

**Building Capacity for a Black Sea Catchment
Observation and Assessment System supporting Sustainable Development**



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University of Geneva - UNI BASTIONS - room B106

1.30pm Welcoming addresses:

Prof. Pierre Spierer - Vice-rector - UNIGE

Dr. Vojko Bratina - EU Project Officer - EC

Dr. Anthony Lehmann - Project coordinator - UNIGE

**2pm Keynote speaker: Dr. Massimo Craglia - EU Joint Research Centre
Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI), Group on Earth Observation (GEOSS), and related scientific challenges**

3pm Setting the enviroGRIDS scene (10-15' each):

Black Sea Commission - Dr. Violeta Velikova - BSC

International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River - Philippe Weller - ICPDR

Climatic changes in the Black Sea catchment - Prof. Martin Beniston - UNIGE

Meteorological data and models. NIHM contribution to the EnviroGRIDS project - Dr. Valery Spiridonov - NIMH

Demographic scenarios - Dr. Hy Dao - UNIGE

Approach and challenges for describing the land cover change in the Black Sea basin - Andreas Littkopff - UAB

4.30pm Coffee break

5.00pm Scientific and technological challenges (10-15' each):

Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) - Dr. Karim Abbaspour - EAWAG

Enabling Grids for E-science (EGEE) - Dr. Steven Newhouse - CERN

South Eastern Europe GRID infrastructure for regional eScience - Prof. Dorian Gorgan - UTC

Spatial Data Infrastructures and sensors - Dr. Karel Charvat - CCSS

Group on Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) - Dr. Douglas Cripe - GEO

Institutional capacity building in the Black Sea countries - Dr. Anna Kortcheva - NIMH