



Good Practices and Portfolio Learning in
GEF Transboundary Freshwater and
Marine Legal and Institutional Frameworks

**Does the international system for water management across borders work?
Will there be more conflict or more cooperation over shared waters?
How do local communities work towards sustainability of water and environment?**

Come and hear some of the answers and ask more questions.

**Wednesday October 6, 2010
12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
Institute for Asian Research
C.K. Choi Building, 1855 West Mall, UBC**

A panel discussion on international transboundary waters from the perspectives of an international water lawyer, a past president of international development organizations, and a grassroots environmental activist.

Water pollution and overuse of water are increasing everywhere, and the world's poorest people are already facing shrinking water supplies. Climate change is increasing the pressure on water resources and making water availability less predictable. Most of the world's transboundary river basins still lack adequate legal protection. For all those reasons, more than ever before, we need effective and widely applied norms. As Margaret Catley-Carlson points out, the progress toward them is very slow indeed. Transboundary water issues are very complex, involving a multitude of national and international issues of capacity, communication, collection and corruption. What has worked, and what has not? Are there lessons we can apply from successful case studies?

Margaret Catley-Carlson is Chair of the Global Agenda Council of the World Economic Forum and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the International Water Management Institute. **Richard Kyle Paisley** is the Director of the Good Practices and Portfolio Learning in GEF Transboundary Freshwater and Marine Legal and Institutional Frameworks Project at the Institute for Asian Research at UBC. **Margaret Tuhumwire** is the Director of the Environmental Women in Action for Development, Uganda. The Panel will be chaired by **Paul Evans**, Director of the Institute for Asian Research.

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