



Global Encounters
International Student
Video Conferences

Water: A Global Crisis

International Student Video Conference

March 20, 2014

9:00-10:30MT/11:00-12:30ET

Teacher's Guide

Welcome!

March 12th, 2014

Dear Teacher,

The [Centre for Global Education](#) and [TakingITGlobal](#) would like to extend a warm welcome to you in advance of the **‘Water: A Global Crisis’** Global Encounters Video Conference. We are so excited to have you and your students engage in the interactive virtual classroom and participate in the live event on **March 20th, 2014**.

This guide was designed to help you facilitate your students’ participation in the video conference and the various pre-conference learning activities housed in the virtual classroom. It contains instructions on how to join the virtual classroom, an overview of the activities found there, as well as details about the live event.

If you have colleagues who are interested in the video conference but were not able to register in time to participate, please let them know that they can watch the event in real time by visiting <http://www.livestream.com/takingitglobal>.

We hope you and your students have an engaging and meaningful learning experience, and we welcome your feedback after the event through two brief online surveys, [one designed for students](#) and [one for teachers](#).

Thank you for your participation.

Warmly,

The Global Encounters team

www.encounters.tigweb.org encounters@tged.org

CRITICAL QUESTIONS

This is the question each school will be invited to answer during the videoconference.

- 1. What are the pressures on and threats to water availability and sustainability in your community?*
- 2. Is water a fundamental personal right or a basic economic good?*
- 3. What, if any, responsibility does you as an individual and country as a country bear for the present state of the world's water crisis? What is your recommended course of action?*

To Join the Virtual Classroom

1. Teachers can join the virtual classroom by using the following registration link and entering registration code

Registration Link: <http://encounters.tiged.org/water/register/>

Registration code: goglobal

2. Students can join the virtual by using following registration code and link:

Registration Link: <http://encounters.tiged.org/water/register/>

Registration Code: goglobal

3. Next, share this link and code with your students so that they can join the class.
If you and your students are not yet members of TakingITGlobal you will be prompted to create a free account

After joining the classroom you can visit <http://encounters.tigweb.org/> for easy access to this and any other classes you are part of (listed under "My Events" on the homepage).

For any personalized assistance, please email: encounters@tiged.org

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

The following chart contains a brief overview of the learning activities found in the virtual classroom. Click on the hyperlinked titles to access complete descriptions and instructions.

Please have your students work in groups to complete the assignments and post their work to the virtual classroom as directed. While we estimate that each activity will take about one class period to complete, please spend as much or as little time on this as your curriculum will allow.

Activity	Description
Pressures and Threats to Water Availability and Sustainability	Students will explore the pressures and threats the international community places on clean water.
Water: a human right or an economic good	Students will analysis if access to clear water is a basic human right or should be used as an economic good.
Your respnsibility towards the world's water crisis	For this lesson, students will brainstorm and learn what responsibility they have towards the world water crisis.

VIDEO CONFERENCE DETAIL

Date: March 20, 2014

Times: 9 am– 10:30am MT 7 / 11 am – 12:30pm ET

To Login to Blackboard Collaborate: (Used to share Powerpoint during VC)

- Please go to <http://www.tigurl.org/encounters>
- Enter your school name for the session and click “log in”. You should now be in the session.
- You will need a second projector to display this during the conference

To connect the H.323 session please dial:

- Alberta Schools: 2020@199.216.149.3 or 199.216.149.3##2020
- International (Non-Albertan) School: 20202010@139.142.188.3 or 139.142.188.3##20202010

Agenda

Twitter handle: #globalencounters

(Twitter will be an integral part of the conference. Please ensure all students have access to a Smartphone or computer to participate in the discussion there.)

- 9:00 – 9:05 MT / 11:00 – 11:05 ET
Welcome, Introductions (Each school will have one minute to introduce their school)
- 9:05 – 9:10 MT / 11:05 – 11:10 ET
Keynote address
- 9:10 – 9:25 MT / 11:10 – 11:25 ET
 - Student Question #1: *What are the pressures on and threats to water availability and sustainability in your community?*
 - Student Question #2: *Is water a fundamental personal right or a basic economic good?*
- 9:25 – 9:45 MT / 11:25 – 11:45 ET
Panel Discussion and followed by Q&A
- 9:45 – 10:00 MT / 11:45 – 12:00 ET
 - Student Question #3: *What, if any, responsibility does you as an individual and country as a country bear for the present state of the world’s water crisis? What is your recommended course of action?*
- 10:00 – 10:15 MT/12:00 - 12:15 ET
Panel Discussion followed by a Q & A period
- 10:20 – 10:30 MT/ 12:20 – 12:30 ET
Summary and Closing Remarks