

Security and Stability Partnerships for Water: Their Impact on Health

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Mission: The College of Public Health, University of South Florida is convening a group of subject matter experts, with international reputations, from a variety of water related disciplines to discuss the range of cultural, religious, economic, and political implications of global water management issues with emphasis given to their individual and collective impact on health.

We will address challenges and opportunities in the promotion of awareness of the central role that water plays in the stability of regions and nations, and thus will begin the development of new approaches to the implementation of effective transnational water management policies.

Our primary objectives are to:

- better understand water-related issues.
- identify country or regional "hot spots" where these issues may impact peace and stability.
- identify opportunities for and facilitate the development of collaborative/cooperative activities that advance water security.
- promote improved dialogue among academic communities, concerned government agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private voluntary organizations (PVOs), and the private sector on the full range of issues and sectors that are impacted by water.

Vision: The net result of achieving our objectives is an improved Global Awareness of the essential role of water to state and human security that will engender cooperation and communication between countries as well as among intrastate groups.

This will be accomplished by creating an enduring community-of-interest comprised of civilian and military agencies of the USG, international governments, NGOs, PVOs, academic institutions and private businesses which links policy from the strategic down to the hands-on tactical level. This will foster well-managed and shared water resources among growing populations in the developing world.

