



HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON INLAND WATER TRANSPORT
Steering towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda:
the role, challenges and opportunities for inland water transport

22 February 2017, 9:30-12:30
 Room XXI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Programme

Time	Topic
9:30-9:40	WELCOME SPEECH AND INTRODUCTION
9:40-10:10	MINISTERIAL KEYNOTE SPEECHES
9:40-9:55	The development of inland waterways of the Russian Federation as a long-term and integrated project H. E. Mr. Maksim SOKOLOV, Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation
9:55-10:10	Inland water transport: experience of Niger H. E. Mr. Omar Hamidou TCHIANA, Minister of State of the Republic of Niger, Minister of Transport
10:10-10:50	PANEL 1: GOVERNMENTAL PANEL DISCUSSION INLAND WATER TRANSPORT OF TODAY AND TOMORROW
10:10-10:20	Inland Water Transport in Vietnam Mr. HOANG Hong Giang, Director General of Inland Water Transportation Department of Vietnam
10:20-10:30	Inland Water Transport in Poland Ms. Monika NIEMIEC-BUTRYN, Director of Department of Inland Navigation, Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation of Poland
10:30-10:50	Scheduled interventions and discussion
10:50-11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11.00-12.10	PANEL 2 ADDRESSING CHALLENGES ON INLAND WATER TRANSPORT THROUGH REGIONAL INTEGRATIONS AND IN DIFFERENT RIVER BASINS
11:00-11:10	CONNECTING EUROPE Inland Water Transport as an essential element of the TEN-T Corridors Mr. Matthew BALDWIN, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission
11:10-11:20	KNOCKING DOWN BARRIERS: Inland Water Transport policy in the Eurasian Union Mr. Maksim ASAUL, Deputy Director, Department of Transport and Infrastructure, Eurasian Economic Commission
11:20-11:50	THE VISION IN RIVER BASINS: Experience of River Commissions Mr. Bruno GEORGES, Secretary General, the Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine

	Mr. Petar MARGIĆ, Director-General, the Danube Commission
11:50-12:20	<p>THE VIEW OF THE INDUSTRY</p> <p>Mr. Alexander VAN DEN BOSCH, Director, the European Federation of inland ports</p> <p>Mr. Francis ZACHARIAE, Secretary-General, the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities</p> <p>Mrs. Theresia HACKSTEINER, General Secretary, European Barge Union, IVR</p> <p>Mr. Alexey KLYAVIN, Russian Chamber of Shipping</p> <p>Mr. Bernard ARITUA, Senior Infrastructure Specialist and Logistics Specialist, the World Bank</p>
12:20-12:30	<p>DISCUSSION and CONCLUSIONS</p> <p>Issues for further consideration</p>