

DROUGHT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT
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ExpoZaragoza, Water Tribune Pavilion
Saragossa, Spain

Draft Program

Opening ceremony
10:00-10:30 Marta Morén Abat, Water Director

Session 1: Institutional aspects

Conductor: **Jose Ángel Rodríguez**, Guadiana River Basin Authority

Which are the mitigation drought policies in Europe? What are the objectives of centres for droughts mitigation? How are droughts managed in transboundary basins?

10:30-10:50 Water scarcity and drought policies in Europe. **Stephanie Croguenec**, DG Env., European Commission
10:50-11:10 The National Drought Mitigation Centre in USA. **Donald Wilhite**, National Drought Mitigation Center, USA
11:10-11:30 Droughts management through the Albufeira Agreement: Spain and Portugal. **Jose Afonso Rocha**, Water Institute of Portugal
11:30-12:00 Coffee break

Session 2: Characterisation, impacts and risks of droughts

Conductor: **Juan Manuel Ruiz**. Hydrographic Studies Centre, CEDEX

Which are the methods for characterising and assessing drought impacts and risks? Which are the best indicators to follow up droughts? How must the historical information of droughts be considered?

12:00-12:20 Drought forecasting in Europe. **Stefan Niemeyer**, Joint Research Centre
12:20-12:40 Determinant climatic patterns in drought situations. **Carmen Llasat**, University of Barcelona
12:40-13:00 Drought characterisation and indicators in Spain. **Javier Álvarez**, Hydrological Studies Centre, CEDEX
13:00-13:20 Developing historical drought studies. **Javier González**, University of Castilla-La Mancha
13:20-14:00 Questions and debate
14:00-15:00 Cocktail

Session 3: Drought planning and management in Spain

Conductor: **Jesús González**. Cantabric River Basin Authority

Which are the bases for drought planning in Spain? How is the 2004-2008 drought being managed in Spain? How should environmental flows be considered in drought situations?

15:00-15:20 Drought management plans in Spain. **Teodoro Estrela**, Directorate General for Water
15:20-15:40 Drought management in Júcar River Basin during 2004-2008. **Javier Ferrer**, Júcar River Basin Authority
15:40-16:00 Drought management in 2008 in Catalonia. **Gabriel Borrás**, Catalanian Water Agency
16:00-16:20 2004-2008 Drought management in urban supply systems, **Francisco Cubillo**, Canal Isabel II (Supply entity)
16:20-16:30 Questions and debate

Round Table: Economic, social and environmental aspects of droughts

Conductor: Enrique Cabrera -University of Valencia-

16:30-17:30 Speakers: **Mario Urrea** -Segura River Basin Authority-, **David Howell** -SEO/Birdlife-, **Andrés del Campo** -National Federation of Irrigation Associations-, **Ángel Barbero** -Sub-Directorate General for Irrigation and Water Economy.
17:30-18:00 Conclusions