**High Level Panel on Water**

**Brief 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 in 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 (with the exception of Jordan on 30 August), as well as the Joint Secretariat. (See Annex I - Attendance list)
* After **welcoming** remarks by the Co-Chairs, the agenda for the meeting was revised to include an informal dialogue with civil society representatives, as well as with the experts who contributed to the framing notes. The summary note from the 4th meeting in Dushanbe was adopted without further changes.
* Sherpas/Advisors finalized and adopted the **draft Action Plan**, with new addition of two background pages and minor revisions still to be made, as emphasizing more the link to climate change, making reference to the “New Urban Agenda” of Habitat III., integrating the Senegalese initiative on a blue fund, and including the names of the panel members in the chapeau. Sherpas/Advisors highlighted that the action plan will be a living document, in which further actions might evolve.
* The **draft summary of the Action Plan** was also discussed by the Sherpas/Advisors. Sherpas/Advisors noted the summary will be used for communication purposes of the adopted Action Plan and will make clear reference to the original Action Plan. Emphasis was made for the summary to be consistent with the content of the Action Plan. Further comments to the summary will be submitted to the Joint Secretariat. The Netherlands offered their support in designing the final summary. The drafted summary of the Action Plan will be sent to the HLPW members for final approval.
* The **initiatives to be championed** by the HLPW members were discussed, with four key initiatives to be launched on 21 September. 1. The Panel will make a call at COP22 in Marrakesh to take action to improve water security as a key measure in implementing national climate change commitments. 2. The Panel will initiate stocktaking on financing opportunities, including innovative financing mechanisms, for water and sanitation services and infrastructure. 3. The Panel intends to highlight innovative practices, encourage further innovation and, where appropriate, initiate challenges which tackle unsolved water problems. 4. The Panel will call for a multi-stakeholder dialogue about the principles and possible approaches to valuing water. Further initiatives which Head of State/Government will champion during their life-span will be communicated by Sherpas/Advisors to the Joint Secretariat.
* Sherpas/Advisors next communicated the availability of their Heads of State/Government to meet on **21 September** at the UN Headquarters in New York. For the moment the Co-Chairs of the Panel will not be available, but efforts will be made for their participation. The availability of the Prime Minister of Jordan is still pending. The list of confirmations is annexed. The UN Secretariat was tasked to follow-up with the UN Secretary General’s office concerning the importance of starting the meeting on the 21 September at 15:00 with the presence of the Secretary General.
* Sherpas/Advisors noted the **purpose of the meeting** to be the adoption of the action plan, the announcement of commitments, as well as collaborations and way forward. A statement by the Co-Conveners, as well as the Co-Chairs on their vision for the HLPW is expected. The meeting will further provide an opportunity for media to be present at an appropriate time during the meeting.. Sherpas/Advisors requested the Joint Secretariat to draft an agenda, as well as a formal letter to the Heads of State/Government communicating the scenario of the meeting.
* The meeting requested the Joint Secretariat to provide for the next day a draft **communique/statement** to be issued on the occasion of the Second Meeting of the HLPW. The Sherpas/Advisors commented on the delivered communique, highlighting the issues that needed to be addressed by the Joint Secretariat. The revised communique is annexed.
* Sherpas/Advisors had an informal meeting with representatives from civil society, as well the experts who contributed to the framing notes used to prepare the action plan. Sherpas/Advisors thanked the attendees for their contributions and highlighted the importance for a continuous engagement. Attendees thanked Sherpas/Advisors for the opportunity provided and emphasized their readiness to support.
* 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. A short summary of the meeting will be posted on the official website.

