



h. 9.15 - 10 Keynote speech "**The history and geography of the Nile, from the British Empire to the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam**" Professor *Terje Tvedt University of Bergen* 

h. 10 - 10.15 Questions and discussion

h. 10.30 - 11.45 Panel: **Unpacking the national interest in Nile hydropolitics** 

Chair: Emanuele Fantini IHE Delft Institute for Water Education

Presenters: *Tamer Abd Elkreem* (University of Khartoum), Whose interest? Dams controversies in Sudan

*Abeer R.Y. Abazeed* (University of Leiden), Searching for civil society in Nile hydropolitics

*Mekdelawit Messay Deribe* and *Meklit Berihun Melesse* (Wageningen University), **The role of music in hydro-diplomacy on the Nile** 

*Lama El Hatow* (Erasmus University of Rotterdam - EUR -), Climate change as an opportunity for trans-boundary cooperation on the Blue Nile River Basin

> h. 12 - 13 **High Level Dialogue**

Chair: *Luigi Guidobono Cavalchini Garofoli President, Hydroaid* 

*Yasser Sorour* Minister Plenipotentiary Head of Nile Water Affairs, Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Zerihun Abebe Yigzaw Minister Counselor for Political Affairs and water politics scholar (Water Diplomat), Ethiopia

*HE Ajing Adiang Marik Ambassador of South Sudan Embassy in Rome* 

Final remarks: HE Amb. *Giuseppe Mistretta* Director for the sub-Saharan countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation