### **Plenary Discussion**

# **HELP Flagship Initiatives**

Eleventh Meeting of HELP 3 May 2018

### HELP Action Strategy II Seven Flagship Initiatives

- 1. Analyzing and promoting investment and financing for water-related disasters
- 2. Advancing technology and scientific knowledge, and promoting their use in countries and local communities
- 3. Mainstreaming water and disaster in discussion and practice on climate change adaptation
- 4. Sharing good practices through Flagship Documents
- 5. Helping implementation of local projects
- 6. Collaboration among HELP members at times of disasters
- 7. Raising awareness at the highest levels and regularizing indepth discussion on water and disasters at global level

Now positioned in Outcome Documents of HLPW

## **HELP Initiative**

# Investment and Financing on Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction

## **Goal of "the Principles process"**

- Double the investment and financing for water-related disaster risk reduction.
- Shift from disaster response to preparedness.

		Goal	
Emergency Response/ Rehabilitation	90%	50%	10%
Disaster Risk Reduction/ Preparedness	10%	50%	90%

### Draft Principle on Financing and Investment in DRR Key Messages

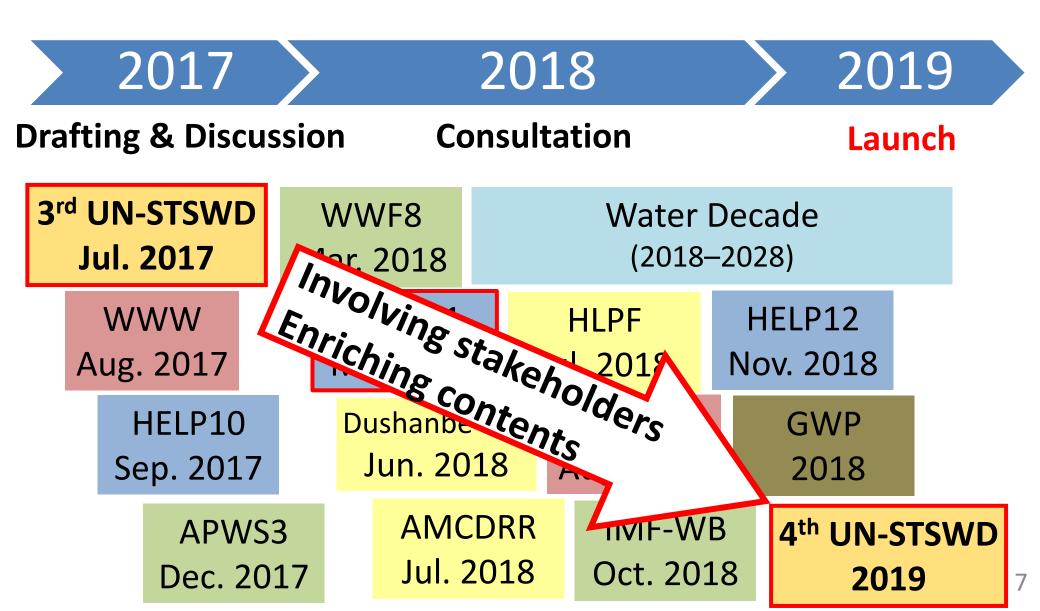
- 1. Water-related disaster risk reduction is indispensable for socio-economic development.
- 2. Pre-disaster prevention measures should be prioritized.
- 3. Governments should improve their fiscal systems and secure sufficient budget.
- 4. Various funding sources should be mobilized.
- 5. International community should expand financing for disaster risk reduction.
- 6. Science and technology should support decision making on better investment.

