

UN-Water
Water Day at Rio+20
Recognizing progress, taking action for the future we want

Tuesday 19 June 2012

Venue: Room P3-6, Riocentro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Master of Ceremony: Bert Diphooorn, Vice Chair, UN-Water

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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 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 the Rio+20 Conference 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, 2013 the International Year of Water Cooperation will be introduced, as a first concrete step to follow on the Rio+20 outcomes.

9.30-11.30 – PART 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 (5 minute statement each, followed by discussion): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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)
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 - PART 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
11:50-12:55	Panel discussion and Q&A with the audience Moderator: Joan Clos, Executive Director, UN HABITAT Panellists(5 minute statement each, followed by discussion): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 conference (UN-Water–UNEP-UNDP)

Water Day – launch of report on water resource management; UN system drive for universal access

17.30-19.30 – PART 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 Olcay 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(5 minute statement each, followed by discussion): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- H.E. Evo Morales, President of Bolivia (to be confirmed)- H.E. Svandis Svavarsdottir Minister for 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
18.50-19.00	Wrap-up and closing remarks Jack Moss, Senior Advisor, Aquafed

19:00-19:30: Break

19.30-21.00 - PART 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 Kuylentierna, Executive Director, Stockholm Environment Institute Panellists(5 minute statement each, followed by discussion): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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- Peter Oganga Mangiti, 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