Plenary Discussion

Following up Outcomes of the High-Level Panel on Water

Eleventh Meeting of HELP
3 May 2018
High Level Panel on Water (HLPW)

✓ Established in January, 2016 and completed in March, 2018
✓ Co-convened by UN SG and President of World Bank Group
✓ Co-chaired by H.E. Ms. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, President of Mauritius and H.E. Mr. Enrique Nieto, President of Mauritius
✓ The Highest group on water through history, comprising 11 Heads of State and Government from Australia, Bangladesh, Hungary, Jordan, Mauritius, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, Senegal, South Africa, and Tajikistan, and 1 Special Adviser
✓ Dr. Han Seung-soo as the Special Adviser through tenure of HLPW
✓ Supported by Sherpas of 11 Member Countries and Special Adviser
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Collaboration between HLPW and HELP

✓ Dr. Han, HELP Chair, took part in HLPW meetings and discussion by HLPW Members, e.g. Budapest Water Summit.
✓ HELP Coordinator participated in 12 Sherpa meetings of HLPW in 2016-2018
✓ HELP helped production of HLPW Action Plan in September, 2016, esp. on the chapter for Water and DRR.
✓ HELP helped implementation of HLPW Action Plan.
✓ HELP helped production of HLPW Outcome Documents which was launched in March, 2018
✓ HLPW Members (H.E. Gurib-Fakim and H.E. President Ader of Hungary) participated in sessions organized by HELP (3rd UN-STSWD and High Level Panel on DRR at WWF8)
✓ HLPW included all of HELP’s recommendations in HLPW Outcome Document
Recommendations in HLPW Outcome Document on Disaster Risk Reduction

HEADLINE RECOMMENDATION

Shift focus of disaster management from response to preparedness and resilience

DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS (1/3)

• Political leadership is needed to raise awareness, strengthen science, policy and planning, upgrade education, and mobilize financing.

• The HLPW Action Plan should be utilized as useful guidance and a connector for advancing the actions towards achieving the Agenda 2030 in an integrated manner.
DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS (2/3)

- Platforms on Water Resilience and DRR among all stakeholders should be formulated in countries to facilitate dialogue and scale up community-based practices.

- Disaster risk prevention and resilience should be integrated in long-term planning.

- Financing for and investment in water-related DRR and resilience should be doubled within the next five years.

- “Principles on Investment and Financing” should be used to make effective use of this increased investment and could help increasing investments in countries.
DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS (3/3)

• Global research networks, global disaster database, integrated scientific tools for assessing risks, and a global platform integrating science and policy including higher education should be developed and put into support of countries.

• Special Thematic Sessions on Water and Disasters should be organized biennially in the UN General Assembly to raise global awareness.
Other key recommendations in HLPW Outcome Document

(1) Establish UN meetings on water at the highest possible level. The idea is to organize a UN Water Summit possibly in 2019;

(2) Consider UN Scientific Panel on Water, that is, a water version of IPCC;

(3) Strengthen the UN system’s support to member states and its coordination of water matters, meaning establishment of Global Water Architecture; and

(4) Double the financing and investment for water infrastructure.
The Way Forward

- HLPW highlights the following ongoing initiatives as being especially valuable to states and stakeholders seeking to implement our recommendations:
  - World Water Data Initiative
  - The OECD Water Governance Initiative
  - The Delta Coalition
  - HELP, including an Alliance of Alliances on disaster risk reduction researches
  - The initiative on Financing Water Infrastructure convened by the OECD
  - Water Innovation Engine
HELP Actions/Proposals/Flagship Initiatives positioned in the recommendations of HLPW Final Outcome Document

• Biennial UN Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters
• Doubling Financing and Investment in Water and Disasters
• Principles on Investment and Financing Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction
• Alliance of Alliances on DRR Research
• Higher education on water and DRR integrating policy and science
• Global Platform on Water Resilience and DRR in countries
• Disaster risk prevention in long-term planning
• Global research networks, global disaster database, and integrated scientific tools for assessing risks
• UN Water Summit and Scientific Panel on Water
Following up recommendations in HLPW Outcome Document

How can HELP use a momentum created by HLPW?

✓ Use HLPW Outcome Document to convince countries and institutions

✓ Talk and collaborate with Co-conveners of HLPW, i.e., UN Secretary-General and President of the World Bank

✓ Use key meetings and process which are closely associated with HLPW, such as new Water Decade, HLPF, and UN- STSWD as our stepping stone to realize recommendations.

✓ Collaborate with former Members of HLPW and use their Networks and those of Sherpas to push our agenda
Thank you