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Scientific Symposium, Master Class Programming Roundtable and AGM

ICOMOS ISC Water in collaboration with the Future Food Institute, the Villa Montepaldi Living Lab, the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, and the Fondazione Romualdo del Bianco

Hybrid Format

Villa Montepaldi, San Casciano in Val di Pesa, Province of Florence, Italy

24 November 2025

8.30-9.00	Morning Session & registration	
9.00-9.05	Welcome	Uni Florence
9.05-9.10	Acknowledgement partners e.g. FFI, ICID, FRDB, Uni Florence	Meisha Hunter (pre-recorded video message)
9.10 - 9.25	Significance of Water, Culture and Heritage for livelihoods	Meisha Hunter, President ICOMOS ISC Water (pre-recorded message)
9.25 – 9.40	Traditional food production; a light for today	Sara Roversi, CEO FFI
9.40-9.55	Traditional olive farming and water management challenges	Lorenzo Caponetti and Alessio Corti, FFI
9.55-10.05	Water management challenges of rehabilitating Traditional agricultural systems for livelihoods.	Lifeng Li, Director Water, FAO
10.05-10.15	Perspective on terraced agriculture water management	Dr. Marco Arcieri, President, ICID
10.15-10.25	Research needs on terraced agriculture	ICCROM
10.25-10.35	The relevance of the water related spiritual and ritual values of water management for today and tomorrow	Representative Laudato Si movement
10.35- 10.50	Traditional agricultural practices as heritage and tourism	Carlotta del Bianco, FRDB
10.50 – 11.10	Coffee	

11.10 – 12.30	Terraced Agriculture Examples - Taiwan terraces - Ribeira Sacra - Hani Terraces China - Sangrahar, India - Peru terraces - Mallorca terraces	Sinite Yu, Taiwan Mario Crescentes, Spain Ping Kong/Ning Liu, China Shubhashree Upasana, India Kevin Lane, Argentina Tomeu Deya, Spain
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-14.30	Pitches/Presentations of submitted abstracts (Pecha Kucha format)	
14.30 - 15.30	Master Class Programming Roundtable: traditional water management and agriculture for livelihoods and landscape conservation	Lorenzo Caponetti, Alessio Corti, FFI Steffen Nijhuis, TU Delft, landscape logic Paola Nella Barguini, Polytechnic Milano Ping Kong, HUL methodology Najet Aroua, Algiers, Algeria Feirouz Megdiche, Soussa Uni, Tunisia Shubhashree Upasana, Uni Pune Eddy Moors, IHE and WAMU-NET Jonathan Bell, World Monuments Fund Prof. Orlandini Uni Florence ISC Water Bureau
15.30-15.50	Coffee	
15.50 – 17.20	AGM Review of Scientific Symposium highlights/key takeaways Review of Triennial Plan Initiatives ISC Water Bureau Working Group Focal Point presentations Discussion of upcoming events and collaborations (UN Water Conference Senegal and UAE 2026, ICOMOS Malaysia 2026, FFI Venice Climate Week 2026)	ISC Water Bureau and members Afzal Azhari, ICOMOS Malaysia on GA 2026 Naima Benkari, UN Water conference 2026 and SDG WG Saida Bath, ICOMOS Morocco ICOMOS Gender Task Force icomosheritageandgender@gmail.com ICOMOS Indigenous Heritage WG ICOMOS ISC Cultural Landscapes ICOMOS Climate Change WG ICOMOS Italia ICOMOS emerging professionals WG Women for water partnership Lesha Witmer Jurn Buisman, ICOMOS SG and NC Water, Netherlands Ian Travers, ICOMOS Aistralia
17.20-17.30	Conclusions, Recommendations, Florence Statement	ISC Water Bureau