



# Ecohydrology Symposium

*“Shaping sustainable water solutions through nature-based and transdisciplinary approaches”*

A side event during the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the IHP and 60 years of UNESCO Water Sciences

Zoom Registration



12 June 2025 | 14:00- 17:30

UNESCO HQ Paris, France





The Ecohydrology Symposium, organized as a dedicated side event during the global celebration of the “50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IHP and 60 years of UNESCO Water Sciences” on 12 June 2025 at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. The aim is to highlight the role of ecohydrology in shaping sustainable water solutions through nature-based and transdisciplinary approaches. In order to highlight scientific discoveries, innovations and achievements on Ecohydrology from throughout the UNESCO Water Family and extended ecohydrology network, the event will bring together Global network of UNESCO Ecohydrology Demonstration Sites, Ecohydrology Lab Network, Ecohydrology Youth Network, and other Ecohydrology practitioners, experts and partners. Additionally, it will be an opportunity to honor ecohydrology's distinctive contributions to IHP's mission and its alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, ecosystem restoration, biodiversity conservation, Global Geopark and Biosphere Reserves general objectives.

**Objectives:**

- Celebrate and contribute to the 50th Anniversary of IHP and 60 years of water sciences at UNESCO
- Share results and innovations from Ecohydrology Demonstration Sites and scientific networks.
- Foster dialogue between researchers, policy-makers, and stakeholders to upscale ecohydrology solutions.
- Strengthen collaboration among the global ecohydrology community and networks.

## Agenda

Time	Description	Speaker(s)
14h00–14h05	Welcome Remark	Ms Rahmah Elfithri, Chief of Section, Capacity Development and Water Family Coordination, UNESCO-IHP
14h05–14h10	Opening Remark	Mr Mariusz Lewicki, Permanent Delegate of the Republic of Poland to UNESCO
14h10–14h20	Keynote 1: <b><i>"Why Transdisciplinary Ecohydrology becomes the "Rocket Science" for SDG acceleration"</i></b>	Mr Maciej Zalewski, European Regional Centre for Ecohydrology (ERCE) of the Polish Academy of Sciences under the auspices of UNESCO, Poland
14h20-14h30	Keynote 2: <b><i>"River Culture : Human/River Connectivity to discover and implement ecohydrological solutions"</i></b>	Mr Karl Matthias Wantzen, UNESCO Chair on Rivers & Heritage at Tours University, France
14h30-15h30	Panel Discussion  <b><i>"What added value transdisciplinary ecohydrology has been providing to the IHP and water sciences? "</i></b>  <b><i>"What should be the synergies of trandisciplinary ecohydrology with water, environment and sustainability sciences?"</i></b>	<i>Moderator:</i> Ms Rahmah Elfithri, Chief of Section, Capacity Development and Water Family Coordination, UNESCO-IHP  <i>Panelists:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr Andras Szöllösi-Nagy, UNESCO Chair in Water Conflict Management, Hungary</li> <li>2. Mr Johannes Cullmann, Federal Institute of Hydrology, Germany</li> <li>3. Mr Shahbaz Khan, Director, UNESCO Beijing Office</li> <li>4. Mr Benjamin Lopez, CEO Water4All</li> <li>5. Mr Michele Mossa, IAHR</li> <li>6. Mr Omogbemi O. Yaya, Director, Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management (RC-IRBM) under the auspices of UNESCO, Nigeria</li> </ol> <i>Rapporteur:</i> Ms Geetika Chauhan, EHYN
15h30-16h00	Coffee Break	

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16h00–16h10	Keynote 3: <b>“Global Network of UNESCO Ecohydrology Demonstration Sites”</b>	Ms Rahmah Elfithri, Global Coordinator, Ecohydrology Programme & Chief of Section, Capacity Development and Water Family Coordination, UNESCO-IHP
16h10-16h15	Keynote 4: <b>“Ecohydrology Lab Network</b>	Mr Stefano Fazi, Research Director, National Research Council-Water Research Institute (IRSA-CNR), Italy
16h15-16h20	Keynote 5: <b>“Ecohydrology Youth Network”</b>	Mr Pawet Jarosiewicz, President, Ecohydrology Youth Network (EHYN) & UNESCO Chair on Applied Ecohydrology at University of Lodz, Poland
16h20–17h20	Presentation Session  <b>Ecohydrology Demonstration Sites Activities and Developments</b>	Moderator: Mr Giuseppe Arduino, UNESCO Chair at University of Algarve, Portugal  Presenters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr Luis Chicharo, Portugal</li> <li>2. Mr Zhe Li, China</li> <li>3. Mr Marco Albarracin, Ecuador</li> <li>4. Ms Oula Amrouni, Tunisia</li> <li>5. Mr Stefan Krause, UK</li> <li>6. Mr Nic Paccini, Kenya</li> <li>7. Mr Ignasius Sutapa, Indonesia</li> <li>8. Mr Remy Rozainy, Malaysia</li> <li>9. Ms Anny Chavez, Costa Rica</li> <li>10. Mr Jose Gaona, Colombia</li> <li>11. Ms Seungyeon Shin, Republic of Korea</li> </ol> <i>Rapporteur: Ms Sonam Yankee Phurba, EHYN</i>
17h20-17h30	Closing Remarks  Certificate Presentation for <b>New UNESCO Ecohydrology Demonstration Sites 2024</b>  Launching of <b>New Call 2025</b>	Ms Rahmah Elfithri, UNESCO-IHP Mr Maciej Zalewski, ERCE, Poland