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[ILEC INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR- Call for Viewers] Climate Change Impacts on Lakes and Their
Basins: Assessments and Observations from Lake Biwa, the Yodo River Basin, and a Global Perspective

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Date and Time: Monday, June 23, 2025, 14:00-17:00 (JST)

Language: English only

Participation Fee: Free

Organizer: International Lake Environment Committee Foundation (ILEC)

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Flyer: <https://www.ilec.or.jp/wp-content/uploads/ILEC-International-Webinar-2025-Program.pdf>

Registration: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_syPaciTTCWABXmU4jCeNA#/registration

◆ Event Overview ◆

This webinar will feature domestic and international experts who will deliver keynote speeches and engage in panel discussions to share insights on the impacts of climate change on lakes and their watersheds. While paving the way toward the 20th World Lake Conference in July and the inaugural celebration of World Lake Day (August 27), this event will foster discussions on lake-related challenges and possibilities from the perspectives of Lake Biwa, the Yodo River Basin, and the world.

■ Keynote Speech

Dr. Kenzo Hiroki (Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies)

“The Significance of World Lake Day and the Future of Lake Conservation and Development”

□ Part 1 Hydrological Assessments

< Presenter >

Prof. Kenji Tanaka (Kyoto University, Disaster Prevention Research Institute)

“Historical Changes and Future Projections of Hydrological Environments of the World’s Major Watersheds”

<Discussant>

1 . UNEP Representative

“UNEP’s Global Environment Monitoring System (GEMS) and its relevance to freshwater assessment and sustainable lake”

2 . Mr. Takashi Kaji (Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA))

“Case Studies and Recommendations from Integrated River Basin Management Projects Based on JICA’s Cluster Program Strategy “

□Part 2 Ecosystem Changes

<Presenter>

Dr. Machiko Nishino (Former Professor, Biwako Seikei Sport College)

“Recent changes in biodiversity of the ancient Lake Biwa, based on long-term ecological data.”

<Discussant>

1 . Dr. Kanako Ishikawa (Senior Scientist, Lake Biwa Environmental Research Institute)

“Monitoring Ecosystem Change to Build Sustainable Lakescapes — Case Studies from Lake Biwa, Japan and Lake Tana, Ethiopia”

2 . Dr. David Hamilton (Professor, Griffith University/Australian River Institute)

“The 20th World Lake Conference as a platform to raise the global profile of lake issues and unify scientific, community, and policy voices.”

□Part 3 Panel Discussion

Open dialogue among speakers, discussants, and participants.

Focus advancing collaborative actions for lakes and freshwater ecosystems under climate change.

For details on the speakers and sessions, please refer to the flyer.

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