



FAO/ Netherlands Conference on

SIDE EVENTS PROGRAMME

water for food
and ecosystems

MONDAY 31 JANUARY 2005

13.00 – 14.00 hrs - Maris Hall 1 (first floor)

From Know-how of Environmental Assessments to Implementation (MA/WAVE30) – FAO/UNEP/MA

The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA), launched by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in 2001, is an international work program designed to meet the needs of decision makers and the public for scientific information concerning the consequences of ecosystem change for human well-being and options for responding to those changes. Integrated response measures on water will be focused. (*Speakers: Henk Simons and Bruce Aylward*).

Following this assessment, the FAO-UNEP joint programme on WAVE30 aims to strengthen institutional and human capacity in the study pilot basins by building a coherent quantitative knowledge base, which will be shared and improved through stakeholder dialogues. Its implementation aims to guide policymakers and stakeholders in developing alternative, mitigative agricultural options. (*Speaker: Martin Adriaanse*)

“Lunch Refreshments Served”

13.00 – 14.00 hrs.- Mesdag Hall 2 (first floor)

Green Water Credits – IFAD/ISRIC-World Soil Information

Green water credits is a mechanism for direct payments to people in rural areas in return for water management activities that are currently unrecognised and un-rewarded. The benefits to poor people drive this initiative which, simultaneously, safeguards water resources and food security for everybody. The Green Water Credits proposal encompasses: 1) the development of a technically and financially feasible mechanism of green water credits that will be simple in operation, 2) building acceptance of payment for a resource that is at present free at source, 3) pilot operation in significant catchments where circumstances already favour acceptance of the principle, and 4) development of a global facility to underpin international financing.

“Lunch box and refreshments will be provided”

TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2005

13.00 – 14.00 hrs.- Maris Hall 1 (first floor)

New Learning for Water, food and ecosystems - IUCN

Participants of the conference have the opportunity to exchange views on capacity development and discuss the relevance and need for a range of new learning opportunities for professionals in the food, water and ecosystem sectors. New Learning is learning for change. It takes place at the individual level, the institutional level and the social level.

13.00 – 14.00 hrs.- Mesdag Hall 2 (first floor)

Water Governance for Holistic Values of Multi-functional Paddy Agriculture - INWEPF

The newly established International Network for Water and Ecosystem in Paddy Fields (INWEPF) will feature unique attributes of paddy water management established in long history of rice cultivation in monsoon Asia.

This will offer an excellent opportunity to discuss the importance of accounting multiple services and externalities of paddy farming in the water management decision making together with the effective institutional arrangement with special emphasis on "rural social capital building".

"A light meal with coffee will be provided at this event"

18.00 – 20.00 hrs.- Maris Hall 1 (first floor)

Payments for Environmental Services – FAO

Payment Schemes for Environmental Services (PES) are flexible, direct and promising compensation mechanisms for the financing of sustainable management of land and water resources, by which service providers are paid by service users. In watersheds this involves usually the implementation of market mechanisms to compensate upstream landowners in order to maintain or modify a particular land use, which is affecting the availability and/or quantity of downstream water resources. Usually this compensation is generated from payments made by down stream water users. Various experiences and lessons learned, especially from Latin America, will be presented and after the presentations, from 19:00-20:00 there will be an optional discussion session facilitated by different experts.

18.00 – 19.00 hrs.- Maris Hall 2 (first floor)

The Unseen Role of Wetlands – Wetlands International and Partners

Wetlands International and Partners will explore the role of wetlands in water resource management. We will pose the following questions:

- What is the role of wetlands for regulation of water supply and provision of food and livelihoods?
- How do we build wetlands into sustainable water resource planning?
- What are the urgent needs for capacity building?

18.00 – 19.00 hrs.- Mondriaan Foyer (first floor)

Reception hosted by Wageningen UR (WUR)

Bringing people and solutions together: taking action in water management

Talking on water solutions is important. Taking action is imperative. The Netherlands have a tradition where participation of farmers, water companies, NGO's and civilians is assured. .With a strong background in food production and ecosystems management, Wageningen University and Research Centre has played a role in The Netherlands as well as elsewhere. The "Wageningen approach" is multi-actor, multi-disciplinary, participative systems oriented, inventorizing and discussing improvement options with actors, literally bringing people and solutions together.

