

STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE

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BEYOND 2015: WHAT NEXT FOR WATER-RELATED MDGS AND WATER CHALLENGES?



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On behalf of the 3 Programmes organizing the session for UN-Water

"In 2015, the international community will have to take stock of the achievements regarding the MDGs and decide what to do next. This Dialogue intends to discuss important actions to accelerate the achievement of the MDGs and reach the goals set by the 'Water for Life' decade in the four years left to 2015."

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(WWAP)

POINTS OF DISCUSSION

- Has the MDG process actually been helping the most vulnerable? Are governments choosing the most easily reachable targets to achieve their goals, and is this masking a wider group of the population which is consistently underserved or not served at all?
- What do we need to do to reach water-related targets by 2015?
- How can we help the decision making process to achieve the MDGs? What is needed? Better assessment, more data and information? What is the role of international legislation and the UN in this debate?
- What should we be aiming for after 2015 - new targets and new commitments? The same commitments for a later achievement date?
- How can water be mainstreamed in processes such as the MDGs and Rio+20?

A moderated panel of experts will discuss these and other issues with the audience.

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PROGRAMME:

17:45: Welcome on behalf of the organizers by UNW-DPC

17:50 Introduction by Mr. Zafar Adeel, Chair of UN-Water

17:55 Overview of the session by the Moderator, Federico Properzi, Chief Technical Advisor to UN-Water and coordinator of the GLAAS report. Short statements by panelists:

- Representative on the need for more assessment/ availability of more data and information: Robert Bos, Coordinator of the Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Health unit at the headquarters of WHO in Geneva
- Representative from Asia: Kusum Athukorala, co-chair of the WWAP Advisory Group on Gender Equality, Sri Lanka
 - Representative from Africa: Stephen Donkor, UN-Water/Africa
 - Representative from Eastern Europe: Rüdiger Heidebrecht, head of department on Training and International Cooperation at the German Water Association (DWA)

18:05 Moderation of debate/ discussion between the panel members

18:35 Questions and answers from the audience members to the panelists

18:55 Wrap-up points from the panelists and overview of the conclusions of the discussion; next steps: Josefina Maestu, Coordinator, UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC)

19:15 Close of session, Reception