### **Roadmap for Developing the Principles**

		2017				202	18	3			202	19	
Drafting & Discussion Consultation Launch													
3rd UN-STSWD      WWF8        Jul. 2017      Mar. 2017				Water Decade (2018–2028)									
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### **Roadmap for Developing the Principles**



## **HELP Initiative**

## Alliance of Alliances on DRR Research

### Alliance of Alliances on DRR Research (AoA)

#### Why AoA?

- sustainable development is hampered by waterrelated disasters
- more effective communication and collaboration
- particular focus on research and higher education development

#### 4 Key Roles of AoA

- communications role
- analytical role
- catalytic role
- supportive role

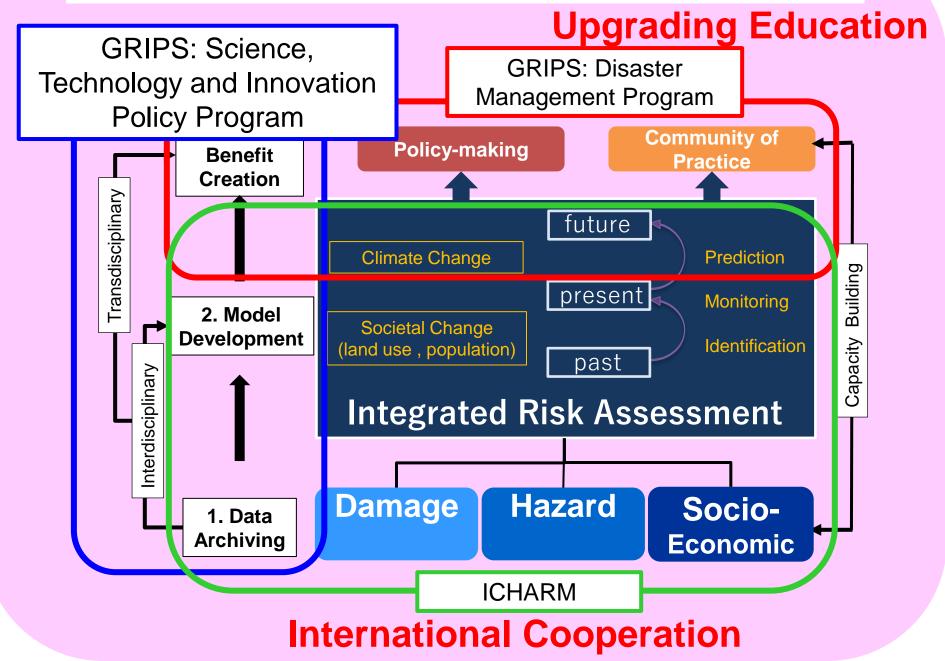
# Relationships with Ongoing Multinational Activities and Processes:

UN Water, UNISDR, UNESCO/IHP, WMO, GADRI, APRO, ICHARM and many other groups. *Collaborate with existing alliances by linking efforts in research and education across national boundaries.* 

#### **Operation:**

- a. HELP oversite
- **b. Steering Council** executive management
  Co-Chairs for the first three years
  Prof. Gretchen Kalonji and Prof. Toshio Koike
- **c. Secretariat** Institute of Disaster Management and Reconstruction (IDMR), Sichuan University, in Chengdu, China.

#### **Platform on Water Resilience and Disasters**



### **HELP Initiative**

## HELP Action on Climate Change Process

Mainstreaming water and disaster in discussion and practice on climate change adaptation

**HELP's Actions:** 

- Analyze the current positioning of water within UNFCCC and promote embedding water process within the UNFCCC work programme
- Analyze the international funds aimed at climate change adaptation and develop a practical guidance note to facilitate application and use of funds related to water-related DRR
- Upgrade and advocate the HELP's Position Paper on Climate Change to promote common principle for addressing climate change in the context of water and disasters

Coordinated by Netherlands Contribution by USACE, ADB, Munich Re, OECD (tbc), JICA, Japan, UNESCO, UNESCAP (tbc), GWP (tbc), others

## **HELP Initiative**

# HELP Flagship Document & HELP Review and Recommend

### **Special Issue of "Water Policy"**

- This issue showcases studies of the benefits and costs of investments in DRR and enhancement of resilience in urban areas.
- The studies use existing data and analysis and are not new research. They focus on policies and their implementation in specific cases.
- The case studies describe benefits and cost not only projections of problems or of possible approaches, in short, descriptions of investment performances (failures and successes).
- By assembling more information on the benefits and costs of DRR investments, HELP obtains more specific data useful in encouraging and helping urban areas to invest in measures to achieve DRR, to avoid damages, and to build reliance.

