



## Water Crises: conflicts and opportunities

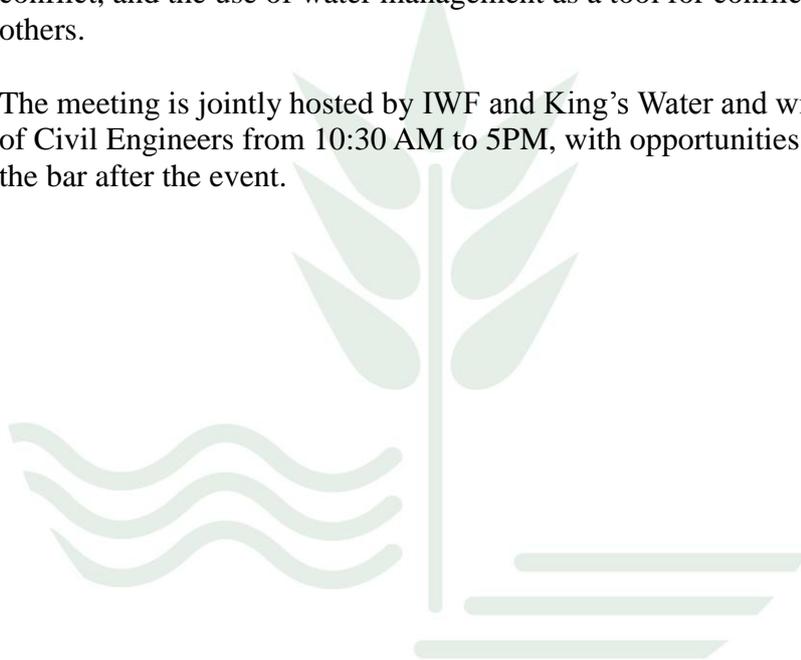
**One day Joint workshop with King's Water on Friday 11 November 2016 (10:30 to 17:00) at ICE  
Westminster SW1P 3AA**

There are growing concerns about the increasing frequency and severity of droughts and water scarcity remains high on international agenda. Water scarcity, together with climate, environment, and population stresses, compounds political instability and water conflict, and this requires emergency action both nationally and internationally. It is widely acknowledged that there are different types of scarcity (e.g. physical, economic) and the consequences of scarcity are context-dependent.

This seminar examines the relationship between water crises, particularly related to surface water, and conflict. It also looks at water crises through the lens of opportunity – exploring the interplay between conflict and cooperation in solving water crises, and exploring how water crises can act as a catalyst to improve water governance.

This one-day workshop will include presentations from IWF members, Kings Water, FAO and DFID among others. The full programme will be published shortly, and will include papers on characterisation and management of drought, challenging the war and water scarcity discourse; role of regional drought and climate change in contributing to conflict, and the use of water management as a tool for conflict resolution, amongst others.

The meeting is jointly hosted by IWF and King's Water and will be held in the Institution of Civil Engineers from 10:30 AM to 5PM, with opportunities to continue discussions in the bar after the event.





10:30 Registration

11:00 Introduction – Simon Howarth, Chair, IWF

11:05 Opening Remarks – Jean Paul Penrose –Senior Water Adviser at DFID

11:20 A global review of how we currently characterise and deal with drought – **Mohamed Bazza**, Senior Water Resources Officer, Land and Water Division, FAO. *Mohamed leads FAO's work on drought management. Previously, he led the water resources and irrigation program in the Near East and North Africa regions and was chief technical advisor on land and water conservation in Yemen. Prior to FAO, Mohamed was university professor of Agricultural Engineering at the Hassan II Agronomic and Veterinary Medicine Institute in Rabat, Morocco, and consultant with several organizations.*

12:00 Transboundary water conflict and cooperation and the role of power dynamics  
Panel discussion led by **Naho Miromachi**, *King's College London*

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Life-saving or state-building?** Navigating the paradoxes of humanitarian and peacebuilding objectives in the conflicted water context of Darfur **Brendan Bromwich**, *KCL*

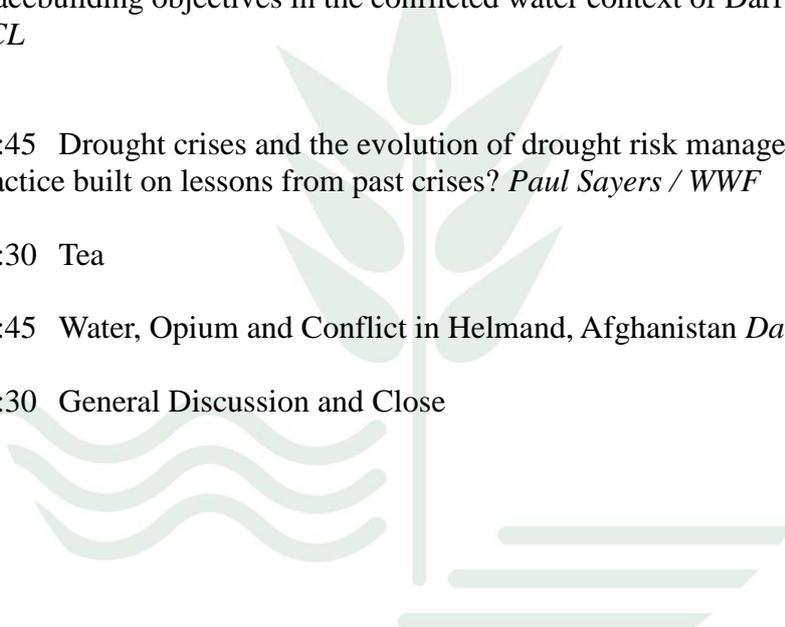
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14:45 Drought crises and the evolution of drought risk management: to what extent has practice built on lessons from past crises? *Paul Sayers / WWF*

15:30 Tea

15:45 Water, Opium and Conflict in Helmand, Afghanistan *David Mansfield, ALCIS*

16:30 General Discussion and Close



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**This event includes teas, coffees, lunch and networking.**

- Q&A will follow each presentation. Informal discussions may continue after the event.
- Capacity at this meeting is limited, and registrations will be confirmed on a first come first served basis. Please see below regarding registration.
- The Irrigation and Water Forum (IWF), formerly ICID.UK (the British Section of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage) is a not-for-profit organisation and the fees charged are for cost recovery only. In order to minimise administration costs, we need to receive payment in advance.

## Information

**Attendance fees** There are charges for Irrigation and Water Forum(IWF)/ICID members and non-members to attend this technical meeting – IWF members £30; Non-members £90 (includes 1 year membership) & students £15.

**Registration and payment:** Applicants need to apply and pay online

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**Location:** The meeting will be held at ICE, One Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA.

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