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Conveners: UNESCO-International Hydrological Programme; Centre of Hydrometeorology, WWAP, FREEWAT, HOPE-Initiative, ECHN-IAH, IAH, UN-Habitat, USGS, WRC.

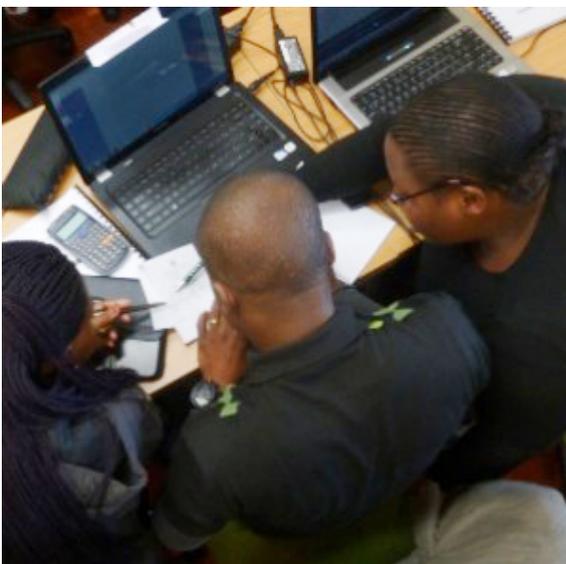
Moderator: Blanca Elena Jiménez-Cisneros, International Hydrological Programme, UNESCO

Background: By 2019, more than 212 million people will be out of work . The employment situation remains difficult in many economies. The ILO has previously forecasted a global unemployment rate of 5.9% this year and next, compared to 5.5% before the global financial crisis in 2007. Its jobs market outlook is warning about rising inequality and the risks the pattern poses for economic growth and political stability which at the end impacts on global migration flows, as people have historically left places with harsh or deteriorating conditions.

However, in addition to poor economic performance and population growth, we are also looking at a big skills mismatch. A major reason that employers don't fill entry-level positions in the water sector (surface- and groundwater) is skill shortages. Education is then one of the keys to address this gap.

In more ways than one, water is an essential component of our economies and given these challenges, water is required to create and sustain jobs in every sector of the economy.

By raising awareness of education's and qualification's importance in the water sector, we can close the digital divide between countries and create innovative jobs. Since it is nowadays very much linked to access to ICT, this can be done through promoting equal access to technologies for instance, the use of Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) and E-Learning Open Solutions for Inclusive Knowledge Societies. FREEWAT and the HOPE initiative are examples of related initiatives, undertaken by UNESCO-IHP's to encourage job creation, gender equality, innovation and entrepreneurship in the water sector.



Programme

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Time	Title	Speaker
15h00	Welcome	Dr Blanca Jiménez-Cisneros Secretary, International Hydrological Programme, UNESCO
15h10	Presentations	Akica Bahri, Stefan Uhlenbrook, Nicole Bella, Youssef Filali- Meknassi
16h00	Q&A with audience	
16h30	End of the session	



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