

Sixth Water Information Summit Breaking the Barriers: Let Water Information Flow!

Day 1 **Tuesday** September 9, 2003: Summit and 35th Anniversary of IRC

8.00-9.00 *Registration and coffee*

9.15-10.45

Welcome / introduction

- ✓ Welcome by Paul van Koppen, Director of IRC (10 min)
- ✓ Water Information Summit in UNESCO-IHE, Maarten Blokland, UNESCO-IHE (5min)
- ✓ The millennium development goals in historical perspective by Sir Richard Jolly, WSSCC (20min) [[Read the paper](#) ; [check the 'UN goals' table](#)]
- ✓ The Dutch view on the MDGs by Ton Boon von Ochssee, DGIS (15min)
- ✓ Seeking a quantum leap: Tying information technology with development work by Sam Pitroda, Worldtel (40 min)

10.45-11.15 *Coffee*

11.15-12.45

- ✓ Closing the knowledge gap in support of the MDGs in the Sector by Jan Teun Visscher (20min) [[Read the paper](#)]
- ✓ Opportunities and constraints of ICT developments for regional capacity building programmes by Jasveen Jairat SaciWATERS and CAPNET (20 min) [[Read the paper](#)]
- ✓ State of the art on knowledge sharing and narrative by Dave Snowdon, IBM (50 min) [Read '[Narrative patterns](#)' – Read '[Managing for serendipity](#)']

12.45-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-14.45

- ✓ Learning about information needs Umesh Pandey, NEWAH, Nepal [[Read the paper](#)]
- ✓ The value of local learning and adaptation, Edgar Quiroga, Cinara, Colombia
- ✓ Building NGO capacity through information, Carolina Batanda, UWASNET, Uganda [[Read the paper](#)]

14.45-15.15

- ✓ Innovative learning by Atem Ramsundersingh (UNESCO-IHE) includes video presentation

15.15-15.45 *Tea/Coffee*

15.45 – 16.45

Panel interview/discussion: Knowledge management; Investing in tools or creative thinking (IHE-IRC)

16.45-17.30

IRC 35th Anniversary

- ✓ Launch of the booklet Water Stories
- ✓ Launch of video 'Knowledge is Power'

Cocktail
Dinner buffet

Day 2 Wednesday September 10

8.45 – 10.45

The Future of Water Portals (11 papers) (Viktor Markowski, Pilar Gonzalez, Terry Dodge)

- ✓ Overview on water portal development Viktor Markowski, IRC
[\[Read the paper\]](#)
- ✓ Water Portal of the Americas Pilar Gonzales, UNESCO
[\[Read the paper\]](#)
- ✓ Pakistan Water Gateway, Asad Zaman, IUCN/WCU
[\[Read the paper\]](#)
- ✓ Globwinet critical aspects of a net based information system (GTZ)
[\[Read the paper\]](#)
- ✓ Virtual Library of CEPIS, Marta Bryce, CEPIS
[\[Read the paper\]](#)

11.15 – 12.45

Networking, Partnership Development and working with community level information (6 papers) (Tunde Adegoke and Kees Leendertse)

- ✓ Nile Basin Capacity Building Network for River Engineering by Heasham Ghany
[\[Read the paper\]](#)
- ✓ Building Partnerships by Herold Gopaul
[\[Read the paper\]](#)
- ✓ NGO Forum: a Nodal Point for Knowledge Sharing and Networking in Bangladesh, interview with Shirin Biswas
[\[Read the paper\]](#)
- ✓ Case study of an Arsenic affected district--Information sharing by the community through existing network by Sumantra Choudhury

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 17.00

Discussion Groups (1)

- ✓ The Future of Water Portals; (Viktor Markowski and Pilar Gonzalez)
- ✓ Networking at country level to make use of complementarity (Tunde Adegoke and Kees Leendertse)
- ✓ Water news services (Darren Saywell, Ewen Le Borgne and Cor Dietvorst)

17.00 – 18.00

Poster presentations (2)

20.00 – 21.30

Start-up Workshop on Knowledge Management (Jaap Pels and Dann Sklarew)

Day 3 Thursday September 11

8.45 – 10.30

E-learning: Tools, Potential & Experience (3 papers); (Tjalling Vonk, IICD)

- ✓ Overview of E-learning; Recent developments and potential by Gerd Junne (AU/IICD) (20 m)
- ✓ New approaches to institutional arrangement and management, the role of education and capacity building by Hayley Rodkin (DWAF)
[\[Read the paper\]](#)
- ✓ The UN Water virtual learning centre by Colin Mayfield (INWEH)
[\[Read the paper\]](#)
- ✓ Putting e-learning in practice; hands-on experience by Slavco Velickov (UNESCO-IHE) (25m)

11.00 – 12.45

Making data accessible and understandable (5 papers) Dann Sklerew and Janot Mendler)

- ✓ The impact of hydro-climatological information services on IWRM, Ibrahim Olomoda
[\[Read the paper\]](#)
- ✓ Climate and Water Data Transfers via Internet: From vision to action, Luc Vescovi
[\[Read the paper\]](#)
- ✓ Aquastat - Getting to grips with water information for agriculture, Karen Frenken
[\[Read the paper\]](#)

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14.00 – 14.45

Assuring quality of information

- ✓ Interview with Byron Mook and Terry Dodge by Ton Schouten

14.45 – 18.00

Discussion groups (II)

- ✓ The Future of Water Portals; Portal Development Viktor Markowski and Pilar Gonzalez
- ✓ Quality assurance of information (Byron Mook, David Moody)
- ✓ E-learning (Janot Mendler)
[\[Read the paper\]](#)
- ✓ Making data user friendly (Dann Sklarew)
- ✓ Information sharing and promotion at community level (Ton Schouten)

Day 4 **Friday** September 12

8.45 – 10.15

Communication tools and techniques

- ✓ A scoping study into the gendered use and potential of electronic conferencing, Julie Fisher
[\[Read the paper\]](#)
- ✓ Winning poster presentation
- ✓ Practical experience with GDLN facilitated by Atem Ramsundersingh (UNESCO-IHE)

10.45 – 12.45

Introduction on Knowledge Management in Practice

- ✓ Overview and trends in KM by Denise Bedford (WB)
- ✓ The knowledge value chain by Carel Keuls (Delft Cluster)
- ✓ Testing a KM tool with the audience (IRC/IW-Learn)

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14.00 – 16.45

Plenary presentation and discussion of working group results, chaired by Paul van Koppen, IRC

- ✓ Presentation output working groups
- ✓ Plenary discussion

16.45 – 17.00

Closing remarks / Take homes