WORLD WATER WEEK 25

WATER: STATES AND TRANSFORMATIONS

March 17-22, 2025

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Stream 1: https://utep-edu.zoom.us/j/84437505936?pwd=GKaDip8hiyyNiYIKRblkQ3ZKd9OKWi.1

Stream 2: https://utep-edu.zoom.us/j/83725762136?pwd=oDbyU7P9AizTPm0TzuPZVcqKHVsxP6.1

Water Week Agenda

All schedule times are shown in Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) - El Paso, TX / Ciudad Juárez

Venue in El Paso, Texas
Venue in Ciudad Juárez, México

Day 1: Monday, March 17

	Time	Session	Format	Details
	9:00 am – 12:30 pm	World Water Week Community Organizations Tabling	Tabling Event	**UTEP Centennial Corridor**
	1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Welcome: State and Transformations of Water Week	Opening Remarks Stream 1	Dr. Heather Wilson (UTEP) Mexican Consul Mauricio Ibarra Commissioner Adriana Resendis (CILA) Luis Rivera Campos (UACH) Organizing Committee **UTEP IDRB Auditorium 2.204**
	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Curious about where your water comes from? Learn about current water issues in our region!	Discussion Panel Stream 1	Allison Fajardo Dr. Alex Mayer **UTEP IDRB Auditorium 2.204**

	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Challenges and Collaborative Solutions: Migration, Diplomacy, and Water Management in Bilateral Relations	Discussion Panel Stream 1	Dr. Carmen Navarro (UACH) Dr. Alex Mayer (UTEP) Dr. Rosario Sanchez (TAMU) Dr. Alfredo Granados (UACJ) Sara Rodriguez (UTEP) **UTEP IDRB Auditorium 2.204**
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	SC/Audubon Meeting: The Urban Waters Federal Partnership: Revitalizing Urban Watersheds and Underserved Communities	Presentation	America Alvarez **UTEP Centennial Museum**

Day 2: Tuesday, March 18

	Time	Session	Format	Details
	9:00 am – 10:30 am	How Water Moves: The Way of Water El Paso	Discussion Panel Stream 1	Allison Orr Dr. Melissa Melpignano Mark Howe and Students **UTEP IDRB Auditorium 2.204**
	9:30 am – 10:00 am	Water Tales Reading	Book Reading	Arely Hernández **Centro Cultural Las Fronteras Lobby Plata**
	10:00 am – 10:30 am	Water Week Painting Exhibit Opening	Exhibit	**Centro Cultural Las Fronteras Lobby Plata**
	10:40 am – 12:00 pm	Water Models and Technology for Decision Making	Research Presentations Stream 1	Dr. Hamidreza Sharifan Damian Gallegos Dr. Kowei Kang Dr. Martine Ceberio UTEP Research Students **UTEP IDRB Auditorium 2.204**
	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Water Governance and Restoration	Short Talks Stream 1	Dr. Jorge Antonio Breceda Dr. Jorge A. Salas Dr. Thelma J. Garcia Mtra. Abril Sanchez (UACJ) Elizabeth Biney (UTEP)

	3:00 pm – 4:10 pm	Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence: Challenges and Opportunities in the Data Era	Discussion Panel Stream 1	**UTEP Bioscience Auditorium** Dr. Carmen Navarro Dr. Juan Rodriguez (UACH) Dr. Natalia Villanueva Dr. Salamah Salamah (UTEP) Enrique Prunes (WWF) **UTEP Bioscience Auditorium**
	4:20 pm – 6:00 pm	Advancing Transboundary Cooperation: Introducing the Water Observatory's Impact	Discussion Panel Stream 2	Melissa Landman (WBCSD) Ing. Manuel Herrera (JMAS) Dr. Oscar Ibáñez (JCAS) Héctor Gutiérrez (SWMA) **Instituto de Ciencias Biomédicas Edificio de Posgrado Auditorio G1**

Day 3: Wednesday, March 19

	Time	Session	Format	Details
	8:30 am – 9:00 am	Poster Participant Breakfast		**UTEP IDRB Back Foyer**
	9:00 am – 9:30 am	Water is Torah: Swimming (and Singing) in the Sea of Talmud	Presentation and Performance	Dr. Larry Lesser (UTEP) **UTEP IDRB Visualization Lab**
	10:00 am – 11:30 am	La de(limitación) de los cuerpos de agua transfronterizos en la zona Paso del Norte	Presentation Stream 2	Erasto López López (UACJ) Pablo Pérez Esparza (UACJ) **Instituto de Ciencias Biomédicas Edificio de Posgrado Auditorio G1**
	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Student and Faculty Poster Session	Posters	**UTEP IDRB Back Foyer**
	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	From Scarcity to Abundance: Elemental Transformations Across Land/Water Divides	Keynote Speech Stream 1	Dr. Kim De Wolff (UNT) **UTEP Bioscience Auditorium**
	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Desert Wetlands: Restoring River Valley Ecosystems at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park	Presentation Stream 1	Sergio Samaniego (UTEP) **UTEP Bioscience Auditorium**