### **Special Issue of "Water Policy"**

#### **Timeline of Publication**

May 2018: Volunteer case studies July 2018: Submission of drafts of case studies October 2018: Reviews completed December 2018: Revisions completed Spring 2018: Final preparation for publication

#### **HELP "Review and Recommend" Initiative**

- There are many books and publications that deal with the issue of "Water and Disasters" in the world.
- Many include valuable information for policy makers, practitioners or researchers.
- However, the information on such documents are not easily accessible by those that need them. We are all busy!
- HELP will bridge the gap between books and potential readers
- HELP will review books, reports and other documents that are relevant to the issue of "Water and Disasters"
- HELP will recommend books and documents that would be beneficial in addressing "water and disasters".

#### **Process of "Review and Recommend"**

- HELP advisors will compile a list of potential publications regularly.
- The advisors will read and analyze the documents, and write short reviews and prepare an analytical bibliography.
- Based on the reviews, HELP will issue a recommendation of publications that are useful for addressing the issue of "Water and Disasters",
- The recommended books will be on HELP Website with review.

## **Upcoming Events and Roles of HELP**

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Date & venue	Name of Event	Role of HELP
June 20-21, 2018 Dushanbe	International Conference on Water Decade	HELP to co-organize a session on DRR and Climate Chnage
July 3-6, 2018 Ulaanbaatar	Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR	HELP, GWP, Mongolia and Japan to hold a special event and ministerial luncheon
July 9-18, 2018 UN-HQs, NYC	High Level Political Forum	HELP representative as a speaker ICHARM to hold an event on Water&DRR
August 26-31, 2018, Stockholm	World Water Week	HELP to co-host Session on water and DRR
Summer-Autumn, 2018, the World	<b>Regional Meetings of GWP</b>	HELP and GWP to co-host regional sessions on the Financing Principle
October 8-14, 2018, Bali	World Bank-IMF Annual Meeting	Role of HELP tbc
NovDec., 2018, Tokyo (tbc)	HELP12 and Workshop on Water, Disaster, and History	HELP to host the meeting and the workshop
Spring, 2019 UN-HQs, NYC	4 <sup>th</sup> Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters	HELP to co-host STSWD4

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters

#### 4<sup>th</sup> UN Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters (STSWD4)

- Date and venue: Spring, 2019 at the UN-HQs, NYC
- Co-hosted by HELP and the UN
- Collaboration with UN-SG and PGA
- Keynote lectures/speeches at the level of Heads of State and Government
- Focused discussion with Member States & Stakeholders
- Reporting and Launching HELP Flagship Initiatives
- Concrete Message to International Community
- Sequencing outcomes and actions on biennial basis

#### 4<sup>th</sup> UN Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters Preparatory Process

- May, 2018 HELP11: Discussion on strategic organization of STSWD (2019-2029)
- July, 2018 Discussion with Incoming PGA
  - **Discussion with UN Secretary-General**
- Nov.- Dec., Contacting HELP Members/Advisors
- 2018 HELP12: Discussion on Agenda and Speakers
  - **Fixing dates and venue**
  - **Confirming Speakers**
  - **Discussing Output and messages**

Spring, 2019

4<sup>th</sup> UN Special Thematic Session on Water & Disasters 4<sup>th</sup> UN Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters Key questions to Members

- ✓ What should we achieve by Process of Biennial STSWD (2019-)?
- ✓ How can STSWD support 2030 Agenda, Sendai Framework, and new Water Decade and vice versa?
- ✓ Should we produce Roadmap of STSWD?
- ✓ What should be thematic sequence of STSWD?
- ✓ Who should we approach as partners/supporters of STSWD?

# Thank you