

**High Level Panel on Water and Disasters (T.SS.17)
on the occasion of the 7th World Water Forum**

14 April 2015, Daegu, Republic of Korea

This special session will focus on the issues of “Water and Disasters”, the issues that are tightly connected together and are some of the core global challenges that need to be addressed comprehensively.

The session will be organized by the High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP). HELP, chaired by Dr. Han Seung-soo, UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Disaster Risk Reduction and Water and represented by high-level leaders and experts, has been established with the aim of amassing a broad array of knowledge and expertise, influence, networks, and convening power in order to galvanize governments and multiple stakeholders into action with an eye to improving water and disaster situations around the globe.

The Special Issue of Water Policy Journal on “Water and Disasters”, a compilation of case studies on recent water-related disasters and policy lessons learned developed by HELP, will be launched during the session. This will be followed by a high-level panel discussion.

Date: Tuesday, 14 April 2015

Time: 14:40 – 16:40

Venue: DEC_502, DAEGU – EXCO, 5F Auditorium

Organizer:

High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP)

Draft Agenda

Opening

14:40-14:50 Opening Remarks

Dr. Han, Seung-Soo, the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Disaster Risk Reduction and Water, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, Chair of the High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP), and Member of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB)

14:50-14:55 Remarks

Dr. Benedito Braga, President of the World Water Council

Keynote Video Message

14:55-15:10 Keynote Video Message by HIH Crown Prince of Japan

Launching of the Special Issue of the Water Policy and High-level Panel Discussion

15:10-15:20 Launching of the Special Issue of the Water Policy on "Water and Disasters"

15:20-16:35 High-level Panel Discussion on Water and Disasters

Facilitated by:

Dr. Jerome Delli Priscoli, Editor in Chief of the Water Policy Journal

High-level Panelists

- H.E. Ms. Melanie Schultz van Haegen, Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment, Kingdom of the Netherlands (tbc)
- H.E. Hon. Amadou Mansour Faye, President of AMCOW / Minister of Hydraulics and Sanitation, Senegal (tbc)
- Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, Chief of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, USA (tbc)
- Dr. Keizrul bin Abdullah, Chairperson, Network of Asian River Basin Organization (NARBO) (tbc)
- Dr. Ursula Schaefer-Preuss, Chair, Global Water Partnership (tbc)
- Mr. Rolf Alter, Director for Public Governance and Territorial Development of the OECD

Closing

16:35-16:40 Closing