

With the rapid and intense development of water resources in the 20th century, relations between the riparian states in the utilization of transboundary water resources have become increasingly important. Water diplomacy includes methods and means adopted to enhance cooperation and mitigate disagreements. The classical definition of water diplomacy refers to dialogue, consultation mechanisms, and negotiations between the official representatives of the states with an aim to reach an agreement or a common understanding on transboundary water issues. Water diplomacy practices occur in the intersection of science and policy, and find various applications not only at transboundary level, but also at the national and sectoral levels where use, management, and allocation of water resources among sectors take place. The panel will highlight the importance of science in water diplomacy and relevant methods, stakeholders, and institutions in that respect. The impact of science and politics in water diplomacy practices will be discussed in general with conceptual and case-study analysis involving international, national and sectoral water relations.

Keynote: "Science and Water Diplomacy"
Prof. Dr. Yusuf Baran, President
Izmir Institute of Technology

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Kibaroğlu Izmir Institute of Technology and MEF University

"Water diplomacy: concept and practice"

Prof. Dr. Susanne Schmeier

Water Law and Diplomacy, IHE Delft

"Contributions of professional and scientific networks to water diplomacy" **Prof. Dr. Olcay Ünver** Arizona State University

Simla Yasemin Özkaya Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Türkiye

"International water law and water diplomacy: looking forward" **Prof. Dr. Patricia Wouters** International Water Law Academy, Wuhan

Coffee Break

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Alper Baba, Vice President Izmir Institute of Technology

"Interaction between Track I and Track II water diplomacy:
Blue Peace in the Middle East"

Prof. Dr. Abmost Moto Costo:

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Mete Saatçi

World Water Council

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Republic of Türkiye

"Water diplomacy in a regional context Central Asia legal and institutional frameworks" **Prof. Dr. Sergei Vinogradov** International Water Law Academy, Wuhan

