The Third UN Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters

Date&Time: 10:00 – 18:00, Thursday, 20 July 2017
Venue: Conference Room 4, The UN Headquarters, New York, U.S.A.
Organizer: Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water
High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP)
Co-organizer: High Level Panel on Water (HLPW)

Morning, July 20th (10:00-13:00)
● Opening Plenary
Chair: Dr. Han Seung-soo, Special Envoy for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Water
Opening Remarks
Dr. Han Seung-soo  Special Envoy for DRR and Water
H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson  President of the 71st Session of the General Assembly

Keynote Speeches
H.E. Mr. János Áder  President of Hungary
H.E. Mrs. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim  President of the Republic of Mauritius
H.E. Mr. Henry Van Thio  Vice President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
H.E. Mr. Toshihiro Nikai  Secretary General of Liberal Democratic Party, Japan, representative of Prime Minister

Keynote Lecture through video
HIH Naruhito the Crown Prince of Japan

Closing
Mr. Wu Hongbo  Under Secretary-General
Dr. Han Seung-soo  Special Envoy for DRR and Water

● High Level Panel Discussion
Chair
H.E. Ms. Melanie Schultz van Haegen  Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment, Kingdom of the Netherlands
H.E. Mr. Nematullo Hikmatullozoda  Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Republic of Tajikistan
H.E. Dr. Win Myat Aye  Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Vice Chairperson of the National Disaster Management Committee (NDMC), Republic of the Union of Myanmar
H.E. Mr. A H M Mustafa Kamal  Honourable Planning Minister, People's Republic of Bangladesh
H.E. Dr. Masafumi Mori  Vice Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan
Lt. Gen. Todd T. Semonite  Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Dr. Oyun Sanjaasuren  Chair of GWP, former Foreign Minister of Mongolia
Mr. Rolf Alter  Director of Governance and Regional Development, OECD

Break (13:00-15:00)

Afternoon, July 20th (15:00-18:00)
● Special Session on Science and Technology
Co-chairs
Professor Toshio Koike  Director, ICHARM
Professor Gretchen Kalonji  Dean, IDMR, Sichuan University

Keynote presentation
Prof. Xie Heping  President, Sichuan University, People's Republic of China
Prof. Naoyuki Yoshino  Dean, the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
Dr. Jose Antonio Marengo  Senior Member, the Brazilian Academy of Sciences

Discussion “Activating International Initiatives on Water and Disasters”
Dr. Johannes Cullmann  Director, WMO
Dr. Blanca Jimenez-Cisneros  Director, Division of Water Sciences, Secretary of IHP, UNESCO

● Panel Discussion “Connecting Ocean, Water, and Disasters”
Moderated by Dr. Jerome Delli Priscoli, Chair, Global Water Partnership Technical Committee
Prof. Atsushi Sunami  Vice President, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan
H.E. Mr. Luke Daunivalu  Chargé d'Affaires and Deputy Permanent Representative of Fiji to the UN
H.E. Ms. Farzana Zahir  Chargé d'Affaires and Deputy Permanent Representative of Maldives to the UN
Mr. Ricardo B. Jalad  Administrator of the Office of Civil Defense, the Philippines
Dr. Gil-Hong Kim  Senior Director, Chief Sector Officer, Sector Advisory Service Cluster, ADB
Dr. Ursula Schaefer-Preuss  Advisor, HELP

● Wrap-up and closing
Remarks by H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez-Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN
Wrap-up by Chair, Dr. Han Seung-Soo, Special Envoy for DRR and Water