

Program

09:30h Opening Ceremony

Alberto Garrido, *Professor, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid and Director, Water Observatory of the Botín Foundation, Spain*

Glenda Humiston, *Vice President, Agriculture and Nat. Resources, Univ. California, USA*

Soroosh Sorooshian, *Rosenberg Forum Chair; Dist. Prof., Civil & Env.Eng. and Earth System Sc. Depts.; Director, Ctr. for Hydrometeorology & Remote Sensing, Univ. of California, USA*

Moderated by Lucia De Stefano, Associate Professor, Universidad Complutense de Madrid and Deputy Director, Water Observatory of the Botín Foundation, Spain

09:40h Keynote Presentation: Overview of Wastewater Treatment Challenges and Solutions

Manzoor Qadir, *Deputy Director, United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH), Canada*

Moderated by Ariel Dinar, Distinguished Professor, Emeritus, School of Public Policy, University of California, Riverside, USA

Session I: Policy Approaches to Wastewater Management and Treatment in Spain and the United States. *Moderated by Erik Porse, Director, California Institute for Water Resources, Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of California, USA*

10:20h Policy Approach to Wastewaters Management in the US

Erik Porse, *Director, California Institute for Water Resources, Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of California, USA*

10:50h Understanding the Gap in Wastewater Access Through California Experiences

Erik Porse, *Director, California Institute for Water Resources, Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of California, USA*

11:05h EU Approach to Urban Wastewater Treatment: Lessons Learned and Challenges from the Negotiation of the 2024 Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive

Carlos Aragón Cruz, *Senior technician, Sub-directorate for Hydrological Planning, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain*

11:35h Break

Session II: Insights from Cases Studies. *Moderated by Christina Babbitt, Global Water Lead, Starbucks, USA*

12:05h Introduction

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12:10h Policy Approach in Chile and How Corporations are Implementing it and Inspiring Approaches

Guillermo Donoso Harris, Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, and Director, Water Law and Management Center, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile

12:40h The Role of Water Regulators in the Implementation of Water Legislation in EU Member States

Christian Minelli, Head of Secretariat, European Water Regulators (WAREG) and Civil Servant, The Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment, Italy

13:10h Forever Chemicals and Wastewater Challenges in the US: A Look at Tucson, Arizona

Andrea Gerlak, Professor, School of Geography, Development and Environment and a Research Professor and Director, Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona, USA

13:40h Q&A and Discussion

Moderated by: Julia Bucknall, Director, Environmental and Natural Resources, The World Bank, USA, and Lucia De Stefano, Associate Professor, Complutense University of Madrid and Deputy Director, Water Observatory of the Botín Foundation, Spain

14:20h Closing Remarks

Alberto Garrido, Director, Water Observatory of the Botín Foundation and Professor, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain

Erik Porse, Director, California Institute for Water Resources, Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of California, USA

14:30h Adjourn