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

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 Diphoorn, Advisor, External Relationsm, Akvo (Dunch NGO)