

# **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**

# Chronology of HLPW

**January, 2016**

**Establishment of HLPW**

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Sherpas

**April, 2016**

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of HLPW in UN-HQs, NY**

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Meetings of Sherpas

**Sept., 2016**

**HLPW Action Plan at 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of HLPW**

5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Sherpas

**Nov., 2016**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of HLPW and Dialogue with International Financing Institutions (WB, RDB,...)**

6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Meetings of Sherpas

**Sept., 2017**

**4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of HLPW**

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Meetings of Sherpas

**March, 2018**

**HLPW Outcome Document**

# 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 ( 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**