

## **Water Summit 2019**

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***Finance and Business Resilience under Climate Change:  
Water risk and opportunity***

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The Water Summit 2019 in association with BCG, Deutsche Borse, WWF and Reuters is a unique event on the global financial and water calendars. Targeted at CEOs and CFOs of financial institutions as well as companies that depend on water as an input in their products, processes and supply chains, the summit looks at water from an investment perspective.

Building on the success of the 2018 Water Summit in London, which brought together 29 global Leading Speakers and 185 participants, including 85 C-Suite delegates, this year's highly anticipated event is supported by AB InBev and the global Valuing Water Initiative and will be hosted by the Deutsche Borse in Frankfurt and will focus on the business and investment risks and opportunities linked to water and climate change.

There is a growing understanding that climate-related risks go beyond exposure to fossil fuels and that the financial impacts of the climate crisis will primarily come through water. But current approaches to climate related financial risks are not handling water well, and current approaches to water are not handling climate risks well.

This year's summit will highlight the need for financial institutions to adopt a new approach to water – one that incorporates a stronger approach to risk management while also supporting enhanced opportunities to mobilize debt and equity to invest and profit from the need for more resilient societies and economies.

The 2019 Summit will also focus on the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and how it needs more tools that can help with water-related scenarios and that can translate risks into financial impacts. Current ESG approaches do not take into account the contextual dimensions of water. Therefore the summit will also look at new, more robust approaches to integrate adaptation to climate change and account for risk, response and opportunity.

With water stress increasing, the Water Summit 2019 will provide investors and corporate leaders with another perspective – showing how investing in climate and water smart opportunities can waterproof their businesses and assets, contribute to climate resilience, enhance the health of freshwater ecosystems, and boost progress towards achieving SDG6 (Water for All) – a target many of the world's leading companies have signed up to.

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- 09.00 Welcoming remarks**  
*Dr Joachim Faber, Chair of the Board, Deutsche Börse*
- 9.10 Opening Keynote Address – Climate crisis: Water is the biggest risk but also the greatest opportunity**  
*Sabine Lautenschlager, European Central Bank Executive Committee (TBC)*
- 9.30 The Water Challenge – How water impacts your business and investments**  
*Shalini Unnikrishnan, Managing Director and Partner, BCG*
- 9.45 Keynote Address – Shifting financial flows for freshwater: new approach to managing risk & seizing opportunities**  
*Dr Gunther Braunig, CEO KfW (TBC)*
- 10.05 Panel discussion – Waterproofing investments as the climate changes: risks and responses**  
*CEO/CFO FI*  
*Sasja Beslik, MD, Head of Sustainable Finance Dev, J. Safra Sarasin*  
*Yannick Ouaknine, Head of Sustainability Research, Société Générale*  
*Susan Goeransson, Director, Head of Infrastructure Europe, EBRD*  
*Moderated by Margaret Kuhlrow, WWF Global Finance Practice Leader*
- The panel will delve into issues raised by keynote speeches, including new approaches to ESG integration that better accounts for risk, response, and opportunity as well as calls for greater disclosure.
- 10.40 Keynote address – Full disclosure: TCFD needs better tools to deal with water-related climate risks**  
*Vice-Chair of TCFD (TBC)*
- 11.00 Panel discussion: What does the EU Sustainable Finance Action plan mean for water related sectors**  
*German government + CEO/CFO multinational*  
*Shelagh Whitley, Director ESG, UN PRI*  
*Thibaud Clisson, Senior ESG Analyst, BNP Paribas*
- Moderated by Adrien Portafaix, Partner, BCG*
- EU Sustainable action plan has already delivered new green bond standards and sustainable finance taxonomy. What are the implications for investors and investees active in the water sector? Will this slow down many investments or will it create a rush to the greener ones?
- 12.00 Keynote Address – Banking on private finance: transforming funding for climate adaptation**  
*CEO FMO Peter van Mierlo leveraging private finance to fill investment gap*

**12.15 Panel discussion – Funding the gap: how private sector investments in water and climate adaptation make business sense**

*Commercial FI*

*Andrew Johnstone, CEO Climate Fund Managers*

*Ulrike Sapiro, Global Director, Water & Sustainable Agriculture, Coca-Cola*

*Sylvia Wisniewski, Managing Director, Finance in Motion*

*Tom Butler, CEO, International Council on Mining & Minerals*

*Moderated by Callie Stinson, World Economic Forum*

13.00 Networking Lunch

**14.00 How do Water Stewardship thinking and Climate Change guide our investments**

*Maurizio Paternello, CEO, Nestlé Waters*

*Interviewed by Editor, Reuters Breakingviews*

**14.20 Panel discussion – Transforming how water is valued in business and investment policies and practices to build climate resilience**

*CEO/CFO FI + CEO/CFO corporate*

*Monika Freyman CFA, Director, Investor Engagement Water*

*Philippe Prufer, CEO, SKP Investors*

*Andre Fourie, ABInbev, Global Water Director*

*Moderated by Henk Ovink, International Water Envoy, Dutch Government*

**15.00 Introduction to Watershed Moments**

**15.10 Watershed Moments**

Small group tables highlighting investment opportunities, innovations, solutions

Shifts in corporate and investor attitudes to water and climate are gathering momentum - and opportunities are increasing as well as tools and innovative approaches. In this session, our delegates join small break-out discussions for more in-depth conversations about the topics that matter most to them.

*Delegates choose one discussion to join, from the topics outlined below:*

**Table 1 – Game-changing opportunity for private finance: Dutch Fund for Climate & Development (DFCD)**

How investors can seize the opportunities presented by €160 million DFCD

*Hosted by Andrew Johnson, CEO Climate Fund Managers*

*Aaron Vermeulen, WWF Green Finance Lead*

**Table 2 – WAVE: Water and Valuation module within the Water Risk Filter**

Brand new valuation module and expanded response toolkit means the Water Risk Filter now enables companies & investors to explore their water risk, estimate value and respond to operational and reputational risk

*Hosted by Ariane Laporte-Bisquit, Water Risk Filter Lead*

**Table 3 – Valuing Water Initiative: Initial investments**

The Valuing Water Initiative (VWI) will demonstrate the practical application of the UN Valuing Water Principles through projects in different water value chains and sectors. VWI will use its convening power and access to heads of state, governments, businesses, NGOs and water experts to bring the systemic change required to understand, value and manage water

*Hosted by Ambika Jindal, VWI Global Project Lead*

**Table 4 – The new Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) Standards 2.0**  
Water risk can manifest itself in a variety of ways depending on sector and geography as well as other factors. The updated AWS Standard provides a common framework for business and investors to assess and respond to water risk, and to identify opportunities for value creation.

*Hosted by Scott McCready, Director of Engagement, AWS*

**Table 5 – EU financial regulations: taking water seriously?**

**Table 6 – Starting at the Source: how to introduce water into your decision making**

*Hosted by Jan Oltmanns, BCG*

**Table 7 – Blended finance toolbox**

*Hosted by Sophie Zielcke, BCG*

**Table 8 – Climate is Water: How climate change will increase water risk**

*Hosted by Andre Fourie, AB InBev*

**Table 9 – CERES**

*Hosted by Monika Freyman, CERES*

16.00 *Circular dialogues & networking coffee*

**16.30 Closing Address – Investing in the Climate and Water World We Want**

*Pavan Sukhdev, WWF International President*

16.45 **Chair’s closing remarks**

**17.00 AB InBev drinks reception**