**Programme - EIP Water Conference 2014**



**Draft programme**

**Wednesday, 5 November 2014**

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| **Item** | **Time** | **Subject** | **Speaker/content** |
| 1 | 08.00 | **Registration and coffee** |   |
| 2 | 09.30 | **Opening/Welcome** | Ms. Marianne Wenning (European Commission, Director Quality of Life, Water & Air), Mr. Xavier Trias (Mayor of Barcelona, tbc), Mr. Joan Puigdollers (Councillor for the Environment and Urban Services of Barcelona) |
| 3 | 10.00 | **The role of innovation in today's society** | (1) Ms. Carmen Vela (State Secretary for Innovation, Spain)(2) Mr. Yannick Fovet (Director, Water Solutions, BASF) |
| 4 | 10.50 | **The EIP Water "auction" - connecting water innovation demand and supply** | Moderated session on connecting EU Member States demand and (EIP Water) supply. Four Member States Water Directors (Ms. Liana Ardiles - ES, Mr. Jan Busstra - NL, Ms. Darja Stanič Racman - SI, and Ms. Sonia Phippard - UK) will explain their water management challenges, and innovative proposals are expected from EIP Water Action Groups and the audience.Session Chair: Mr. Harry van Dorenmalen (Chairman, IBM Europe)Wrap up: Mr. Peter Gammeltoft (former Head of Unit DG ENV) |
| 5 | 12:15 | **The African market for water innovation** | Presentation of market study on water innovation opportunities in Africa by Prof. Nunes Correia (Portuguese Water Partnership) |
| 6 | 12.30 | **Networking buffet and exhibition** |   |
| 7 | 14.00 | **Innovation demand from the private sector** | Mr. Tomas Michel (Manager Technology Centers AQUALOGY & Chairman WssTP) |
| 8 | 14:20 | **Connecting public sector needs to water innovators** | Mr. Wim van Vierssen (CEO, KWR Watercycle Research Institute) |
| 9 | 14:40 | **Stimulating investment in water innovation from the financial sector** | Presentation of financial instruments for water innovation. Ms. Monica Scatasta (Head of Division, Water and Waste Management, European Investment Bank) and a representative from the EIF (to be announced) |
| 10 | 15.00 | **Networking coffee break**  |   |
| 11 | 15.30 | **How corporate stewardship is driving innovation in water** | Presentation of CDP Global Water Report 2014 and moderated discussion with (1) Mr. Paul Simpson (CEO, CDP), (2) Ms. Cate Lamb (Head of Water at CDP), and (3) Ms. Usha Rao-Monari (CEO, Global Water Development Partners) |
| 12 | 16.00 | **Resolving the bottlenecks and barriers to water innovation in the EU** | Our afternoon presenters will convene on the stage for a debate on bottlenecks and barriers to innovation in water and what we should do about them |
| 13 | 17.15 | **Closing remarks** | Mr. Karl Falkenberg, Director-General for the Environment, European Commission |
| 14 | 17.30 | **Networking and exhibition** |   |
| 15 | 19:30 | **End of conference** |   |

**Thursday, 6 November 2014**

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| Morning | **Site visits** | Organised excursions to innovative water management or water technology sites to serve as case studies |
| Morning & Afternoon | **Back-to-back meetings** | Open or closed back-to-back meetings, working group meetings or discussion forums |