

BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER SYMPOSIUM 2017: KNOWLEDGE BEYOND BOUNDARIES
**SEPTEMBER 25TH –26TH, 2017
SHANGRI-LA's EROS, NEW DELHI**

Objectives: *Brahmaputra River Symposium 2017* is structured around the theme *Knowledge Beyond Boundaries*. By bringing together expertise from the four riparian countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, and India) as well as international river basins such as Mekong, Murray-Darling, Rhine, and Yangtze – the workshop aims to: (i) deliberate upon and identify real world solutions to managing complex transboundary river basins; and (ii) bridge the science-policy gap by creating a network of policy-makers, practitioners, academics, civil society and other key experts – who share the vision on realizing the potential of the Brahmaputra Basin.

DAY ONE: DEMYSTIFYING BRAHMAPUTRA

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
9:30 AM – 9:55 AM	Welcome Notes by IIT Guwahati and SaciWATERs Chair: Ajay Mathur, TERI Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gautam Biswas, IIT G • Sucharita Sen, SaciWATERs
9:55 AM – 10:00 AM	Lighting of the Lamp
SESSION 1 10 AM – 10:20 AM	Keynote by: Anamika Barua, IIT Guwahati <i>Trail of the Mighty Brahmaputra: Basin Perspective spanning Bangladesh, Bhutan, China and India</i>
SESSION 2 10:20 AM – 10:30 AM	Expectations from the Symposium Special Remarks: Shyam Saran, Former Foreign Secretary
10:30 AM- 11:00 AM	Tea/Coffee
SESSION 3 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Countries that Share the Basin: Perspectives from Bangladesh, Bhutan, China and India Chair: Ijsbrand H. de Jong, World Bank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangladesh: Ainun Nishat, BRAC University • Bhutan: Wangdi Phuntsho, National Environment Commission • China: Daming He, Yunnan University • India: Anup Kumar Mitra, Government of Assam

<p>SESSION 4 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Mapping the Knowledge Landscape on the Brahmaputra <i>What we know and what we don't know?</i> Facilitated by: Alan Nicol, IWMI and Eddy Moors, IHE-Delft</p>
<p>1:00 PM – 2:00 PM</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>2:00 PM – 2:10 PM</p>	<p>Energizer – Brahmaputra Basin Quiz</p>
<p>SESSION 5 2:10 PM – 3:10 PM</p>	<p>Beyond the Brahmaputra: Experiences from the Mekong, Murray-darling, Rhine, Yangtze Basins</p> <p>Chair: William Young</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeroen Warner, Wageningen University and Research (Rhine) • Henrik Larsen, DHI (Mekong) • Yan Feng, Yunnan University (Yangtze) • Sanjay Pahuja, World Bank (Global)
<p>SESSION 6 3:10 PM – 3:30 PM</p>	<p>Plenary: Open Mike <i>What can the Brahmaputra learn from the international best practices?</i> Facilitator: William Young, World Bank</p>
<p>3:30 PM – 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee</p>
<p>SESSION 7 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: Formal and Informal Transboundary Arrangements and their Relevance for the Brahmaputra</p> <p>Moderated by: Christina Leb, World Bank</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aaron Wolf, Oregon State University • John Dore, DFAT • Undala Alam, DFID • Patrick Huntjens, Hague Humanitarian Cooperative on Water
<p>SESSION 8 5:00 PM – 5:20 PM</p>	<p>Summary of Day One</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chandan Mahanta, IIT Guwahati
<p>7:00 PM – 10:00 PM</p>	<p>Reception Dinner</p>

DAY 2: REALIZING THE POTENTIAL OF THE BRAHMAPUTRA BASIN

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
SESSION 1 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<p>Unpacking the Possibilities and Complexities of the Brahmaputra Basin Chair: Meike van Ginneken, World Bank</p> <p>Panel Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shyam Saran, Former Foreign Secretary, India • Tariq Karim, Former High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India • Lin Minwang, Fudan University • Tapas Paul, World Bank
	<p>Plenary Facilitated by: John Dore, DFAT & Undala Alam, DFID</p>
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Tea/Coffee
SESSION 2 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	<p>Reaching the Last Mile – Voices from the Field Chair: Jacqueline Storey, Oxfam</p> <p>Panel Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vishwa Ranjan Sinha, IUCN • Susan Mathews, CUTs International • Partha Jyoti Das, Aaranyak • ATM Zakir Hossain, Jagrata Juba Shangha
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
SESSION 3 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	<p>Living with the Brahmaputra Facilitated by: Joydeep Gupta, The Third Pole</p>
SESSION 4 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<p>Gender and Transboundary Waters Chair: Vishal Narain, Management Development Institute</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margreet Zwarteveen, IHE-Delft • Sucharita Sen, SaciWATERS • Sanjeev Parasar, Independent documentary maker
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Tea/Coffee

SESSION 5
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

The Way Forward: Key Takeaways from Government Representatives, Development Partners, and Academia

Chair: Syamal Kumar Sarkar, TERI

Facilitated by: Sanjay Pahuja, World Bank

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Closing and Vote of Thanks