

# The Second UN Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters

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**Date & Time:** 9:30 - 17:50, Wednesday, 18 November 2015

**Venue:** General Assembly Hall & Conference Room 4, The UN Headquarters

**Organizer:** Secretary-General

**Co-organizers:** Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction & Water  
High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water & Disasters (HELP)

## ● **Opening Plenary (9:30-10:30) in the General Assembly Hall**

Chair: Mr. BAN Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General Co-chair: Dr. Han Seung-soo, Special Envoy on DRR & Water

<b>Opening Address</b>	<b>Mr. BAN Ki-moon</b>	<b>UN Secretary-General</b>
<b>Congratulatory Address</b>	<b>H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykkesøft</b>	<b>President of the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly</b>
<b>Keynote Address</b>	<b>HIH the Crown Prince of Japan</b>	
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Dr. Han Seung-soo</b>	<b>Special Envoy on Disaster Risk Reduction &amp; Water</b>

## ● **High Level Session on Water and Disasters (11:00-12:50) in the Conference Room 4**

Chair: Dr. Han Seung-soo

### ● **Presentations**

H.E. Ms. Melanie Schultz van Haegen	Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, Kingdom of the Netherlands
H.E. Mr. Keiichi Ishii	Minister, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan
H.E. Mr. Amadou Mansour Faye	President of AMCOW / Minister of Hydraulics and Sanitation, Senegal
H.E. Dr. Basuki Hadimuljono	Minister, Department of Public Works and Public Housing, Republic of Indonesia
Dr. Shamshad Akhtar	Executive Secretary of UN ESCAP
Mr. Bambang Susantono	Vice-President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB
Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick	Chief of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), United States of America

### ● **Panel Discussion** Moderator: Dr. Kenzo Hiroki

High Panelists:

Mr. Young-mok Kim	President of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)
H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson	Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations
Mr. Rolf Alter	Director for Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD
Dr. Keizrul bin Abdullah	Chairperson, Network of Asian River Basin Organization (NARBO)
Dr. Ena Jaimes Espinoza	Senior Officer of the Processes Management Division, for the National Center for Prevention and Disaster Risk Reduction (CENEPRED) of Peru

## ● **Major Group Panel – “Multi-stakeholder Partnership for Water-related DRR”(15:00-16:20)**

Moderated by Global Water Partnership

Introduction	Ms. Josefina Maestu-Unturbe	Director United Nations Office to Support the International Decade for Action “Water for Life” 2005-2015, UNW-DPAC
Keynote speech	Dr. Ursula Schaefer-Preuss	Chair of Global Water Partnership (GWP)
Expert introductions	Dr. Sonja Ellmann	Head Project Management Office, Siemens Co
	Mr. Erik Mansson	Mindshift Consulting
Multi-stakeholder panel	Representatives of women, youth, indigenous people, business, farmers, workers & union, etc	
Synthesis	Dr. Wolfgang Kron	Munich Re and Advisor of HELP

## ● **Science Technology Panel – “Science and Technology to Advance DRR on Water”(16:20-17:40)**

Moderated by Science Council of Japan

Introduction	Dr. Toshio Koike	Professor the University of Tokyo and Director, ICHARM
Flood and Drought Issues	Dr. Carlos Nobre	President, CAPES, Brazil
	Dr. Wadid Erian,	Senior Advisor, League of Arab States
Earth Observation	Mr. Kiyoshi Higuchi	Senior Technical Advisor, JAXA
International Initiatives	Dr. Johannes Cullmann	Director, WMO
	Dr. Blanca Jimenez-Cisneros	Director, Division of Water Sciences, Secretary of IHP, UNESCO
Panel Discussion	All presenters and others panelists (TBC)	

## ● **Closing Plenary (17:40-17:50)**

Special Remarks	Ms. Margareta Wahlström	SRSR for Disaster Risk Reduction
Wrap-up by Co-Chair	Dr. Han Seung-Soo	Special Envoy on Disaster Risk Reduction & Water

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