



## Water Security for Canadians: Solutions for Canada's Emerging Water Crisis Strategic Briefing and Discussion Session

Ottawa, ON

10:00 am to 12:30 pm; Thursday, April 11, 2019

Rideau Club, 99 Bank St, Ottawa, ON K1P 1H4

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**Purpose of the event:** As the country faces increasingly extreme floods, droughts, fires and water pollution events that are hammering our infrastructure and economy and affecting the well-being of millions of Canadians each year, the Global Water Futures program and partners are convening a national discussion on the future of water security in Canada. This event will bring together water and climate scientists, policy experts, legislators, and water decision rightsholders and stakeholders. Panelists will speak to the scientific evidence of the worsening water sustainability and climate-related water crisis in Canada, and the science and policy solutions needed to adapt to the new climate and water realities across the country. All participants will contribute to a timely discussion on how to create a better, safer and more secure water world for ourselves and for our children, while positioning Canada as an international leader in global water security expertise, science, prediction and advice.

**This event is co-hosted by:** Global Water Futures, University of Saskatchewan, the Forum for Leadership on Water (FLOW), the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER), the POLIS Program on Ecological Governance (POLIS), and the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UN University).



## AGENDA

| Time  | Activity   |
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| Introductions   |  |
| 10:00 – 10:20 am  | <b>Hon. Ralph Goodale</b> , Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness – opening remarks   |
| Panel 1 – Water Security Solutions for Canadians  |  |
| 10:20 – 10:45 am  | <p><b>Global Water Futures Outcomes and the Emerging Water Crisis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>John Pomeroy</b>, GWF Director, USask</li> </ul> <p><b>Solutions and policy options to dealing with the water crisis – Moderator Tony Maas</b>, FLOW Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build and mobilize the knowledge needed to predict and respond to water problems through a <i>Canada Water Security Centre</i> — <b>John Pomeroy</b>, GWF USask</li> <li>• Strengthen transboundary water management through a <i>National Water Security Commission</i> – <b>Ralph Pentland</b>, FLOW</li> <li>• Enable cooperative and collaborative river basin planning – <b>Michael Miltenberger</b>, CIER</li> <li>• Enhance cooperative federalism and meet domestic needs through water security – <b>Oliver Brandes</b>, POLIS</li> <li>• Advance reconciliation with Indigenous people – <b>Merrell-Ann Phare</b>, CIER</li> <li>• Increase Canada’s capacity for global water security – <b>Bob Sandford</b>, UN University</li> </ul> |
| 10:45-11:15 am <b>Media Interviews and Press Conference</b>                             |  |
| Panel 1 Discussion  |  |
| 11:15 am – 11:45 noon   | <p><b>Moderator – Tony Mass</b>, Director, FLOW</p> <p>Q &amp; A Session with Panel 1 Speakers and Attendees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actionable solutions that address user concerns</li> </ul>   |
| Panel 2 – The Emerging Water Crisis – Science and the Opportunity for Global Leadership |  |
| 11:45 – 12:00 Noon  | <p><b>John Pomeroy</b>, Director Global Water Futures Program, University of Saskatchewan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science-based solutions for the emerging water crisis in Canada and the World</li> </ul>  |
| 12:00 – 12:20 pm  | <p><b>Moderator – Lawrence Martz</b>, Lead Knowledge Mobilization GWF</p> <p>Q &amp; A Session with Global Water Futures Researchers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for science-based solutions</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Summary</b>  |  |
| 12:20 – 12:30 pm  | Summary statements – <b>John Pomeroy</b>   |
| <b>LUNCH</b>  |  |
| 12:30 – 1:30 pm<br>Luncheon   | Luncheon Speaker – <b>Professor Peter Stoicheff</b> , President and Vice Chancellor, University of Saskatchewan  |