

WORKSHOP ON WATER AND TRADE LAW

Monday, March 3, 2003,
from 9:30 to 17:00
Graduate Institute of International Studies
Geneva, Switzerland.

Fresh water is one of the world's most precious resources. The World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg put water high on the agenda for the next two decades.

Ensuring adequate water supplies of acceptable quality requires an understanding of the interactions between laws related to water supply and use and international trade, investment, services, and agricultural markets. Scholars and policy-makers are only beginning to give attention to these issues. The Carnegie Corporation provided a modest grant to Georgetown University Law Center for a small pilot project on Water, Trade, and Investment.

We would like to invite you to a small informal Workshop on Water and Trade law to discuss these issues.

The Workshop, which is co-hosted by the Graduate Institute of International Studies, the Faculty of law of the University of Geneva and the Georgetown University Law Center (Institute for International Economic Law), will be held on Monday, March 3, 2003, from 9:30 to 17:00 at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. The number of participants is limited to allow for ample and fruitful discussions and interactions.

The Workshop will bring together both scholars and policy-makers concerned with the issues. Its purpose is to clarify the problems, explore the implications of trade law for fresh water management and of international water law for trade agreements and to provide critical comments on works in progress. We intend to distribute several draft papers as background for the discussion.

We very much hope that you can participate in the Workshop.
Please respond to Makane Mbengue (Makane.Mbengue@droit.unige.ch) to confirm your availability as soon as possible and no later than February 20, 2003.

We look forward to seeing you on the 3rd of March.

With best regards.

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Program

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Location: Graduate Institute of International Studies
132, rue de Lausanne, 1211 Genève 21

9:30 - 10:45 Session I: Transboundary Exports and Imports of Fresh Water: Geopolitical, Trade and Legal issues

Presentations by Urs Luterbacher (Professor, Graduate Institute of International Studies) and Edith Brown Weiss (Francis Cabell Brown Professor of International Law, Georgetown University Law Center).

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:45 Session II: Water Services, the GATS and Related Issues

Presentations by Mireille Cossy (Counsellor, Trade in Services Division, World Trade Organization) and Elizabeth Tuerk (Staff Attorney, Center for International Environmental Law) and Comments by Henri Smets (Director of the Association for the Development of Environmental Law and Economics (ADELE)).

12:45 - 14:00 Lunch (will be served on-site)

14:00 - 15:30 Session III: Water and Agriculture

Presentations by Nathalie Bernasconi Osterwalder (Lawyer, Center for International Environmental Law) and Ronald Jaubert (Professor, Graduate Institute of Development Studies).

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:00 Session VI: Resolution of Water and Trade Disputes

Presentation by Laurence Boisson de Chazournes (Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva and Visiting Professor, Graduate Institute of International Studies).