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The Budapest Water Summit, which took place from 8–11 October 2013 in Budapest, Hungary, brought together participants representing governments, international organizations, civil society, academia and the private sector to discuss the development of water-related goals for the post-2015 development agenda.

Dr. Reza Ardakanian, Founding Director of the UNU Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES), participated in a special evening session where he introduced the work of UNU-FLORES and the nexus of water, soil and waste to a high-level panel and an audience consisting of more than 150 key members of the international water community. The 90-minute panel put forward such points as the need for developing a nexus mindset both in science and in practice, and the need for institutional capacity development.

UNU-FLORES also hosted a booth at the Summit's Water and Sanitation Expo, where the Institute presented its work and displayed information about the UN Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development hosted by UNU in Bonn.

For more details on the Summit and UNU's participation, please see the <u>UNU-FLORES</u> website (http://flores.unu.edu/budapest-water-summit-promoting-the-nexus-of-water-soil-and-waste/).

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