



UN WATER Side event @ New York

UN-Water Report on Water Resources Management for Rio+20 Summit

Status Report on the Application of Integrated Approaches to Water Resources Manage- ment

Chapter 18 of Agenda called for "the application of integrated approaches to the development, management and use of water resources". UN-Water has been asked by the UNCSO to produce a status report on the progress of water resources management for Rio+20. The Status Report, prepared by UNEP in collaboration with UNDP and GWP, is based on a 2011 UN-Water survey covering more than 130 countries. The report is intended to inform decision-making at the Rio+20 conference and follow-up global policy discourses.

The survey has demonstrated the progress made with integrated approaches to water resources management as called for at the UNCED. Since 1992, 80% of countries have embarked on reforms to improve the enabling environment for water resources management based on the application of integrated approaches. This has led to better water resources management practices bringing important socio-economic benefits. Water-related risks and the competition for water resources are perceived by a majority of countries to have increased over the past 20 years. Countries report a gradual but positive trend in financing for water resources development and management with more diverse sources of finance, but little progress on payment for water resources services.

The integrated approach to water resources management, as defined in Agenda 21, remains relevant and must be a key component of emerging strategies towards a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication and a key element in building climate resilience. The high country response to the survey demonstrates the value of reporting and emphasizes the need for a more rigorous, evidence-based, reporting system on progress with water resources development and management.



Date: 04 May, 2012

Time: 13:15-14:45

Venue: Conference
Room 7, North Lawn
Building

New York

The side event will present results from a comprehensive global survey to-date on the 'application of integrated approaches to water resources development, management, and use', as called for in Rio in 1992. Findings and recommendations from the survey will be discussed as inputs to the Rio+20 Conference.

The survey was carried out during 2011/12 and more than 130 countries responded, with 30 countries providing detailed input. The survey was undertaken at the request of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSO) and will be a major UN-Water contribution to the Rio+20 Conference. The survey provides an input to the preparation process for Rio+20, including how countries could set national targets for taking integrated approaches to water resources management (WRM) forward, and how this could be supported by a permanent monitoring framework on integrated approaches to WRM, with the most recent survey serving as a blueprint.

Programme:

13:15 Welcome; Kenza Robinson, UN Water Secretary;
13:20 Reflections on the role of water in the preparation for Rio+20, Brice Lalonde, Executive Coordinator for Rio+20;
13:25 Presentation of key findings from the report on the global status of integrated approaches to water resources development, management and use; Peter Bjornsen, Director, UDC;
13:40 Water messages for Rio+20, Sustainable Development Goals and Targets; Csaba Körösi, Permanent Representative of Hungary, Friends of Water Group;
13:50 Plenary discussion on key findings and targets proposed for Rio+20; Olav Kjoerven, ASG & Director BDP, UNDP (tbc);
14:35 Wrap-up and next steps; Thomas Stelzer, ASG UNDESA (tbc).

L'évènement parallèle présentera les résultats d'une enquête globale sur « l'application d'approches intégrées du développement de la gestion et de l'usage des ressources en eau », comme demandé lors de la conférence de Rio en 1992. Les résultats et les recommandations de l'enquête seront discutés comme contributions à la conférence de Rio+20.

L'enquête se déroula en 2011/2012 et obtint des réponses de 130 pays, dont 30 donnèrent des informations détaillées. L'enquête fut lancée à la demande de la Conférence des Nations unies sur le Développement durable (UNCSO) et sera une contribution majeure de l'ONU-Eau à la Conférence de Rio+20. L'enquête fournit une contribution au processus de préparation de Rio+20, notamment sur la façon dont les pays peuvent établir des objectifs nationaux sur les approches intégrées de gestion des ressources en eau, et sur la façon dont celles-ci peuvent être accompagnées d'un cadre de suivi permanent.

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13:15 Mots de bienvenue ; Kenza Robinson, Secrétaire UN Water;
13:20 Réflexions sur le rôle de l'eau dans la préparation à Rio+20, Brice Lalonde, Coordinateur exécutif pour Rio+20;
13:25 Présentation des conclusions principales du rapport sur le statut global des approches intégrées de développement, gestion et usage des ressources en eau ; Peter Bjornsen, Directeur, UDC;
13:40 Messages sur l'eau pour Rio+20, Objectifs et cibles de développement durable; Csaba Körösi, Représentant permanent de la Hongrie, Groupe des Amis de l'Eau;
13:50 Discussion en plénière sur les résultats principaux et les objectifs proposés pour Rio+20; Olav Kjoerven, Assistant du Directeur General et Directeur de BDP, PNUD (à confirmer);
14:35 Conclusion et prochaines étapes; Thomas Stelzer, ASG UNDESA (à confirmer).

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