



13th Living Lakes Conference

Lake Management – Challenges in a Changing World



20 – 25 March 2010
Lake Chapala and Guadalajara
México



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The traditional bi-annual Living Lakes Conferences are a global forum on environmental issues for partners from different areas. The 13th conference at Lake Chapala in México will focus on adequate management of lakes and wetlands according to Ramsar or other protection status.

The Mexican Ministry of the Environment and Mexican representatives of water authorities, municipalities and universities will actively participate in the conference. Keynote presentations will review different aspects of lake and wetland conservation. Working groups will explore these themes in depth, and will analyse particular experiences in order to contribute to the Ramsar management plan for Lake Chapala. Round-table discussions regarding the ecological, economical and social dimensions of Lake and Wetland Management will consider:

- Management of water quantity and quality
- Management of shores and wetlands of a lake
- Management of flora and fauna
- Influence of lake management on agriculture, fishery, tourism and industry
- Management of health issues such as sanitation and drinking water
- Preservation and support of cultural values of the lake
- Management of the lake in conjunction with the rights of indigenous people
- Participation of stakeholders in lake management

The conference provides a great chance that should not be missed for organisations and institutions from all sectors. Attendees will have the opportunity to share experiences and research outcomes, to overcome knowledge gaps and to discuss and identify joint solutions and impulses for innovators in the area of lakes and wetlands conservation.

For more information and online registration see www.globalnature.org/13LL-Conference.



Photo: Lake Chapala – the largest fresh water lake in México



LAKE CHAPALA

Lake Chapala is Mexico's largest fresh water lake, with a maximum capacity of approximately 8,000 million cubic metres. The water level varies during the year due to seasonal rainfall, and also over the long term due to periodic droughts, heavier rainfall and the amount of water released from dams. Currently the lake's area is 114,659 hectares with an average depth of 8m, corresponding to a volume of about 5,500 million cubic metres, or about 68% of capacity. The lake is very important for migratory birds from North America, such as the American White Pelicans which migrate from central Canada and live on the lake from November until March. There is also a large and diverse population of native birds around the lake.

Lake Chapala is extremely endangered. Eleven million people live in the catchment area (about 10% of the total population of México), and the potential for conflict over regional water resources is high due to their overexploitation and contamination. About 81% of the lake's catchment area is agricultural, and the area irrigated has quintupled over the last 50 years. Lake Chapala's principal source is the Lerma River, which originates near Toluca in Mexico State and flows through the states of Michoacán and Guanajuato before entering Jalisco. The water entering Lake Chapala from the Lerma River is highly polluted with heavy metals and other toxic substances as a result of insufficient wastewater treatment by the many industries operating near the Lerma River. Additionally, many of the towns around the lake release their sewage and waste water into the lake without treatment. The mandated "Federal Zone" around the lake, where construction is prohibited, suffers increasing invasion by landowners. The wetlands of the lake are of great value and should be protected under national law. In 2009 Lake Chapala was declared as a RAMSAR site.

HOSTING ORGANISATIONS

- Global Nature Fund (GNF)
- Fundación de la Cuenca Lerma Lago Chapala-Santiago
- Sociedad Amigos del Lago de Chapala
- Universidad de Guadalajara

LIVING LAKES NETWORK

In 1998 the Living Lakes network, a global partnership of environmental organisations striving for the protection of lakes and wetlands worldwide, was launched by the Global Nature Fund. Now eleven years later, the network consists of 64 partner lakes represented by more than 80 member organisations from all continents. All partners are united in agreement with the World Lake Vision of managing lakes in a sustainable way, with the aim to provide a practical blueprint for insuring the long-term health of lakes and the integrity of the freshwater required by human societies for their survival and economic development, and for maintaining life-supporting ecosystems. For more information about the network see www.globalnature.org/livinglakes.





VENUES

The **conference** will take place in the city of Guadalajara. The opening of the conference will take place in the assembly hall of the University of Guadalajara, with round table discussions held in the Valentín Gomez Farías building, also known as the SEMS (Sistema de Educación Media Superior) building of the university.

Two optional **pre-conference trips** are planned, to sites of great cultural and historical importance: one to the archeological site of Guachimontones and the town of Tequila; the other to Mezcala Island and the towns of Ocotlán and Jamay. At the conclusion of the official conference, **post-conference road shows** will give the opportunity to visit communities around Lake Chapala to raise awareness of Living Lakes and Ramsar. During the **pre-conference trips** and **post conference road shows**, participants will learn more about Lake Chapala - the political, social and economical situation in the catchment area of the lake, regional and national environmental politics, history, current developments and future prospects.

