

High Level Interactive Dialogue
The International Decade for Action, 'WATER FOR LIFE':
Progress achieved and lessons learned for sustainable development

30 March 2015, UN Headquarters –Trusteeship Council

Provisional Programme

Opening segment: 9:30 -10:00 am

- **H.E. Mr. Sam K. Kutesa**, President of the General Assembly
- **H.E. Mr. Ban Ki Moon**, Secretary-General of the United Nations (tbc)
- **H. E. Mr. Perry Gladstone Christie**, Prime Minister of The Commonwealth of the Bahamas
- **H.E. Mr. Sirodjidin Aslov**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan

Morning Session: 10:00 – 12:30 pm: Comprehensive Review of 'Water for Life' Decade

Chair: **H.E. Ms. Katalin Annamária Bogyay**, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations

❖ *What progress has been achieved during the Decade and what challenges persist?*

Keynote Speaker:

- **Mr. Michel Jarraud**, Chair of UN-Water and Secretary-General of WMO

Panellists:

- **Mr. Leo Heller**, Special Rapporteur on the Human Right to Water and Sanitation
- **Mr. Bai Mass Tal**, Executive Director of African Ministers' Council on Water
- **Ms. Sarina Prabasi**, CEO, Water Aid America

Interventions by Member States and stakeholders (3 minutes)

Afternoon Session: 3:00 – 6:00 pm: Carrying the lessons learned from the Decade into the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Chair: H.E. Mr. Virachai Plasai, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations

Panellists

❖ *What are the good practices for sustainable and integrated water management?*

- **H.E Ms. Nguyen Phuong Nga**, Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations
- **Dr. Letitia A Obeng**, Board Member, International Water Management Institute (IMWI)
- **Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction
- **Mr. Anders Berntell**, Executive Director, 2030 Water Resources Group

Moderator: Ndey-Isatou Njie, Chief of the Water, Energy and Capacity Development Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, DESA

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❖ *What are the good practices with regards to means of implementation and partnerships?*

- **Dr. Ursula Schaefer-Preuss**, Chair, Global Water Partnership
- **Mr. Jack Moss**, Executive Director, AquaFed, International Federation of Private Water Operators
- **Mr. Daniel Bena**, Head of Global Sustainable Development & Operations Outreach, Pepsico
- **Ms. Blanca Jimenez Cisneros**, Director of the Division of Water Sciences, UNESCO (tbc)

Moderator: Josefina Maestu, Director of UN Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication

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