**Next Steps:**

* The Joint Secretariat will finalize the Action Plan, the summary of the Action Plan, as well as the Communique. The joint statement/communique will be send to Sherpas by Friday 2 September for final review based on a silent procedure - comments on this are due by Friday 9 September. The revised “summary” of the Action Plan (comms product) will be send for final review by Thursday September 8.
* Sherpas/Advisors will communicate to the Joint Secretariat the initiatives their Head of State/Government will champion by Friday 9 September.
* The Co-Chairs will follow-up with their Heads of State/Government on the availability to participate at the meeting on 21 September by Friday 9 September 2016.
* The UN Secretariat will follow-up on the availability of the Prime Minister of Jordan, as well the Secretary General’s availability to be present at the start of the meeting on 21 September at 15:00/15:30.
* The Joint Secretariat will draft an agenda, scenario note and omnibus press conference for the September 21 meeting. The scenario note will be shared with Sherpas/Advisors for review by Friday 9 September. The draft press release will be shared by Wednesday 14 September.
* The next face-to-face meeting of Sherpas/Advisors is planned for Wednesday 21 September before the official launch of the Panel and on 22 September. Timing and logistics for this meeting will be circulated shortly.
* The 2nd Meeting of the HLPW will take place on Wednesday 21 September from 16:30 – 17:00 in Conference Room 8, at the UN Headquarters in New York (TBC).

**Annex I: Attendance List**

**Mauritius (Co-Chair)**

* Ambassador Jagdish Koonjul, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations
* Mr. Lormesh Juggoo

**Mexico (Co-Chair)**

* Ambassador Juan Jose Gomez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations
* Mr. Damaso Luna, Deputy Director General for Global Issues at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
* Ms. Claudia Coria-Bustos Pérez, International Affairs Manager, National Commission of Water of Mexico (CONAGUA)
* Mr. Alejandro Medina Mora, Deputy Director General for Legal Affairs, CONAGUA

**Australia**

* Mr. Ewen McDonald, Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
* Mr. Marcus Howard, Director, Water Sanitation and Hygiene Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
* Mr. Tony Slatyer, First Assistant Secretary, Water Reform, Department of Environment
* Mr Bill Costello, Minister Counsellor (International Development), Embassy of Australia, Washington DC

**Bangladesh**

* Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
* Mr Devabrata Chakraborty, Director, Governance Innovation Unit, Prime Minister's Office.

**Jordan**

* Eng. Ali Subah, Senior Hydrogeologist, Director of National Water Master Plan Directorate

**Hungary**

* Ambassador Csaba Korosi, Director for Environment Sustainability, Office of the President

**Netherlands**

* Mr. Henk Ovink, Netherlands Special Envoy for International Water Affairs
* Kim Moolenaar, Policy Officer, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment

**Senegal**

* Mr Niokhor Ndour, Head of the National Direction in charge of Water Resources Management and Planning
* Mr Babacar Ndiaye, Water and Sanitation Expert, National WASH Programs Coordinating Bureau.

**South Africa**

* Mr. Sifiso Mkhize, Acting Director General, Global Cooperation and Strategic Partnerships, South African Department of Water and Sanitation
* Ms. Nchedi Sophia Maphokga-Moripe, Chief Director: Global Cooperation and Strategic Partnerships, South African Department of Water and Sanitation

**Tajikistan**

* Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda, First Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan
* Mr. Umar Nazarov

**Dr. Han Seung-soo, Special Advisor**

* Mr. Kenzo Hiroki, Vice President, College of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
* Ms. Taeko Yokota, Programme Management Officer, Office of Special Envoy of SG for DRR and Water
* Mr. Hirotada Matsuki, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

**Mr. Manual Pulgar-Vidal, Special Advisor**

**World Bank Group**

* Mrs. Jennifer J. Sara, Senior Director for Water
* Mr. Patrick Verkooijen, Special Adviser
* Mr. William Rex, Global Lead Water Security
* Mrs. Zita De Pooter, Program Analyst
* Chris Walsh, Communication Manager

**United Nations**

* Mr. Masahiko Murase, Principal Management and Programme Analyst, DSD, UN DESA
* Mr. Nicolas Franke, Associate Expert in Water Policy, DSD, UN DESA

**Annex II – Confirmations 2nd HLPW meeting 21 September 2016**

1. UN Secretary General
2. President World Bank Group
3. Australia
4. Bangladesh
5. Hungary
6. South Africa
7. Senegal
8. Special Advisor
9. Special Advisor
10. Netherlands (video message)
11. Tajikistan (Minister of Foreign Affairs)

*Pending Confirmations*

1. *Mexico*
2. *Mauritius*
3. *Jordan*