FEES

Pre-conference trips on 20-21 March 2010, as well as the **post-conference Road Shows** on 24-25 March 2010, are not a part of the official **public conference** programme. If you would like to participate in the pre- and post-conference events, please contact us. Payment details can be found in the attached **registration form**.

Pre-Conference Trips (20-21 March 2010):

The Pre-Conference fee includes food and transportation costs, side events

- 150 EUR per person
- 100 EUR per person for NGOs

Public Conference (22-23 March 2010):

The conference fee includes a kit with conference information, lunches, dinners, coffee and snacks, admission fees to side events as well as cultural performances and transportation to/from the conference venue during the two conference days.

- 150 EUR per person
- 100 EUR per person for NGOs

Post-Conference Road Shows (24-25 March 2010):

The Pre-Conference fee includes food and transportation costs, side events

- 120 EUR per person

Participants will be hosted in the **Villa Montecarlo Hotel** in the city of Chapala. On request, we can book a room for you and provide transfer from/to Guadalajara airport (please find payment details in the attached registration form).



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday, 19 March 2010 – Arrival Day

15.00 – 23.00	Arrival at Guadalajara MX Miguel Hidalgo International Airport - bus shuttle to hotel in Chapala
18.00 – 23.00	Registration and check-in at the Villa Montecarlo Hotel in Chapala

Saturday, 20 March 2010 – Pre-Conference Trip – Day I

7.00 – 8.00	Breakfast at Villa Montecarlo Hotel
8.00 – 9.00	Trip to El Salto
9.00 – 10.30	Tour Santiago River and coffee break
10.30 – 13.00	Leave for Tequila & reception at Casa Cuervo (Tequila Distillers)
13.00 – 14.30	Tour in Casa Cuervo
14.30 – 16.00	Lunch
16.00 – 17.30	Leave to Teuchitlán
17.30 – 19.30	Guachimontones Tour, dinner and cultural event
19.30 – 21.00	Return to Teuchitlán and Dinner
21.00 – 22.30	Cultural Event in Guachimontones
22.30	Return to Hotel Montecarlo



Photos: Pyramid at Guachimontones, Tequila town, Agave field

Sunday, 21 March 2010 – Pre-Conference Trip – Day II

7.00 – 8.00	Breakfast at Villa Montecarlo Hotel
8.00 – 8.30	Trip to Mezcala Village Bus departs from Villa Montecarlo Hotel at 8.00

8.30 – 10.30	Tour to Mezcala Island, a unique natural site on lake Chapala and sacred location of the indigenous group and coffee break
11.00 – 15.00	Tour to Ocotlán, coffee break
15.30 – 17.00	Arrival to Jamay, Welcome reception-lunch
17.00 – 20.00	City tour and cultural performance by folkloric ballet
20.00 – 21.30	Return to Villa Montecarlo Hotel
18.00 – 22.00	Registration and check-in at the Villa Montecarlo Hotel (airport bus shuttle and registration for participants arriving to conference only)



Photo: Mezcala Island, Ocotlán and Jamay

Monday, 22 March 2010 – Conference Day I

Topic: Ecological Dimensions of Lake Management

7.00 – 8.30	Breakfast at Villa Montecarlo Hotel
8.45 – 9.30	Conference venue and registration in Villa Montecarlo
9.30 – 10.15	<p>Opening of Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marion Hammerl, <i>President, Global Nature Fund, Germany</i> - Maestro Juan Rafael Elvira Quesada, <i>Commissary of the Ministry of the Environment, México</i> - C.P. Emilio González Márquez, <i>Governor of the State of Jalisco, México</i> - Lic. Leonel Godoy Rangel, <i>Governor of the State of Michoacán, México</i> - Dr. Marco Antonio Cortés Guardado, <i>Rector of the University of Guadalajara, México</i> - C. José de Jesús Cabrera Jiménez, <i>Presidente Municipal de Chapala, Jalisco</i> - Manuel Villagomez Rodriguez, <i>President, Fundación Cuenca</i>



	<p>Lerma, México</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Morris Schwarzblat y Kats, Director General del Instituto Tecnológico Superior de Chapala, México - Lic. Sergio Arturo Unzueta, President, Amigos del Lago, México
10.15 – 11.15	<p>Keynote Presentations:</p> <p>Situation and challenges of lakes and wetlands in Latin America Dr. Antonio Gómez Reyna, University of Guadalajara, México</p> <p>Lake management and climate change: The catastrophe at Laguna de Bay, Philippines and lessons learned Edgardo Manda, Director of Laguna Lake Development Authority, Philippines</p> <p>Questions and Discussion</p>
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.45	<p>Ramsar Wetlands in Mexico and introduction of the Ramsar management plan for Lake Chapala.</p> <p>Dr. Ernesto Enkerlin Hoeflich, National Delegate of the Protected Areas, México CONANP</p> <p>Mtra. Martha Ruth del Toro, Secretary of the Environment and Sustainable Development of the State of Jalisco, México SEMADES</p> <p>Dr. Guillermo Barba Calvillo Centro Investigador del departamento de Ciencias Ambientales del Centro Universitario de Ciencias Biológicas y Agropecuarias de la Universidad de Guadalajara. <i>Interconnection and educational Experiences at Ramsar sites, at the central zone of Jalisco. Experiencias de vinculación y educación en los sitios Ramsar de la zona centro del Estado de Jalisco.</i></p> <p>Dra. Raquel Gutierrez Nájera, IDEA and Mtro. Alejandro Juárez Aguilar, Corazón de la Tierra - organisations involved into the elaboration of the Management Plan</p> <p>Concept and Objectives of Round Table Discussions <u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Manfred Niekisch, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Director of Frankfurt Zoo, Germany</p>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch in Montecarlo Hotel, Chapala
14.30 – 15.00	Transfer to Instituto Tecnológico Superior de Chapala
15.00 – 17.00	Parallel Round Tables: Ecological Dimensions of Lake Management
	<p>RT1: Management of Water Quantity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dead Sea, Baha Afaneh, Friends of the Earth Middle East, Israel, Jordan, Palestine - Mono Lake, Arya Degenhardt, Mono Lake Committee, California, USA - Dr. Enrique Meza Villegas, Centro Universitario de Ciencias

Exactas e Ingenierías. Universidad de Guadalajara

- Towards Sustainable Water Management of the Metropolitan Zone of Guadalajara, **Dr. Arturo Gleason**, Centro Universitario de Arte, Arquitectura y Diseño, Universidad de Guadalajara

Moderator: Mtra. Mireya Acosta Gurrola, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Exactas e Ingenierías, Universidad de Guadalajara

Rapporteur: Mechthild Adameit, MRLSD, China

RT 2: Management of Water Quality

- Floating Macrophyte Filters – low cost waste water treatment
Amanda del Río, Fundación Global Nature, Spain
- Efforts in water quality monitoring: Consequences of the lack of management practices and proper information at Lake Atitlán
Estuardo Girón, Vivamos Mejor, Guatemala
- Contamination of Lake Chapala
Dr. José de Anda, Director del Centro de Investigación y Asistencia en Tecnología y Diseño del Estado de Jalisco
- **Dr. Pedro Francisco Rodríguez**, Instituto Politécnico Nacional
- Sustainability Strategy for the watershed of Cuenca – Lerma – Chapala, **Dr. Jorge Arturo Hidalgo Toledo**, Instituto Mexicano de Tecnología del Agua
- Microanalysis of the Occident, **Dra. Luz María Cueto**, Fundación Cuenca Lerma Chapala, México

Moderator: Marion Hammerl, GNF

Rapporteur: Dra. Aida Fajardo, Universidad de Guadalajara

RT 3: Management of Lake Shores and Wetlands

- Lake shore management of Andean Lakes in Bolivia
Bernardo Aspiazu Arce, TROPICO, Bolivia
- Development and implementation of Lake Restoration Strategy for the Broads taking into account climate change and sea level rise
John Sharpe, Member of the Broads Authority's Board, UK
- The envisioning framework for conservation of Lake Kanyaboli as a Ramsar Site, **Dr. Obiero Onganga**, Osienala, Kenya
- **Dr. Jose Guadalupe Michel Parra**, Centro Universitario del Sur, Ciudad Guzmán, México
- **Dra. Isabel Israde Alcantara**, Departamento de Geología de la Universidad Michoacana San Nicolás de Hidalgo, México

