

Stockholm World Water 2015

Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction: Time for preventive action

The High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP) held the Seminar “Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction: Time for Preventive action” on 23 August 2015 at Stockholm City Conference Centre in Stockholm. The seminar was attended by participants from national governments, international organizations, civil society and private sector. The meeting was moderated by Mr. Kenzo Hiroki, Coordinator, HELP.

This seminar was held to discuss actions to follow up of SDG and Sendai framework and messages to be delivered in the important forthcoming events like the UN Special Thematic session on Water and Disasters in November.

At the beginning, Mr. Thomas Gass, UNDESA gave opening message on SDGs and Ms. Josefina Maestu, United Nations Office to Support the International Decade for Action made a keynote presentation on water and disaster.

Next, a panel debate on how to mainstream water and disasters in post-2015 development agenda was done by well-known experts from UN, international development bank, Institute and NGO. The panelists discussed the following questions:

- 1: How water-related disasters relate to your sector or activity?
- 2: Do you think water-related disaster should be centered in the sustainable development and climate change adaption? Why?

Outline:

Date: Sunday, August 23

Time: 16:00-17:30

Venue: FH 202, Stockholm City Conference Centre

Organizer: High Level Experts and leaders Panel on Water and Disaster

Co-organizer: Office of the Special Envoy of United Nations Secretary-general on Disaster Risk Reduction and Water

Agenda:

16:00 Welcome and setting a scene by Moderator

Mr. Kenzo Hiroki, Vice President, College of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan/ Member of UNSGAB/ Coordinator, High Level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP)

16:10 Opening message

Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UNDESA

16:15 Keynote presentation

Ms. Josefine maetu, Director of United Nations Office to Support the International Decade for Action<<water for life 2005-2015>>

16:30 Questions and discussions

16:40 Panel Debate

Mr. Bo Libert, UNECE Regional Advisor on Environment

Ms. Malinne Blomber, Chief Financial Analyst, African Development bank

Mr. Torkil Jønch Clausen, Chief Policy Advisor DHI Group; Chair Scientific Programme Committee Stockholm World Water Week, Senior Advisor SWP

Mr. Bert Diphhoorn, Advisor, External Relationsm, Akvo (Dunch NGO)



Venue



Mr. Thomas Gass, UNDESA



Ms. Josefine maetu, UN Office to Support the International Decade for Action



Panel Debate