

PROGRAMME

THE NORTH-SOUTH DIMENSIONS OF WATER SECURITY

Date: 14-15 May, 2015

Venue: Faculty of Law, H120 – North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus

THURSDAY: 14 MAY 2015

8:30-9:00 Registration and coffee

9:00-9:30 Welcome remarks and logistical arrangements

Professor Nicola Smit (Dean, Faculty of Law, NWU Potchefstroom)

Professor Tuomas Kuokkanen (University of Eastern Finland)

Professor Louis Kotzé (Research Professor, NWU Potchefstroom)

STREAM 1: SETTING THE SCENE [20 min presentation and 10 min questions]

Session Chair – Dr. Antti Belinskij

9:30-10:00 Keynote address: *Water security: what lies in a word?* (Mrs. Carin Bosman, Carin Bosman Sustainable Solutions)

STREAM 2: NORTHERN PERSPECTIVES [20 min presentation and 10 min questions]

Session Chair – Professor Louis Kotzé, NWU Potchefstroom)

10:00-10:30 *Water security and international law* (Professor Tuomas Kuokkanen, University of Eastern Finland)

10:30-11:00 *Water security and human rights* (Dr. Antti Belinskij, Principal administrator for legal affairs - Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland)

11:00-11:30 Refreshments

11:30-12:00 *Water security and the rule of law* (Mr. Niko Soininen, University of Eastern Finland)

12:00-12:30 *Water security and climate change* (Dr. Tuula Honkonen, University of Eastern Finland)

12:30-14:00 Lunch

STREAM 3: POST-GRADUATE SESSION [20 min presentation and 10 min questions]

Session Chair – Amanda Mugadza (LLD student, NWU Potchefstroom)

14:00-14:30 *Water and sanitation from an environmental justice perspective/paradigm* (Ms. Alison Geduld, Lecturer - NWU Potchefstroom)

14:30-15:00 *Water security in a transnational context.* (Mr. Caiphaz Soyapi, LLD candidate, NWU Potchefstroom)

15:00-15:30 *Water security through transformative constitutionalism* (Ms. Michelle Toxopeus, LLM Candidate, NWU Potchefstroom)

19:00 Dinner

Friday: 15 May 2015

8:30-9:00 **Arrival and coffee**

STREAM 4: SOUTHERN PERSPECTIVES [20 min presentation and 10 min questions]

Session Chair - Professor Willemien Du Plessis, NWU Potchefstroom

9:00-9:30 *Section 27 of the South African Constitution: where to now?* (Professor David Takacs, University of California)

9:30-10:00 *The role of local government in water security* (Professor Anél du Plessis, NWU Potchefstroom)

10:00-10:30 *Bridging the Public-Private Regulatory Divide: Non-state Actor Involvement in Providing Access to Water in South Africa* (Professor Louis Kotzé (NWU) and Dr. Oliver Fuo, University of the Free State)

10:30-11:00 **Refreshments**

11:00-12:00 *A future research agenda* (Facilitated by Professor Loretta Feris, University of Cape Town)

12:00-12:15 *Closing remarks* (Professor Louis Kotzé and Professor Tuomas Kuokkanen)

12:15-14:00 **Lunch and departure**