



**INTERNATIONAL HYDRODIPLOMACY
VIRTUAL JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING SERIES
IN FOCUS: THE HIMALAYAN REGION**

Set against the backdrop of transboundary water resource politics, the EastWest Institute and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung's upcoming Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting—first in a series—aims to incorporate diverse perspectives and maximize opportunities for greater understanding of the past, present and future of hydrodiplomacy in the Himalayan region. The JWG will reflect upon the successes and failures of transboundary cooperation initiatives and briefly address how growing water scarcity and power asymmetries coupled with ongoing geopolitical tensions may compromise future water cooperation ambitions in the region. The discussion will also invite a strategic reflection of EU water diplomacy and its engagement in the Himalayan region. The JWG participants will together engender an insight into key areas where the EU can play a pivotal role in enabling an effective and cohesive system of water resource governance in the region.

**PROGRAMME AGENDA
NOVEMBER 12, 2020 @ 2 PM CET**

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| 14:00 - 14:05 | Introductions and Opening Remarks Louis Mourier , Programme Manager, Multinational Development Policy Dialogue, KAS Farwa Aamer , Director, South Asia Program, EWI |
| 14:05 - 14:15 | An Overview of Himalayan Transboundary Rivers Remarks by: Dr. Nilanjan Ghosh , Director, Kolkata Chapter, Observer Research Foundation; Mr. Dipak Gyawali , Former Minister of Water Resources of Nepal. |
| 14:15 - 14:25 | Reactions by Participants |
| 14:25 - 15:20 | Open Discussion |
| 15:20 - 15:30 | Conclusions and Closing Remarks |



PARTICIPANT LIST

- Dr. **Nilanjan Ghosh**, Director, Kolkata Chapter, Observer Research Foundation
- Mr. **Dipak Gyawali**, Former Minister of Water Resources of Nepal
- Ms. **Carmen Marques-Ruiz**, Policy Coordinator for Water/Environment, European External Action Service
- Ms. **Ales Bizjak**, Water Policy Officer, Slovenian Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
- Ms. **Tanja Miskova**, Water Diplomacy Policy Officer, Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ms. **Ana Novak**, Development Policy Officer, Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the EU
- Dr. **Susanne Schmeier**, Associate Professor in Water Law and Diplomacy, IHE Delft
- Ms. **Farwa Amer**, Director, South Asia Program, EastWest Institute
- Mr. **Denis Schrey**, Director, Multinational Development Policy Dialogue, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- Mr. **Louis Mourier**, Programme Manager, Multinational Development Policy Dialogue, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung