

**The International Joint Commission:  
Facing the challenges of transboundary water management**

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The International Joint Commission was established in 1909 as a mechanism to help prevent and resolve disputes concerning water quantity and water along the boundary between Canada and the United States. This presentation will discuss the mandate and role of the Commission as an independent binational body working across federal, state and provincial borders. It will then focus on some of the challenges that the Commission has faced in that context, how it has addressed some of these challenges and some thoughts for the future. This will include issues such as data harmonisation, international watersheds initiative and the Commission's role under the renewed 2012 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.