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100 Years, Shared Lake Basins, Lessons Learned

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Afternoon Seminar

Convenors: United Nations University – International Network on Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH), International Joint Commission of Canada and the United States of America (IJC) and UNESCO Center for Water Law, Policy and Science

Seminar text:

Experts from North America and Africa will highlight common transboundary lake basin management and governance issues. Policymakers, decision-makers and scientists will explore lessons learned from the 100 years of managing shared lakes in North America – including eutrophication, fisheries exploitation, exotic species introductions, toxic contamination, lake level fluctuations, hydro-electric development, climate change, recent attempts to update the water regulation regimes, the changing environment and advances in hydrology and will make comparisons between the North American and African lakes. A general governance and institutional framework for transboundary lake basin management will also be discussed.

Event objectives:

1. A platform to share lessons learned in transboundary lake management on:
 - a. Institutional designs and public processes
 - b. Bridging science and policy gap
2. Common and emerging research-policy threads in the field of transboundary lake management

14:00 – 15:30

Co-Chairs: IJC Canadian Chair, the Rt. Honourable Herb Gray and Dr. Zafar Adeel
Moderator: Dr. Al Duda

14:00 – 14:10 Welcome and Introduction (Chair Gray, Dr. Zafar Adeel and Dr. Patricia Wouters)

14:10 – 14:25 Strengthening lake management systems through twinning of African and North American Lake Management Commissions Twinning Project (UNU – INWEH led by Dr. Zafar Adeel or Velma I Grover)

14:25 – 14:40 100 Years of Managing Shared Waters on the U.S. / Canada Boundary (IJC led by Commissioner Speck)

14:40 – 14:55 Lake Victoria: Experience and Lessons Learned (Lake Victoria Basin Commission led by Dr. Tom Okurut)

14:55 – 15:30 Panel Discussions

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30

16:00 – 16:15 The Governance Dimensions Of Large Lakes Management: Institutions for the Management of Shared Natural Resources (Great Lakes Fishery Commission, led by Dr. Marc Gaden)

16:15 – 16:30 Legal Frameworks for transboundary lake basin management (UNESCO- Centre for Water Law, Policy & Science, Dundee, Scotland led by Dr. Patricia Wouters)

16:30 – 16:45 Managing Freshwater Resources: Bridging Science and Policy and the Role of NGO's (The Nature Conservancy led by Dr. Karin Krchnak)

16:45 – 17:30 Panel Discussions

17:30 Close