 2015. The DNC2015 will assemble UN organizations, UNU institutes, member states, German ministries, national and international organizations as well as individual researchers and NGOs from around the world under the theme "Global Change, Sustainable Development Goals and the Nexus Approach".

The DNC2015 will present three thematic topics over the course of three days; each day will deal with one aspect of global change: climate, urbanization and population growth. It will be discussed how the integrated management of environmental resources guided by nexus approach may help to achieve the potential targets of the post-2015 agenda.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 15 February 2015 Deadline for conference enrolment
- 25 - 27 March 2015 Conference

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