



**Valuing Water: Bonn Water Network celebrates World Water Day 2021
with launch of Handbook of Water Resources Management and
round table discussion**

Tuesday March 23, 2021 | Bonn, Germany 5:00- 6:30 pm (CET)

Dear Madam, Sir, colleagues,

The [Bonn Water Network](#)*) cordially invites you to join a virtual event on the occasion of (*and one day after the actual*) World Water Day 2021 on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 5:00- 6:30 pm (CET)

Please register via zoom **here**: https://uni-bonn.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1Le-D_2uSy2gGMTVFBgNOQ

World Water Day 2021: Valuing Water

[World Water Day](#) became a UN observance day in 1993. On March 22 every year, people and organizations around the world mark World Water Day by taking action to tackle the global water crisis. [World Water Day 2021](#) focuses on the theme 'Valuing Water'. This focus extends beyond issues of pricing and includes the environmental, social, and cultural value people place on water. [Luna Bharati](#) (Co-spokesperson of the BWN) will open the event. [Bonn's Mayor Katja Dörner](#) will say a few words per video message about how the City of Bonn relates to Water.

Book launch

[Danilo Türk](#) (former president of Slovenia and Geneva Water Hub), Margaret Deignan ([Springer Nature](#)), and [Janos Bogardi](#) (editor) will officially launch The [Handbook of Water Resources Management: Discourses, Concepts and Examples](#)' (published by Springer, 2021). This multi- and interdisciplinary publication aims at facilitating communication and dialogue between actors of the international community involved in water resources management, discourses and multi-level decision-making processes. It provides the reader with facts, theories, methods and practical illustrations from a wide array of disciplines with relevance to water resources management, including hydrology, geology, geophysics, law, ethics, economics, ecology, engineering, sociology, and diplomacy

Round table discussion

Annabelle Houdret (DIE), speaker of the Bonn Water Network, will moderate the roundtable discussion with authors of the handbook and members of the Bonn Water Network relating their contributions to the World Water Day's topic of 'valuing water'. [Zita Sebesvari \(UNU- EHS\)](#) will explain how different drivers, pressures and stressors challenge the value of water. [Bernhard Tischbein \(ZEF\)](#) will explore how to value water for the environment in a context of high demand and negative environmental impacts of water use for irrigation. [Ines Dombrowsky \(DIE\)](#) will explain the role and effectiveness of river basin organizations in mediating different water needs and values. [Mahsa Motlagh \(Bonn Alliance\)](#) will explore how emerging digital technologies can contribute to better valuing water in sustainable governance approaches.

Program in brief

Time	Activity	Speakers
17:00-17:05	Welcome address and introduction by moderator	Luna Bharati , International Water Management Institute (IWMI), co-spokesperson Bonn Water Network; co-author of the Handbook
17:05-17:10	Welcome video Bonn Water	Mayor of Bonn Katja Dörner
17:10-17:15	Introduction to Handbook of Water Resources Management	Margaret Deignan, Senior Editor Springer Nature
17:15-17:30	Handbook of Water Resources Management: Goal and Objectives	Janos Bogardi , corresponding editor and co-author of the Handbook. University of Bonn, ZEF; Institute of Advanced Studies, Köszeg (iASK); Stellenbosch Institute of Advanced Studies (STIAS)
17:30-17:35	Remarks	Danilo Türk , former president of Slovenia; Geneva Water Hub; co-author of the Handbook
17:35-18:05	Round table discussion with authors	Annabelle Houdret , German Development Institute (DIE), Spokesperson Bonn Water Network
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mahsa Motlagh (Bonn Alliance)• Bernhard Tischbein (Center for Development Research Bonn University ZEF)• Zita Sebesvari (United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security UNU-EHS)• Ines Dombrowsky (DIE)
18:05- 18:25	Q&A	Annabelle Houdret (DIE) and Luna Bharati (IWMI)
18:25-18:30	Closing remarks and thanks	Annabelle Houdret, DIE

*) The [Bonn Water Network](#) consists of ten renowned institutions with longstanding experience on water and related issues: the *Bonn International Center for Conversion* ([BICC](#)); *Bonn University* with its *Institute of Geography* ([GIUB](#)) holding the UNESCO Chair in Human Water Systems, the *Center for Development Research* ([ZEF](#)) and the *Institute for Hygiene and Public Health* ([IHPH](#)); the *German Development Institute/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik* ([DIE](#)); the [IUCN](#) Environmental Law Center; the *International Water Management Institute* ([IWMI](#)) and three Bonn-based UN institutions: the *United Nations Institute for Environment and Human Security* ([UNU-EHS](#)) and the *Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification* ([UNCCD](#)) and the Global Water Operators Partnerships Alliance ([UN-Habitat/GWOPA](#)).

Contact for questions regarding content of this event:

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Please note: The event will be recorded and published online afterwards on the websites of the Bonn Water Network partners.