Moderator: Dra. Yazmin Jarquin, Centro de Investigación y Asistencia en Tecnología y Diseño del Estado de Jalisco, México

Rapporteur: Dr. Karen Ross, Wilderness Foundation, South Africa

RT 4: Management of Fauna

- Waterbirds monitoring activities at Lake Trasimeno
Francesco Velatta, Province of Perugia, Italy
- Integrated protected areas for freshwater Irrawaddy dolphins in the Mahakam River, Indonesia, **Dr. Moeljo Soeparto Sumaryono**, YK-Rasi, Indonesia
- Genetic impact of persistent organic contamination on the fish *Codea Artripinni*, **Dr. Armando Arevalo**. Centro Universitario de Ciencias Biológicas y Agropecuarias. University of Guadalajara

- Water birds in inland lakes, **Dr. Oscar Reyna**, *Centro Universitarios de Ciencias Biológicas y Agropecuarias, University of Guadalajara*
- Moderator:** Oscar Cordero Viramontes, Presidente del Patronato del Bosque de los Colomos
Rapporteur: Dr. Hendrik Hoeck, GNF

RT 5: Management of Flora

- Lakes protection as an essential element of protecting biodiversity
Erio Curto, *Promar, Mar Chiquita, Argentina*
 - Controlling aquatic invasive species
Daniel Hoare, *Broads Authority, UK*
 - The case of the vanishing Azucena flower or Creating a nature preserve in the hills of Jocotepec, **Ing. Antonio Machuca**, *Comunidad del Ejido de Zapotitan de Hidalgo, Jocotepec*
 - Restoration of Watershed of Lake Patzcuaro. **Miguel Angel Cordova**, *Instituto Mexicano de Tecnología del Agua*
- Moderator:** Elías Rodríguez Mejilla, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Biológicas y Agropecuarias, México
Rapporteur: Roger de Freitas, BTCV Ambassador

17.00 – 17.15

Coffee break

17.15 – 18.15

Presentations of the results of round tables 1-5 Summary of the day

Moderator: Prof. Manfred Niekisch, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Director of Frankfurt Zoo, Germany

18.15 – 18.30

Return to the Hotel Monte Carlo, Transfer to Centro Cultural

20.00 – 22.00

Dinner at Centro Cultural González Gallo

22.00

Return to Hotel Montecarlo



Photo: There is a high potential for conflicts over regional water resources at Lake Chapala



Tuesday, 23 March 2010 - Conference Day II

Topic: Economic and Social Dimensions of Lake Management

7.00 – 8.30	Breakfast at Villa Montecarlo Hotel
8.45 – 9.15	Transfer to Instituto Tecnológico Superior de Chapala
9.15 – 10.15	<p>Keynote Presentation:</p> <p>The People's Role in Lake Management</p> <p>Mike Ounsted, Chair, Wetland and Livelihoods Working Group, UK</p> <p>Ecological and Economic Dimensions of Ramsar Management Principles, Maria Rivera, Senior Advisor for the Americas, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Switzerland</p> <p>Discussion</p>
10.15 – 10.30	Coffee break
10.30 – 12.30	<p>Parallel Round Tables: Economic Dimensions of Lake Management</p> <p>RT 6: How can management influence agriculture?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protection & Use – a Contradiction?! - Integrated Solutions, a Case Study from Poyang Lake, Meiying Liu, MRLSD, China - Business cooperation with the agricultural sector and water management, Patrick Trötschler, Lake Constance Foundation, Germany - Agricultural Management at Laguna Yuriria, Dr. Luis Perez Moreno, Instituto de Ciencias Agrícolas, Universidad de Guanajuato, México - Caso Rancho La Salud, Jaime Navarro, San Juan Cosalá, Jocotepec, México <p>Moderator: Ing. Roberto Sierra, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Biológicas y Agropecuarias, Universidad de Guadalajara, México</p> <p>Rapporteur: Udo Gattenlöhner, GNF, Germany</p>
	<p>RT 7: How can management influence fisheries?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fisheries Management Plan at Laguna de Fúquene Germán Andrade, Fundación Humedales, Colombia - Case Study Lake Trasimeno Mauro Natali, Office for programming and management of Fish Fauna, Province of Perugia, Italy - Rafael Leon Sánchez, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Exactas e Ingenierías, Universidad de Guadalajara - Dr. Cristian Martínez Chavez, Instituto de Investigaciones Agropecuarias y Forestales, Universidad Michoacana San Nicolás de Hidalgo, México <p>Moderator: Ing. Eduardo Garcia Gonzales, Centro de Estudios Tecnológicos de Aguas Continentales, México</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Obiero Onganga, OSIENALA, Kenya</p>
	<p>RT 8: How can management influence tourism?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communities, entrepreneurs and NGOs: Different points of view and



