



Recognizing Progress, Taking Action for the Future We Want

Water Day @Rio+20

Tuesday 19 June 2012, 9:30 - 21:00

VENUE Room P3-6, Riocentro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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UN-Water is the United Nations inter-agency coordination mechanism for all freshwater related issues. Building on a long history of inter-agency coordination, UN-Water was established in 2003 to facilitate synergies and joint efforts among UN entities in the area of water.

UN-Water seeks to: promote coherent actions of the UN System on water issues, especially at country level; contribute to the global policy debate on water issues; contribute to the knowledge base on water and serve as an entry point for water-related indicators, data and information; and identify emerging issues and provide a platform for strategic discussion on how to prepare for and cope with them more effectively.

The objectives of the **Water Day at Rio+20** are:

1. To demonstrate to the broad range of stakeholders, particularly decision makers, that some of the major challenges facing humanity today are water related.
2. To identify major water issues connecting with the themes of the Rio+20 Conference.
3. To focus on the means of implementation, particularly focusing on the action areas where the United Nations can act together through UN-Water.

The Water Day will bring the UN-Water contribution to the Rio+20 Conference, building on the UN-Water Statement for Rio+20 submitted to the Rio+20 Secretariat in November 2011 and on the UN-Water Deliverables for Rio+20 submitted in March 2012 through the United Nations High Level Committee on Programmes.

At the Water Day UN-Water will release its Report on Water Resources Management, specifically produced for Rio+20, and it will engage in high level panel discussions on the relevance of water in the Rio+20 outcomes and beyond, and on the role of the human right to water and to sanitation. Finally, the 2013 International Year of Water Cooperation will be introduced as the first concrete step in the follow-up of the outcomes of Rio+20.



9:30-11:30 | **SESSION 1**

Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM): Benefiting countries for a sustainable and equitable future

9:30 - 9:35

Welcome address

Michel Jarraud, Chair, UN-Water

9:35 - 9:40

Keynote address

Achim Steiner, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

9:40 - 10:00

Presentation: Key findings of UN-Water Status Report on the Application of Integrated Approaches to the Development, Management and Use of Water Resources

Peter Koefoed Bjornsen, Director, UNEP-DHI Centre for Water and Environment

10:00 - 11:10

Panel discussion and Q&A with the audience

Moderator: Veerle Vandeweerd, Director Environment & Energy Group Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Panellists (short statements followed by discussion):

- H.E. Hesham Kandil, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt, and President, African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW)
 - H.E. Ville Niinistö, Minister of the Environment, Finland
 - H.E. Rashad bin Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water, United Arab Emirates
 - Peter Kovacs, State Secretary for Water, Ministry of Rural Development, Hungary (to be confirmed)
 - José Luis Luege Tamargo, Director General, National Water Commission of Mexico (CONAGUA)
 - Letitia Obeng, Chair, Global Water Partnership
 - Alexander Müller, Assistant Director-General for Natural Resources, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
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11:10 - 11:15

Official launch and hand-over of the report by Michel Jarraud to Brice Lalonde, Executive Coordinator of Rio+20 (to be confirmed)

11:15 - 11:20

Closing remarks by Brice Lalonde (to be confirmed)

11:20 - 11:35 Break



11:35 - 13:00 | **SESSION 2**

Toward global commitments on universal access to water and sanitation

11:35 - 11:40

Welcome address

Gerard Payen, United Nations Secretary General Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB)

11:40 - 11:50

High-level address

H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia, Goodwill Ambassador for Water and Sanitation in Africa (to be confirmed)

11:50 - 12:00

Keynote address

Michel Jarraud, Chair, UN-Water

12:00 - 12:45

Panel discussion and Q&A with the audience

Moderator: Joan Clos, Executive Director, UN HABITAT

Panellists (short statements followed by discussion):

- H.E. Sheikh Professor Alhaji Dr. Yahya A.J.J Jammeh, President of Gambia (to be confirmed)
- H.E. Ida Auken, Minister of the Environment, Denmark (to be confirmed)
- Joppe Cramwinckel, Director, Water, World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- Nicholas K. Alipui, Director of Programmes, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- Maria Neira, Director, Public Health and Environment, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Jason Morrison, Director, Pacific Institute, CEO Water Mandate

12:55 - 13:00

Wrap-up and closing remarks

Gerard Payen, United Nations Secretary General Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB)

13:30 Press briefing organized by UN-Water, UNEP and UNDP:

- The Water Day at Rio+20.
- Launch of UN-Water Status Report on Water Resources Management.
- UN System drive for universal access to water and sanitation.



17:30 - 19:30 | **SESSION 3**

Water and Sanitation as a Human Right

17:30 - 17:35

Opening

Jack Moss, Senior Advisor, Aquafed

17:35 - 17:40

Video message

Catarina de Albuquerque,
Special Rapporteur on the human right to water and to sanitation

17:40 - 17:50

Keynote address

Olcaý Ünver, Director, United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)

17:50 - 18:50

Panel discussion and Q&A with the audience

Moderator: Archana Patkar, Programme Manager,
Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)

Panellists (short statements followed by discussion):

- H.E. Evo Morales, President of Bolivia (to be confirmed)
 - H.E. Svandis Svavarsdottir Minister of Environment, Iceland (to be confirmed)
 - Martin Dahinden, Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
 - Charlotte Petri Gornitzka, Director General, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) (to be confirmed)
 - Anil Naidoo, Coordinator, Blue Planet Project
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18:50 - 19:00

Wrap-up and closing remarks

Jack Moss, Senior Advisor, Aquafed

19:00 - 19:30: Break



19:30 - 21:00 | **SESSION 4**

2013 International Year of Water Cooperation: Building peace and development through water cooperation

19:30 - 19:40

Welcome address

Irina Bokova, Director General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

19:40 - 19:45

High-level address

Sven Alkalaj, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

19:45 - 19:55

Film projection

Participatory approaches in Brazil, an example from AguaBoa

19:55 - 20:50

Panel discussion and Q&A with the audience

Water cooperation in action: testimony and commitments

Chair: Irina Bokova, Director General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Moderator: Johan Kuylenstierna, Executive Director, Stockholm Environment Institute

Panellists (short statements followed by discussion):

- Jean-Francois Donzier, Permanent Technical Secretary, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
- Le Duc Trung, Mekong River Commission Secretariat
- Nelton Miguel Friedrich, Director, Coordination and Environment, AguaBoa
- Lasse Gustavsson, Executive Director, WWF International
- Karin Lexén, Director, Swedish Water House initiative at SIWI, Chair of the Swedish IHP Committee
- Peter Oganga Mangiti, Director, Land Reclamation and Water Services, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Kenya (to be confirmed)
- Ivan Zavadsky, Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, Global Environment Facility (GEF)

20:50 - 20:55

High-level message:

"From Dushanbe 2011 to Dushanbe 2013"

H.E. Emomali Rahmon, President of Tajikistan

20:55 - 21:00

Wrap-up and closing remarks

Michel Jarraud, Chair, UN-Water



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