The 3rd Water & Peace Seminar aims to better understand the role of data in science-policy interactions over transboundary water, based on different case studies from around the world. It focuses on how policy-processes influence data collection and information development, and in turn how this influences policy-making over shared waters.

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REGISTRATION WITH COFFEE AND TEA

09.15 Welcome and introduction to the theme of the Seminar
Pieter van der Zaag, Professor of Integrated Water Resources Management, IHE Delft and Aaron Wolf, Professor of Geography, Oregon State University

09.35 Energizer and introductions
Rozemarijn ter Horst, IHE Delft

09.50 Data and information sharing in the context of international water law and diplomacy
Joyeeta Gupta, Professor of Law and Policy in Water Resources and Environment, IHE Delft/University of Amsterdam and Susanne Schmeier, IHE Delft

10.10 Reflections on power, data and transboundary waters: comparing case studies
Patience Mukuyu and Alan Nicol, IWMI

10.40 Data and water cooperation in the Mekong
Anoulak Kittikhoun, Mekong River Commission, and Susanne Schmeier

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11.30 Round tables: exploring case studies from around the world
In smaller groups, the participants will together explore cases in which data was produced for transboundary water cooperation. In a first round, all participants who wish to share briefly pitch their case study. Together, the participants decide which cases will be further discussed, and will reflect on:

- What was the issue that required data collection?
- Who demanded the data to be part of the process?
- What was the attitude of affected parties/states towards the project?
- Who was invited to produce data and why?
- How did the data play a role in the political process?

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14.00 Case studies: Challenges and opportunities researchers, consultants and civil society actors face related to data and water cooperation
The Cauvery
K.S. Chaitanya and Rozemarijn ter Horst
Nepal, India and Bangladesh
Mandakini Devasher Surie

15.00 Round tables: reflections on interactions between data producers, diplomats and decision makers
In smaller groups, the participants will reflect on how data are often considered as a neutral input for decision making over transboundary waters, and therefore a potential entry-point for cooperation. The following questions guide the discussion:

- How do collectors and producers of data influence or contribute to political processes, and does this matter?
- How do policy makers and political processes influence data collection, and does this matter?
- How do data and information contribute to more constructive cooperation?
- How do data collected, or the related process, contribute to destructive conflict?

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16.20 Reporting back from the round tables

17.00 Inspirational concluding remarks: data and water diplomacy in a changing world
Joyeeta Gupta

DINNER AT INSTOCK

The roundtables will be guided by:
Melissa McCracken
Jacob Petersen-Perlman
Lesha Witmer
Jos Timmerman
Emilie Broek
Mohsen Nagheeby

Dinner at InStock where the chefs create the most delicious and dinner from food surplus. Address: Buitenhof 36, The Hague, a 5 minutes walk from the Humanity Hub.
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09.00 Reflection on day 1 of the Seminar
  Jenniver Sehring, IHE Delft

09.20 Case studies: Challenges and opportunities water managers and diplomats face related to data and water cooperation
  The Orange River
  Maria Amakali, Director of Water Resources Management, Namibian Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry

  Communicating on dam management in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Zambia
  Rosaque João Guale, Director of the Water Resources and Environment Directorate, HCB, Mozambique

  The Kura River Basin
  Nino Malashkhia

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11.15 Round tables: Towards cooperation-aware and conflict-sensitive data and information management?
  In smaller groups, the participants will discuss:
  • What are best and worst practices of data producers in the context of transboundary water conflict?
  • What are best and worst practices of decision makers with regard to data in the context of transboundary water conflict?
  • How can these worst practices be avoided/overcome?
  • Do we need to manage data and information in a different way when it concerns water conflict and cooperation? If so, what are best and bad practices?

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14.00 Reporting back from the round tables

14.30 Plenary discussion: How we can contribute to cooperation-aware and conflict-sensitive data and information management for transboundary waters?

15.30 Summarising and reflecting keynotes
  Pieter van der Zaag and Aaron Wolf

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