



Meeting on the Post-2015 Development Agenda Consultation on Water: Water Resources Management and Wastewater Management & Water Quality

27-28 February 2013

Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, Room XII

The meeting on the Post-2015 Development Agenda Consultation on Water: Water Resources Management and Wastewater Management & Water Quality, held at the invitation of the Government of Switzerland, is part of the Thematic Consultation on Water, coordinated by UN-Water, UNICEF and UN-DESA.

The meeting will focus on two of the three streams of the Thematic Consultation on Water: Water Resources Management (WRM) and Wastewater Management & Water Quality (WWMWQ), facilitated by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and UN-Habitat/AquaFed, respectively.

Representatives of governments, international organizations, civil society and business participating in the meeting will have a technical and political discussion on the two streams topics, review the outcome of the exchanges on the web platform of the Thematic Consultation on Water (see <http://www.worldwewant2015.org/water>), and debate the main issues related to water resources management, and wastewater management and water quality that should be taken into account in the post-2015 Development Agenda.

The meeting aims to prepare for the High level Meeting in The Hague which concludes the Thematic Consultation on Water. It will facilitate the development of a short document for each stream that reflects the discussions that have taken place both online and during this meeting, thereby providing a basis, both technically sound and politically strong, for the future discussions in the Open Working Group as well as an input for the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The meeting will include panel discussions to reflect on the consultation process and frame the issues related to the two streams, including sub-themes. This will be followed by breakout groups to identify what are the key issues within WRM and WWMWQ in looking towards a Post-2015 Development Agenda. Having prioritized six of these issues, the second day of the meeting will focus on going more into depth on these issues and discuss possible objectives and actions that should be triggered in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, also looking at the linkages with the other themes in the "World We Want" consultation. A concluding plenary discussion will summarise key considerations that could possibly be included in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, to be considered as recommendations for the final outcome of the Water Resources Management and Wastewater Management & Water Quality streams.

WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2013

9:00 Registration

10:00 **Opening ceremony**

- Mr. Martin Dahinden, Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- H.E. George W.K. Yarngo, Assistant Minister of Public Works, Liberia
- Mr. Maarten Gischler, Deputy Head Water and Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands
- Jordan (tbc)
- Mr. Michel Jarraud, Chair to UN-Water, Secretary-General of WMO

- Mr. Sven Alkalaj, Executive Secretary, UNECE
- Mr. Bert Diphooorn, Director for Human Settlements and Financing Division, UN-HABITAT
- Ms. Maria Neira, Director, Public Health and Environment, World Health Organization

11:15

Panel Discussions

The panel discussions will allow presenting the main messages of the web consultations on the Water Resources Management, and Wastewater Management and Water Quality sub-streams, comment on the issues raised, the gaps and the possible implications for the way forward.

Moderator: François Münger, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

[First panel: Water Resources Management](#)

- Mr. Peter McCornick, Deputy Director General for Research, International Water Management Institute, on
Water for Food
- Mr. Joppe Cramwinckel, Director for Water, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, on
Water for Energy, Energy for Water
- Mr. Michael H. Glantz, Director, Consortium for Capacity Building, University of Colorado, on
Climate Change and Water-related Risks
- Mr. Anada Tiéga, Secretary General, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, on
Water for Nature, Nature for Water
- Mr. Gábor Baranyai, Deputy State Secretary for EU Sectoral Policies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary, on
Water for Peace
- Ms. Ruth Beukman, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership - Southern African Regional Partnership, on
Governing and Managing Water Resources for Sustainable Development

[Second panel: Wastewater Management and Water Quality](#)

- Mr. Graham Alabaster, Chief, Waste Management and Sanitation, Urban Basic Services Branch, UN-HABITAT, on
Wastewater in an Urbanizing World
- Mr. Vincent Sweeney, Coordinator, Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land Based Activities, United Nations Environment Programme, on
Impact of Wastewater on Oceans - The Nitrogen and Phosphorous Challenge
- Mr. Jonathan Parkinson, Programmes Manager, International Water Association, on
Wastewater Reuse - Development and Innovation
- Mr. Gérard Payen, President, AquaFed, on
Collecting and Treating Urban Water After Use
- Mr. Anthony Cox, Head of the Climate, Biodiversity and Water Division, Environment Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, on
Economic Opportunities in Wastewater

[High level interventions from the floor](#)

13:00

Lunch break

- 15:00 **Group discussions - Water in the Post-2015 Development Agenda: what are the key issues?**
Participants will divide into eight groups to discuss the question: "Within both Water Resources Management, and Wastewater Management and Water Quality, what are the key priority issues that should be included in a Post-2015 Development Agenda?"
- 16:30 Coffee break
- 17:00 **Plenary discussion - Water in the Post-2015 Development Agenda: what are the key issues?**
The rapporteur of each of the breakout groups will report back to the plenary about the priority areas they thought were most important in a Post-2015 Development Agenda for WRM and WWMWQ.
- 18:00 End of the day
- 18:30 Reception offered by the Swiss Government

THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2013

- 10:00 **Going a step further on the key issues: what should be the objectives in a Post-2015 Development Agenda for Water Resources Management, and Wastewater Management and Water Quality**

Six of the key issues that were identified in Day 1 will be selected as theme sessions for the morning of Day 2. Participants will divide in groups focusing each on one of the six key issues and discuss the following questions:
- What should be the future objectives to address the key water-related issue in a Post-2015 Development Agenda?
 - What actions should be taken to achieve these objectives? Can success be measured?
 - How are such objectives linked to other themes of the water consultation as well as other themes of the global thematic consultation?
- 10:15 **Group discussions - Future objectives to address the key water-related issues in a Post-2015 Development Agenda, First Round**
- 11:30 **Group discussions - Future objectives to address the key water-related issues in a Post-2015 Development Agenda, Second Round**

Participants will have the opportunity to participate in a discussion on a different key water-related issue
- 13:00 Lunch
- 15:00 **Wrapping up: what are the findings of the Geneva consultation?**

For each of the 6 water-related key issues, a rapporteur will give a 15-minute presentation on the results of the group discussion and the identified future objectives in a Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The presentations will be followed by questions and answers and a general debate. The Chair will summarize overall conclusions.
- 17:30 End of the meeting