	<p>expectations regarding tourism development Jaanika Kaljuvee, Lake Võrtsjärv Foundation, Estonia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visitor Management in the Lake District National Park, UK Bob Cartwright, Lake District National Park Authority, UK - Sustainable tourism development at Lake Chapala, Dr. Victor Manuel Mijangos, Dir. Gral. De Planeación y Desarrollo Turístico - Tourism development at Lake Cuitzeo, Lic. Yasser Castro Arrellano, Presidente Municipal Cuitzeo, Michoacán <p>Moderator: Lic. Carlos Aviles, México Rapporteur: Ranveig Eckoff, GNF, Germany</p>
	<p>RT 9: How can management influence industry and urbanism?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to manage uncontrolled urbanisation and Illegal settlements? Example Laguna de Bay, Philippines, Edgardo Manda, Laguna Lake Development Authority, Philippines - Eco-Economic Zone of Poyang Lake – a harmonious way to simultaneously achieve economic and ecologic goals Mechthild Adameit, MRLSD, China - Lic . Fernando Gallo Perez, Caso Chante - Arq. Arturo Gonzalez Romo, Centro Universitario de Arte, Arquitectura y Diseño, Universidad de Guadalajara <p>Moderator: Rainer Baake, German Environmental Aid, Germany Rapporteur: Dr. Eileen Collard, Sociedad Amigos del Lago, México</p>
12.30 – 12.45	Coffee break
12.45 – 13.15	<p>Presentations of the results of round tables 6-9 <u>Moderation:</u> Dr. Andrew Venter, Wildlands Conservation Trust, South Africa</p>
13.15 – 14.30	Lunch



14.30 – 16.30

Parallel Round Tables: Social Dimensions of Lake Management**RT 10: Managing Health Issues (Sanitation, Drinking Water etc.)**

- How to preserve drinking water reserves in the lake water sheet: Gwasssi Hills, Lake Victoria
Dr. Godfrey Ogonda, OSIENALA Friends of Lake Victoria, Kenya
- Water efficiency and water saving in Los Angeles – crucial management issues for Mono Lake
Arya Degenhardt, Mono Lake Committee, California, USA
- Critical social perspectives in health issues: Case study Juanacatlán
Dra. Rosa Leticia Scherman Leño, Centro Universitario de Ciencias de la Salud, Universidad de Guadalajara, México
- **Dr. Carlos Alvarez Moya**, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Biológicas y Agropecuarias. Universidad de Guadalajara, México
- Presence of Methyl Mercury in Mothers and New-borns at the Lake Chapala, **Felipe Lozano Kasten**, Secretary of Public Health Issues, Jalisco, Mexico

Moderator: Dr. Marco Castillo Moran, Centro Universitario de Ciencias de la Salud, Universidad de Guadalajara, México

Rapporteur: Amy Lecciones, Society for the Conservation of Philippine Wetlands, Philippines

RT 11: Preserving and Supporting Cultural Values of the Lake

- Ecotourism and support of culture of ethnical minorities at Lake Baikal, **Dr. Nina Dagbaeva**, GRAN, Burjatia, Russian Federation
- Political ecology, complexity and interdisciplinary dialogue toward regional sustainability in the Santiago river basin, **Mtro. Heliodoro Ochoa García** y **Dr. Jaime Morales Hernández**, ITESO Universidad Jesuita de Guadalajara
- Policy, Culture and Education, **Mstra. Maria del Rayo Calderón García**, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades, Universidad de Guadalajara, México

Moderator: Aida Aguilar, Cronista de Jocotpec

Rapporteur: Simone Dale, Wildlands Conservation Trust, South Africa

RT 12: Indigenous Peoples Rights

- Case study Okavango Delta in Botswana
Dr. Karen Ross, Wilderness Foundation, South Africa
- **Exciquio Santiago Cruz**, Municipality of Poncitlan, Mexico
- **Carlos Gonzalez**, Movimiento Indigena Nacional, Mexico

