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## WHAT IS RIVERSYMPIOSIUM?

Managing our great rivers to meet the needs of the global population is one of the key challenges of the 21st century.

Since 2003, the International Riversymposium has offered a unique global forum to share knowledge, learn from others and collaborate to improve the sustainable management of river basins all over the world. Last year, the symposium brought more than 600 delegates to Brisbane, Australia—and this year, for the first time, the symposium will be held in New Delhi, India.

With an overarching theme of ‘Great rivers of the world: Management for shared benefit’, the 2016 Riversymposium will tackle some of the world’s most pressing river basin management issues. The theme explores the challenges many countries are facing in their quest to effectively balance competing demands for freshwater resources—including urban expansion, industrialisation, power generation, irrigation and domestic use.

The program incorporates a range of topics and perspectives from different parts of the world, with dedicated exploration of the unique challenges in the Greater Himalaya.

Multiple social events will complement the formal program, enriching the experience for delegates and ensuring there is ample opportunity to meet, engage and network with others with joint interests in advancing integrated river basin management. Once-in-a-lifetime tours will be offered for those wanting to experience some of the region’s spectacular landscapes and waterways first-hand—whether it’s cruising through the world’s largest mangrove forest, learning about environmental technology in Nepal or talking to communities along the Yamuna.

### CONTACT DETAILS

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# WHY ATTEND?

Attending the International Riversymposium is a chance for anyone with an interest in rivers to join a global conversation dedicated to long-term sustainability and a bright water future.

Being a Riversymposium delegate offers you:

- Local, regional and international knowledge
- The chance to network with hundreds of influential and engaged delegates
- Connections to leading professionals and world-renowned keynote speakers
- The chance to share your research, ideas or experiences by speaking at Riversymposium, and
- The chance to participate in study tours of a lifetime.

Approximately one-third of Riversymposium delegates are international, hailing from over 40 different countries in 2015.

River and waterway restoration, health and management depend on the combined engagement of institutions, community, science and business—all of which are well represented at Riversymposium.

Delegates include:

- river managers
- policy developers
- scientists
- consultants
- students and emerging professionals
- NGOs
- indigenous and community organisations
- business and industry representatives
- academics,
- and more.

## BE AN EARLYBIRD

Earlybird registration closes 31 July.  
Register at [www.riversymposium.com](http://www.riversymposium.com).

## BENEFITS OF ATTENDING



Join  
**600+**  
delegates from  
around the world



Experience New  
Delhi, India and the  
Himalayas



Diversify your skills  
and knowledge



Collaborate for the  
world's rivers



Be part of one of  
the world's premier  
environmental forums



Celebrate  
innovation and  
excellence in rivers



Have your voice heard by  
world-class delegates from  
around the world

## DELEGATES BY SECTOR



Education/  
Research



River & Natural  
Resource Managers



Consultancy



Government



Utilities



Community



Not  
for profit



Corporate

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**RAJENDRA SINGH**  
**INDIA**

Water conservationist,  
Stockholm Water Prize  
winner and Founder,  
Tarun Bharat Sangh



**DAVID MOLDEN**  
**NEPAL**

Director-General,  
International Centre for  
Integrated Mountain  
Development (ICIMOD)



**LEENA  
SRIVASTAVA**  
**INDIA**

Vice Chancellor, The Energy  
and Resources Institute



**GENEVIEVE  
CONNORS**  
**USA/INDIA**

Program Leader, Water and  
Sustainability, World Bank  
India

...and many more.

View the full lineup at [www.riversymposium.com](http://www.riversymposium.com)

# TOPICS AND SESSIONS

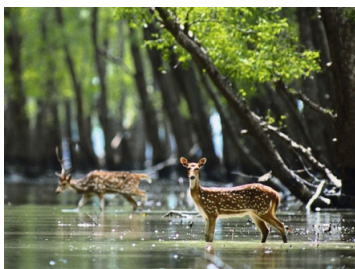
## TOPICS

- Managing large river basins for shared benefit
- The global water sustainability agenda
- Community engagement, gender, education and leadership
- The water-energy-food nexus
- Environmental flows
- Integrated river basin management
- Water security, climate change and natural disasters
- River restoration
- Water quality and public health
- Urban rivers and future water cities
- Biodiversity conservation
- Policy, governance and institutions
- Business and industry water innovation
- Technology, innovation and rivers