Successful examples of this approach will be presented, inviting you to join us in the setup of a coalition for action in water management.

We will make sure that food and drinks are provided.

18.00 – 20.00 hrs.- Mesdag Hall 2 (first floor)

Making Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) work for the poor – FAO-Netherlands Partnership Programme

The FAO-Netherlands Partnership Programme (FNPP) supports FAO's work to build capacity in poor countries for development planning and policy-making. The FNPP focuses on certain key areas that together encompass the scope of Water for Food and Ecosystems. It focuses on the three key areas of food security, agricultural biodiversity and forestry, and since 2003, activities in the field of IWRM have been undertaken across these three key areas. Specific attention has been given to the implications for and the involvement of the vulnerable groups in IWRM, especially for enhancing food security and agricultural biodiversity. The results and lessons learnt from these activities are presented and future steps will be introduced.

THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2005

13.00 – 14.00 hrs.- Maris Hall 1 (first floor)

Appropriate irrigation technology, food security and ecosystems (FAO-W3W)

Small Scale Irrigation Projects with Pedal Pumps in India, Tanzania, Madagascar and Burkina Faso. This water management method of the international NGO Water for the 3rd World (W3W) is used in different projects, respecting the ecosystem and resulting in sustainable agricultural development. It guarantees controlled use of water, social equity and economic profitability. Based on the rehabilitation experience after the cyclone in Orissa (East India) in 1999 the issue of its planned use in Tsunami affected regions will also be raised.

- The case study will be presented with a slide show and a video by Dr. A. Kohler, Head Swiss FAO-Secretariat, Federal Office of Agriculture.

13.00 – 14.00 hrs.- Maris Hall 2 (first floor)

Food Security and Ecosystems: Directing investment towards appropriate technologies – WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature)

Discussion of the preliminary results that are being generated under the WWF "Dialogue for Food Water and Environment" project that is supported by the Netherlands Department for International Cooperation (DGIS). Examination of the following cases:

1. Investing in decentralised water infrastructure (Tanks in the Godavari Basin, India);
2. Modifying water releases from dams to increase the productivity of flood plains (Kafue Basin, Zambia);
3. Alternatives to massive diversions: National dialogue on interlinking of rivers and its implications for the poor and ecosystems (India).

A closing discussion with participants would aim to identify lessons for the Conference and the overall Dialogue process.

(Note: sandwiches and drinks will be served in the meeting room: first come first served!)

18.00 – 19.00 hrs.- Maris Hall 1 (first floor)

Andean Region Experiences in Water for Agriculture and Ecosystems

The Consortium for Sustainable Development in the Andean Eco-region (CONDESAN) held a regional partner seminar entitled “Experiences and Methods of River Basin Management and their Contribution to Rural Development in the Andes – Challenges and Opportunities for Achieving Greater Impacts.” The seminar was held in recognition of the need to foster the synthesis and integration of knowledge at the eco-regional level among organizations that work on various aspects of water resources in the Andes. The event was held with the principal sponsorship of IFAD and the Challenge Program for Water and Food of the CGIAR. The program focused on four main aspects: a) instruments of analysis; b) environmental externalities; c) social participation and governability, and d) policies and legislation. The results of the meeting were synthesized in relation to the FAO/Netherlands International Seminar on Water, Food and Ecosystems. Synthesized results will be presented with a slide show and a closing discussion will be open to consider participant’s suggestions and other experiences.

18.00 – 19.00 hrs.- Mesdag Hall 2 (first floor)

River Basin Management: a negotiated approach – Both ENDS and Gomukh

Developing de Bhima Basin Management Plan from a local perspective
NGO experts from FUDEU (Costa Rica) and Gomukh (India) will share their successful experience with up-scaling local activities to regional policies that respond to both ecosystem and development needs. Participants are invited to share their experiences and offer their suggestions on this bottom-up approach to basin management. *(Drinks and snacks will be provided)*