

High Level Panel on Water

Executive Summary Note of 5th “Sherpas”/Advisors Meeting

August 30-31, 2016, Stockholm, Sweden

- The 5th meeting of Sherpas/Advisors to the Members of the High Level Panel on Water (HLPW) was held at the margins of the Stockholm World Water Week in Sweden, on 30-31 August 2016. The meeting was co-chaired by the Sherpas of the Panel Members of Mauritius and Mexico, with the presence of Special Advisor Manuel Pulgar-Vidal and the Sherpas/Advisors of the other HLPW members, as well as the Joint Secretariat.
- Sherpas/Advisors finalized and adopted the draft Action Plan, and highlighted that the Action Plan will be a living document, in which further actions might evolve. Sherpas/Advisors noted a summary of the final to be adopted Action Plan will be only used for communication purposes with clear linkage to the original Action Plan. The draft Action Plan and the summary will be sent to the HLPW members for final approval.
- Initiatives to be championed by the HLPW members were discussed, as well as possible key initiatives to be launched on 21 September.
- Sherpas/Advisors further discussed the scenario for the 2nd HLPW meeting on 21 September at the UN Headquarters in New York. The purpose of the meeting will be the adoption of the current action plan, the announcement of commitments, as well as collaborations and way forward. The meeting will further provide an opportunity for media to be present during the presence of the Secretary General and President of the World Bank Group. The Joint Secretariat will provide a communique to be issued on the occasion.
- On the second day of the Sherpas/Advisors meeting (31 August) an open session and public consultation was held at the Stockholm World Water Week. The session included the participation of over 200 Stakeholders, representing governments, civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and academia. Sherpas/Advisors provided an overview of the current status of the HLPW, as well as the way forward. Participants had the opportunity to discuss in groups and report back to the plenary on their vision for the HLPW, as well as the support they could provide to implement the action plan. The summary of the session is provided on the HLPW website.