## SPECIAL SESSIONS & FORA

- Environmental flows, basin planning and hydropower
- Water for equality and wellbeing
- Developing effective fish passages
- Civil society engagement
- The future of Himalayan rivers
- River basin planning and strategic water management
- The role of mountains in water security
- Advancing hydropower governance
- Managing drought and water security
- Asia-Pacific water stewardship
- Free-flowing rivers and hydropower

# STUDY TOURS



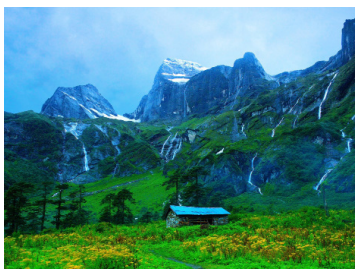
## SUNDARBANS: WORLD'S LARGEST MANGROVE FOREST

15 - 18 September | \$895 AUD

The Sundarbans tour is a unique opportunity for delegates to experience the world's largest mangrove forest, renowned for its seven main rivers, numerous other water courses, wildlife reserves, and diverse range of flora and fauna. Part of the Ganges Delta, the Sundarbans region covers 140,000 hectares of Bangladesh and West Bengal (India) in lush biodiversity and is listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Its numerous water courses form a broad network of channels in the Sundarbans, influenced by flow tides and hydrological factors.

Travel from Kolkata through the forest's many rivers and creeks, experiencing the cultural heritage and influence of forest and its rivers on everyday life. The tour is predominantly by boat, anchoring in a variety of key cultural and scientific destinations—including the famous Bhagabatpur Crocodile Sanctuary and Lothian Island Wildlife Sanctuary.

This tour is proudly sponsored by the World Bank.



## NEPAL: MOUNTAIN RIVERS, TECHNOLOGY & UPSTREAM-DOWNSTREAM LINKS

15 - 18 September | \$995 AUD

Nepal is known for its incredible mountain ranges, including the Annapurnas and Himalayas, and its home to the tallest mountain in the world. The Nepal study tour explores mountain rivers, communities and their use of technology for risk management of floods, climate change and drinking water supply. It focuses particularly on the linkages between upstream water services providers and downstream water users, highlighting the partnerships involved in mountain river management and the interaction between Nepal's diverse villages and communities. The tour begins in Kathmandu, Nepal's bustling and lively capital, and travels across stunning geographies to Godavari, the Sunkoshi River and Dhulikel.

This tour is proudly coordinated in partnership with ICIMOD.



## YAMUNA: HEALTHY RIVERS, HEALTHY VILLAGES

15 September | \$210 AUD

The Yamuna is the longest tributary of the Ganges, covering 40.2% of the entire basin. Along it are dozens of diverse river communities, who rely on the Yamuna for irrigation, religious significance, bathing and more. Despite the river's high pollution levels, the government of India has announced plans to rebuild and repair its sewage system and the drains that

# RIVEREXPO

RiverExpo was introduced to *Riversymposium* in 2014 and is a modern new take on the traditional trade exhibition, enabling all groups with services, products or ideas to meet and network with a diverse global audience—from river managers to policy developers, scientists, consultants, students, NGOs, indigenous and community organisations and business and industry representatives. The RiverExpo space incorporates art, culture and interactive activities.

Want to exhibit at RiverExpo? Contact us at [irs@riverfoundation.org.au](mailto:irs@riverfoundation.org.au)

# SOCIAL EVENTS

The 19th International Riversymposium will be an occasion to celebrate and explore the Greater Himalaya, with numerous social events, the presentation of awards, and the increasingly popular Women and Water event. The event also features a RiverExpo exhibition displaying innovation, art, culture, products and services.



## WOMEN AND WATER

Monday 12 September | Evening

Women and Water provides a forum for perspectives on the significance of rivers and waters to gender and culture, recognising women as agents of change and plan for a more equitable water future. The event will feature a panel discussion alongside informal networking, food and drink.



## BREAKFAST PANEL EVENT

Tuesday 13 September | Morning

A panel discussion on water, health and sustainable development will investigate the contribution that water researchers can provide to the Asian region, facilitated by Associate Professor Eva Abal, Program Director of the Sustainable Water Program at The University of Queensland's Global Change Institute. An active discussion with audience members will be facilitated at each table over a catered breakfast.



