



WATER AND FREE TRADE PANEL

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15:00 – 18:00

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Agua Sustentable,
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- Panel Title:** “Water and Free Trade”
- Place:** UNCTAD – United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.
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Program

- Introduction:**
15:00 – 15:20 Merle Faminow, Program Leader, International Development Research Institute (IDRC) and Juan Carlos Alurralde, Executive Director, Agua Sustentable.
- First Session*
- Speakers:**
- 15:20 – 15:40 “Free Trade Agreements and Water in Andean Countries”
Pablo Solón, Bolivia’s Plenipotentiary Ambassador.
- 15:40 – 16:00 “Water: Services, International Trade Agreements and Investment”

Miguel Solanes, Regional Advisor on Water Law and Regulation of Public Utilities, of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

16:00 – 16:20 "Human Rights and Access to Safe-drinking Water"
Natalie Mivelaz, Human Rights Officer, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Unit, Research and Right to Development Branch, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Coffee Break: 15 minutes

Second Session

Commentators:

16:35– 16:50 Lakshmi Puri, Director of the Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

16:50 – 17:05 H.E. Fernando de Mateo, Ambassador of Mexico to the WTO and Chairman of the WTO Council for Trade in Services.

17:05 – 17:20 Mr. Richard Newfarmer, Special Representative to the UN and WTO of the World Bank.

General Discussion: 30 minutes

Conclusions: Rene Orellana, Project Coordinator, Social Water Vision Project, Agua
17:50 – 18:00 Sustentable.

Reception

18:30 – 20:00 Distribution of the latest research reports on water and free trade agreements in digital format.