Moderator: Cesar Diaz, Mexico

Rapporteur: Kat Hartwig, Wildsight, Canada

RT 13: Participation of Stakeholders in Lake Management (Structure, Processes, Resources)

- Participation of stakeholders in the Kis-Balaton project
Erzsébet Székely, Association of Civil Organisations of Lake Balaton, Hungary
- Canada's Columbia Wetlands and the Canadian Ramsar Network
Heather Leschied, Lake Windermere Project, Wildsight, Canada
- Stakeholder participation in transboundary Lake Peipsi/Chudskoe



	<p>Water management planning, Margit Säre, <i>Peipsi Centre for Transboundary Cooperation, Estonia-Russian Federation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Case Study Parque Nacional Lago Cemeucaro Michoacan Dr. Pedro Joaquín Gutiérrez Yurrita y Dra. Patricia Muñoz Sevilla, <i>Instituto Politécnico Nacional, Mexico</i> - Social Participation in Lake Management, Case Study Río Jiquilpan, Cienega de Chapala, Dra. Adriana Sandoval Moreno, <i>Unidad Académica de Estudios Regionales de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México</i> - Governance of lake shores and wetlands in the Consejo Cuenca - Lerma – Chapala. Dr. Rodrigo Flores Elizondo, <i>Departamento de Economía Administración y Mercadotecnia del Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente, México</i> <p>Moderator: Alejandro Juarez, Corazón de la Tierra, México Rapporteur: Dr. Raquel Gutierrez Nájera, Abogada, IDEA, México</p>
	<p>RT 14: Renewable Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of Biogas – Evidences in Rural China, Mechthild Adameit, <i>MRLSD, China</i> - Dr. Mauricio Alcocer, <i>Director de la Maestría en Energía Renovable, Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara, México</i> - Renewable Energies at Lake Chapala, Dr. Antonio Gomez Reyna, <i>Centro Universitario de Ciencias Exactas e Ingenierías, Universidad de Guadalajara, México</i> <p>Moderator: Gustavo Oropeza García, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Exactas e Ingenierías. Universidad de Guadalajara, México Rapporteur: Rainer Baake, German Environmental Aid, Germany</p>
16.30 – 16.45	Coffee break
16.45 – 17.45	<p>Presentations of the results of round tables 10-14 Summary of the day</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mike Ounsted, Chair, Wetland and Livelihoods Working Group, UK</p>
17.45 – 18.15	<p>Final Statement: Management of Ramsar Site Lake Chapala – a positive example for Latin America or a “Paper Tiger”?</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Manfred Niekisch, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Germany</p>
18.15 – 18.45	<p>Closing Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Udo Gattenlöhner, <i>Executive Director, Global Nature Fund, Germany</i> - Marco A. Cortés Guardado, <i>Rector, University of Guadalajara, México</i>
19.00 – 19.45	Press Conference



19.45 – 20.00	Return to the Hotel Monte Carlo
20.30 – 23.00	Dinner at Lake Chapala

Wednesday/Thursday, 24-25 March 2010 – Road Show Day I-II

8.00 – 9.00	Breakfast at the hotel and departure of participants not taking part in the post-conference road shows
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Common activities with regional governments, exhibitions about projects in communities Poncitlan, Ocotlan and Jamay around Lake Chapala, involvement of different groups in the project activities, performances by children and youth.
In the afternoon, cultural event prepared by all Living Lakes partners.

Friday, 26 March 2010 – Departure Day

8.00 – 9.00	Breakfast at the hotel
	Check-out and bus shuttle to the Guadalajara MX Miguel Hidalgo International Airport

General Information

Time Zone	UTC-6
Climate	The weather in March is mild and rather dry, average temperature is 21° C (70° F). Bring a jacket for mornings and evenings, insect repellent and your swimsuit: The hotel pool is fed by a natural hot spring.
Conference Language	English. Spanish to English translators will be present during plenary sessions.
Currency	México pesos. ATMS are readily available.
Communication	The international phone code for México is +52. E-mail facilities will be available at the venue. For phone calls from fixed line towards a Mexican mobile phone please prefix 045-52.
Electricity	Voltage is 127 V - 60 Hz. Information on adapters and plugs is available at http://kropla.com/electric2.htm .
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Photo: Lake Chapala is a critical habitat for several species of migratory birds, such as the White Pelican, and home to thousands of indigenous plants and animals. Since 2009 Lake Chapala is under the protection of the Ramsar Convention

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