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Symposium
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 Water Management

Virtual Water Trade

Geopolitical aspects of Water and Emerging Biofuels
 18 March 2008



Introduction

The aim of the symposium is to make a link between worldwide energy markets and virtual water, a link that in our opinion has not yet been clearly defined.

The trade of potential energy carriers, such as corn, sugar cane, cotton, to countries that have no natural energy resources will use water during growth production and processing. Together with the trade of the energy carriers, there is automatically a virtual water trade between importing and exporting countries.

In the symposium we would like to address the impact of emerging biofuels on virtual water trade as well as on world food prices.

In a more global world, international trading and economic growth are booming. Nowadays, for a certain price every country can import non-domestic goods. This generates an export flow that will cause an increasing demand on the water resources of producing countries. To prevent a local water-scarcity, it might be necessary to think of a redistribution of products according to the local water resources in the countries involved.

On top of that, there is an emerging problem regarding bio-fuels. Many recent reports warn and indicate that rising food prices may be caused by increased biofuel production. The root of the problem is very complex; yet significant enough to make the EU government reconsider the stated policy of getting 10% of Europe's road fuels from plants.

Will biofuels, like water, induce conflict in the future? How has the development of biofuels impact water scarcity? Are the developments in the field of environmentally friendly and sustainable energy water positive? And to what extent are biofuels the real cause of the rising prices on the world food market? From a group of speakers addressing many facets we hope to answer these and other questions.

Program

- 08:30 Arrival with coffee at UNESCO-IHE, Institute for Water and Education
- 09:00 Opening Address given by Chairman Professor Pieter van der Zaag
- 09:15 Professor Tony Allan – outline of the discursive history of the virtual water concept.
- 09:45 Professor Stefan Uhlenbrook -Biofuel Impacts on Water. What do we know, and what do we need to know.
- 10:15 Coffee Break
- 10: 35 Professor Hoekstra – National water policy in the context of growing global demands for food and bio-energy and globalisation of trade
- 11:05 Arjan Berkhuisen - Program of WWF in Nether lands.
- 11:35 Eneco-energie – drs. Katja Langen Watermanagement and the Cramer criteria
- 12:05 LUNCH
- 13:05 Afternoon project description
- 13:20 Parallel afternoon sessions
- 15:25 Coffee Break, and a live jazz performance
- 15:45 Discussion
- 16:30 Final comments and closing words by the Chairman Professor Pieter van der Zaag.
- 17:00 Borrel, and a live jazz performance



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