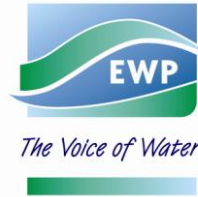




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SIDE EVENT:

THE UN WATERCOURSES CONVENTION: WHAT IS IN IT FOR EUROPEAN COUNTRIES?

Monday, August 17, 17.45-18.45, Room T4

The side event will promote discussions on the role and relevance of the *1997 UN Convention on the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses* to European states. It will bring together experts and key actors to explore how the Convention can catalyse knowledge and experience exchange with other regions, serve as a legal framework to support development cooperation policies and transboundary climate change adaptation, and foster international peace and security in shared watersheds around the world.

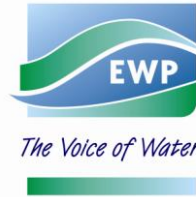
The event will build on the momentum resulting from the high-level ceremony during the 5th World Water Forum, which celebrated the countries leading the Convention's ratification process. We will invite participants to report on progress on additional ratifications under the **postcard campaign** and to outline a roadmap towards having the UN Watercourses Convention **in force by 2011**.

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AGENDA

- 17.45-17.55 **WELCOME REMARKS:** Udo Gattenlöhner, Executive Director, Global Nature Fund
INTRODUCTION: Flavia Loures, Senior Program Officer, International Law and Policy, Freshwater Programme, WWF
- 17.55-18.35 **PANEL DISCUSSIONS – Moderator: Lesha Witmer, Consultant**
 Panellists:
Anders Berntell, Executive Director, SIWI
Friedrich Barth, European Water Partnership
Prof. Patricia Wouters, Director, IHP-HELP Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, under the auspices of UNESCO (Centre for Water Law, Policy & Science)
Cecilia Scharp, CS Head of Team for Sustainable Services, Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)
- 18.35-18.45 **CLOSING REMARKS**
Annika Nilsson, Head of section: Water, Ministry of the Environment, Sweden
Lasse Gustavsson, Secretary-General, WWF Sweden

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