

# **Plenary Discussion**

## **Eighth World Water Forum**

Eleventh Meeting of HELP

3 May 2018

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**Date: 18-23 March, 2018**

**Venue: Ulysses Guimarães Convention Center,  
National Mané Garrincha Stadium  
Brasilia**

**Number of participants: 120,000 including expo  
Program**

- 1. Thematic Process**
- 2. Regional Process**
- 3. Political Process**
- 4. Sustainability Focus Group**
- 5. Citizens Forum**

# Opening Ceremony

## Head of State Level Participants (12)

**Brazil, Cape Verde, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Japan, Monaco, Morocco, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Republic of Korea**



Source: WWC

# High Level Panel on Water and Disaster

**Date & Time: 14:30-16:00 March 19th, 2018**

**Chair: Dr. Han Seung-soo, Chair of HELP**



Photo: Japan Water Forum

# **Program of High Level Panel (1/2)**

## **Opening Remarks**

**H.E. Dr. Han, Seung-soo**

## **Special Invited Address**

**H.E. Mr. János Áder, President of Hungary**

## **Keynote Lecture**

**H.I.H. the Crown Prince of Japan**

## **Keynote Speech**

**H.E. Mr. Ohn Winn, Union Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation of Myanmar**

# Opening and Keynote



**Dr. Han Seung-soo**

Chair of the Session, UN Special Envoy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea



**H.E. Mr. János Áder**  
President of Hungary



**H.I.H. the Crown Prince of Japan**



**H.E. Mr. Ohn Winn**  
Union Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation of Myanmar

# **Program of High Level Panel (2/2)**

## **Launching Global Actions on Water and Disasters**

### **1) Draft Principles on Investment and Financing on Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction**

**Mr. Frederik Pischke, GWP; Mr. Tomoyuki Okada, MLIT**

### **2) Alliance of Alliances on DRR Researches**

**Prof. Gretchen Kalonji, Sichuan Univ.;**

**Prof. Toshio Koike, ICHARM**

### **3) HELP “Review and Recommend” Initiatives**

**Dr. Kenzo Hiroki, HELP; Mr. Henk Ovink, SEWA**

### **4) HELP Flagship Document Vol.3**

**Mr. Koos Wieriks, MIE**



# Launching Global Actions on Water and Disasters



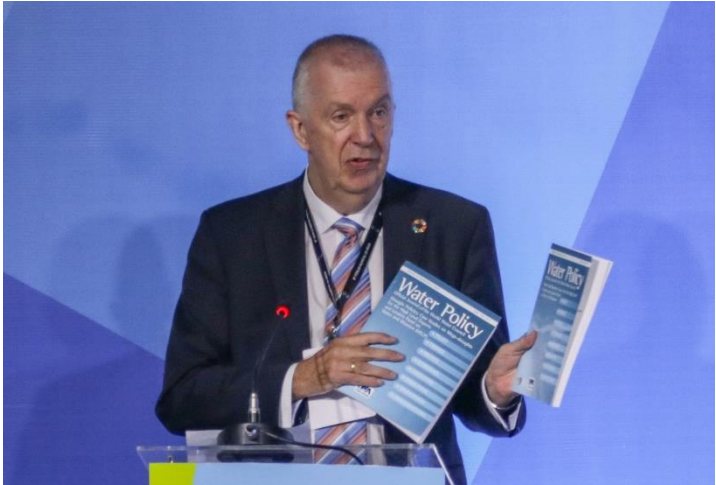
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# **Chair's Summary of High Level Panel (1/2)**

- Dr. Han Seung-soo, opened the session by stressing urgent need to reverse the increasing trend of losses caused by water-related disasters and need in countries to shift the focus of disaster management from simple reactive response to more preparedness and enhancement of resilience.**
- He stressed three key areas for which urgent actions are needed for the issue of water and disasters.**
  - 1) Raising political awareness at top levels;**
  - 2) Doubling investment and financing for water-related disaster risk reduction; and**
  - 3) Integrating science and policy in decision making.**

## **Chair's Summary of High Level Panel (2/2)**

- H.E. Mr. János Áder, President of Hungary, stressed not only that the investment for water-related disaster risk reduction should be doubled, but also that one third of the Green Climate Fund should be allocated for resilience.**
- H.H Crown Prince of Japan stressed that sharing information, collaborating to protect water and water sources, and compromising on different uses of water are the first steps to achieve sharing water, prosperity, peace and happiness.**
- H.E. Mr. Ohn Winn, Union Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation of Myanmar, said that Myanmar has employed a holistic way of managing water, integrating climate change adaptation and water-related disaster risk reduction.**

# Ministerial Declaration (Excerpts 1/2)

- **We welcome the establishment of the High Level Panel on Water and its contribution, and note the issuance of its report inspiring and promoting an integrated approach across governments and a new agenda for water action.**
- **We declare that now is time to encourage Governments to establish or strengthen national IWRM policies and plans, including strategies for adaptation to climate change;**
- **Mobilize and allocate sufficient financial resources from multiple sources for the promotion of and investment in integrated and sustainable water management, addressing the specific challenges including disaster risk reduction;**

# Ministerial Declaration (Excerpts 2/2)

- **Invite the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to note the outcomes of the 8th World Water Forum** in its review of Sustainable Development Goals;
- **Develop and share solutions** including IWRM and nature-based solutions to address the most pressing water and sanitation challenges, **through research and innovation** and considering the impact of climate change; and
- **Promote the potential of the young generation and implement and share water education policies** and best practices, benefiting from existing international centers as well as from UNESCO's expertise and network, including IHP.

**Thank you**