



Fourth UN Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters

Date & Time: 10:00 – 18:00, Monday, June 24th, 2019

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber, the UN Headquarters, New York, the U.S.A.

Co-sponsors: UN Member States (Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, Tajikistan) and High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP)

Supporting Agencies: UN Agencies (UNDRR, WMO, UNESCO, etc.)

(1) Opening Plenary (10:00-11:30)

• Opening Remarks

Dr. Han Seung-Soo, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea and Chair of the High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP)

H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly

Ms. Maria Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Co-ordination and Inter-Agency Affairs at the United Nations

• Keynote Speeches by Heads of States and Dignitaries

H.E. Mr. Carlos Agostinho do Rosário, Prime Minister of Republic of Mozambique

H.E. Mr. János Áder, President, the Republic of Hungary (Video Message)

H.E. Dr. Danilo Türk, former President of Republic of Slovenia/ Chair of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace

• Launch of Documents

- “Global Report on Water and Disasters 2018” and “Principles for Financing and Investment on Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction”, Dr. Kenzo Hiroki, Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) /Coordinator, High Level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP)
- HELP Flagship Documents, Dr. Jerome Delli Priscoli, Chair, Global Water Partnership Technical Committee

(2) High Level Panel Discussion (11:30-13:00)

Chair: H.E. Ms. Cora van Nieuwenhuizen, Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Basuki Hadimuljono, Minister of Public Works and Public Housing, Indonesia

Hon. Norbert Emmanuel Tony Ondo Mba, President of the African Ministers’ Council on Water (AMCOW)/Minister of Water, Energy and Mines, Gabon

H.E. Mr. Shozo Kudo, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan

LTG Mr. Todd Semonite, Chief of United States Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.

Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)



(3) Special Session “Build Back Better from Idai and Kenneth – Lessons Learnt and Actions to Reduce Climate Change Impact in the Future-” (13:30-14:45)

Chair: Ms. Kirsi Madi, Director of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

Speakers:

- Representatives from three affected countries;
 - H.E. Mr. Carlos Agostinho do Rosário, Prime Minister of Republic of Mozambique
 - Honourable July.G Moyo, Minister of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing, Republic of Zimbabwe
- Comments from supporting countries
- Experts and resource persons from the Member States and United Nations organizations/agencies
 - Ms. Wafaa Saeed, Deputy Director, Africa 1, Operations and Advocacy Division, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
 - Ms. Megumi Muto, Director General, Global Environment Department, JICA

(4) Science and Technology Session to Address Water and Disasters (15:00-16:20)

Facilitator: Mr. Johannes Cullmann, Director, Climate & Water Department, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Prof. Akihiko Tanaka, President of National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan

Dr. Alex Halliday, Director of the Earth Institute, Columbia University, U.S.A.

Prof. Gordon McBean, past President, International Council for Science; Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction, Canada

Prof. Choi Gyewoon, President, Society of Korean Smart Water Grid/Former CEO of K-Water

Prof. Gretchen Kalonji, Dean Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction, Sichuan University

Prof. Toshio Koike, Director, International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM)

(5) Special Session on Financing and Investment in Water and Disasters (16:20-17:40)

Facilitator: Mr. Greg Browder, Global Lead: Water Security & Water Resources Management, World Bank

Mr. Bambang Susantono, Vice President of Asian Development Bank

Mr. Loic Fauchon, President of World Water Council

Ms. Claire Melamed, Chief Executive Officer, Global Partnership for Sustainable Data

Dr. Monika Weber-Fahr, Executive Secretary of Global Water Partnership

Mr. David Boys, Deputy General Secretary, Public Service International

Ms. Babita Bisht, Deputy Director, External Affairs Division, Green Climate Fund

Prof. Naoyuki Yoshino, Director, Asian Development Bank Institute (video presentation)

(6) Closing Plenary (17:40-18:00)

- Wrap-up and Closing by Dr. Han Seung-soo