## WELCOME RECEPTION

Monday 12 September | Evening

The welcome function is the first social and networking opportunity of the conference, taking place within the RiverExpo space. The welcome function is the perfect opportunity to meet fellow delegates and immerse yourself in the buzz surrounding the coming week's events. There will be addresses by prominent speakers, drinks, and canapés on arrival.



## RIVERPRIZE GALA DINNER

Tuesday 13 September | Evening

The Riverprize Gala Dinner is the highlight of the Riversymposium social calendar. Held at the Taj ballroom, the Riverprize Gala Dinner combines a superior dining experience with great entertainment. Hosts will announce the Emerging River Professional Award winner and the 2016 Thies International Riverprize and Emerging River Professional Award winners.

# PRICING STRUCTURE

To maximise participation in the International Rivers *symposium*, we offer a tiered pricing structure. Residents of select countries in the Himalayas, the Mekong River Basin and United Nations List of Least Developed Countries are eligible for Tier 1 pricing. All other countries follow Tier 2 pricing.

Discounts are also available for speakers, students and earlybirds who register before 30 June.

A subsidy is also available for further financial support (see next page).

## COUNTRIES QUALIFYING FOR TIER 1 PRICING

Afghanistan  
Angola  
Bangladesh  
Benin  
Bhutan  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Cambodia

Central African Republic  
Chad  
China  
Comoros  
Congo (DRC)  
Djibouti  
Equatorial Guinea  
Eritrea  
Ethiopia  
Gambia  
Guinea  
Guinea-Bissau  
Haiti  
India  
Kiribati

Lao PDR  
Lesotho  
Liberia  
Madagascar  
Malawi  
Mali  
Mauritania  
Mozambique  
Myanmar  
Nepal  
Niger  
Pakistan  
Rwanda  
Samoa  
Sao Tome & Principe

Senegal  
Sierra Leone  
Solomon Islands  
Somalia  
Sudan  
Thailand  
Timor-Leste  
Togo  
Tuvalu  
Uganda  
United Rep. of Tanzania  
Vanuatu  
Vietnam  
Yemen  
Zambia



# SYMPOSIUM SUBSIDY

An additional subsidy is available to delegates from Tier 1 countries who would like extra financial support to attend the symposium in New Delhi.

The IRF Symposium Subsidy is available to exceptional individuals from countries that qualify for Tier 1 (Himalaya, Mekong & United Nations Least Developed Countries) whose financial limitations would otherwise prevent them from attending. Like the tiered pricing structure, the subsidy offers an extra discount with the aim of maximising the opportunity to attend and speak at *Riversymposium*. Applicants will be selected on merit, diversity and offering for the symposium.

To receive subsidy prices, you must apply through the following process:

- visit [www.riversymposium.com/register/subsidy](http://www.riversymposium.com/register/subsidy) and complete the form
- upload your Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- upload a cover letter
- attach proof of your country of residence (e.g. passport, bank statement, driver's license)

Visit [www.riversymposium.com](http://www.riversymposium.com) to apply.

# CONFERENCE PRICES

All prices are in Australian Dollars (AUD)

Registration	SYMPOSIUM SUBSIDY	Tier 1 (Himalaya, Mekong & UN)	Tier 2 (all other countries)
EARLYBIRD (until 31 July)	\$222	\$447	\$895
Regular (from 1 August)	\$295	\$595	\$1,195
Speaker	\$222	\$447	\$895
Student	\$133	\$268	\$538
One day only	\$121	\$245	\$495
Social events			
Women and Water	\$33	\$33	\$65
Welcome reception	\$65	\$33	\$65
Breakfast panel event	\$15	\$15	\$30
Riverprize Gala Dinner	\$80	\$80	\$160

Full delegate registration includes session attendance, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, and conference materials.

Student registration includes session attendance, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, and conference materials.. This registration type is only available to full time students and proof of student ID must be provided to the conference organisers on arrival.

Day delegate registration includes sessions, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on the day of attendance, and conference materials.



# REGISTER NOW: [WWW.RIVERSYMPOSIUM.COM](http://WWW.RIVERSYMPOSIUM.COM)

Don't miss the chance to participate in this exciting event!

Be part of a global conversation on sustainable rivers, and contribute to the future of the world's water.

To register or find out more, visit [www.riversymposium.com](http://www.riversymposium.com).



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