

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

Opening Remarks	Dr. Han Seung-soo	Special Envoy for DRR and Water
Opening Remarks	H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson	President of the 71st Session of the General Assembly

Keynote Speeches

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

Keynote Lecture through video

Keynote Lecture HIH Naruhito the Crown Prince of Japan

Closing

Remarks	Mr. Wu Hongbo	Under Secretary-General
Closing by Chair	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
Panelists

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