	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Wetlands in the Desert - Heritage Park	Discussion Panel Stream 1	Mike Gaglio Fernanda Lugo **UTEP Bioscience Auditorium**
	4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Environmental History of the Rio Grande	Presentation Stream 2	Gabriela Montano (UACJ) **Instituto de Ciencias Biomédicas Edificio de Posgrado Auditorio G1**
	5:30 pm – 5:45 pm	The River Tells Its Story, Against the Current	Short Film	Maria del Rosario Perez **Rubin Center for the Visual Arts - Auditorium**
	5:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Water is Love: Ripples of Regeneration	Screening	**Rubin Center for the Visual Arts - Auditorium**

Day 4: Thursday, March 20

	Time	**Session**	**Format**	**Details**
	9:00 am – 10:45 am	Water Culture: Sustainability Challenge (JMAS)	Workshop	Alberto Ortega (JMAS) **Instituto de Ciencias Biomédicas Edificio de Posgrado Auditorio G1**
	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Collaborative Art: The Singing Tree of Restoration and Water Resilience	Art Workshop	Fernanda Lugo **UTEP IDRB Auditorium 2.204**
	10:40 am – 11:30 am	Breaking New Ground: Exploring Water Reuse and Innovation in Water Purification	Presentation Stream 1	Irazema Rojas (EPWater) **UTEP IDRB Auditorium 2.204**
	11:30 am – 12:15 pm	Hydrology and Water Resources of the Salt Basin	Presentation Stream 1	Laila Sturgis (NMT) **UTEP IDRB Auditorium 2.204**
	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Responsible Water Consumption	Exhibit	Gloria Guadalupe Vázquez Ma. Alicia Herrera (UACJ-IADA) **IADA Galería del edificio Z (2ndo. piso)**

	1:00 pm - 1:50 pm	Collaborative Water Futures: Lessons from Los Angeles for the Borderlands and Beyond	Presentation Stream 1	Melissa Landman (WBCSD) **UTEP Bioscience Auditorium**
	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Water Management and Sustainability	Short Talks Stream 2	David Sanchez Navarro (UACH) Luis Perez Dominguez (UACJ) Laura Garduño Pineda **Instituto de Ciencias Biomédicas Edificio de Posgrado Auditorio G1**
	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	The Beneficial Use of Water for Posterity	Presentation Stream 2	Christopher Hall Water League Director **Virtual**
	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Clay Workshop	Art Workshop	**Centro Cultural Las Fronteras Lobby Plata**
	4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Grey Water Reuse Business Model	Presentation Stream 2	Georgina Riosvelasco (UACJ) **Instituto de Ciencias Biomédicas Edificio de Posgrado Auditorio G1**
	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	The Way of Water	Performance	Allison Orr, Melissa Melpignano, Forklift Danceworks, UTEP and Weleyan University Students, Water Experts, UTEP Concert Chorale, Mountain Movement Dance Company **El Paso, San Jacinto Plaza**

Day 5: Friday, March 21

	Time	Session	Format	Details
	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Acuarelas Workshop	Art Workshop	**Centro Cultural Las Fronteras Lobby Plata**
	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Oleo Painting Workshop	Art Workshop	**Centro Cultural Las Fronteras Lobby Plata**

	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Water Week Painting Exhibit Closing	Exhibit	**Centro Cultural Las Fronteras Lobby Plata**

Day 6: Saturday, March 22

	Time	Session	Format	Details
	9:00 am 9:20 am	Community Dance Offering at The Rio	Performance	Sandra Paola Lopez (UTEP) **Rio Bosque Wetlands Park**
	9:30 am – 11:30 am	Rio Bosque Workshop	Workshop	Dr. Elizabeth Walsh Sergio Samaniego John Sproul Dr. Katalina Salas **Rio Bosque Wetlands Park**

UTEP Campus Map

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Event Venues

Centro Cultural de las Fronteras
La Plata, Zona Pronaf Condominio La Plata, 32315 Cd Juárez, Chih., México
https://maps.app.goo.gl/NgC5XdqTRXRKn58t9

UACJ - IADA – Edificio Z
Av del Charro s/n, Omega, 32320 Juárez, Chih., México
https://maps.app.goo.gl/pE7GFB4yUMyayoXH7

Rio Bosque Park Visitor Center
Rio Loop, El Paso, TX 79927
https://maps.app.goo.gl/vZCa5xB94LWzZM2t9

San Jacinto Plaza
114 W Mills Ave, El Paso, TX 79901
https://maps.app.goo.gl/kBMPRaHbwWvb7XU56

UACJ - Instituto de Ciencias Biomédicas - Auditorio de Posgrado - Edificio G1
Av. Plutarco Elías Calles 1210, Alfa, 32310 Juárez, Chih., México
https://maps.app.goo.gl/XWcQHc72FeLsFY6Z8

UTEP – Centennial Plaza Corridor
500 W University Ave, El Paso, TX 79902
https://maps.app.goo.gl/CeU3PEeVCJUhXRiR9

UTEP - Bioscience Research Bldg
Wiggins Rd, El Paso, TX 79902
https://maps.app.goo.gl/76RARkK7ZtqSAGp1A

UTEP - Interdisciplinary Research Building (IDRB)
910 W University Ave, El Paso, TX 79902
https://maps.app.goo.gl/5sL9ydPyTeGdp52z6

UTEP – Rubin Center for the Visual Arts
720 Dawson Rd, El Paso, TX 79902
https://maps.app.goo.gl/5sL9ydPyTeGdp52z6