

Managing Water Uncertainty and Risk:

Early findings of the 4th edition of the World Water Development Report (WWDR4) and Future Global Water Scenarios

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17.45 – 18.45, room K23

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The early findings of the 4th edition of the UN World Water Development Report (WWDR4), coordinated by the UN World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) and a joint effort by UN agencies and entities making up UN-Water, will be presented for the first time.

The initial two reports from Phase 1 of the new WWAP Global Water Scenarios Project, and their role in improving the information base for decision making, will also be presented and discussed.

A 'business-as-usual' approach to water resources management is no longer an option.

Inadequate management of water resources will most likely result in acute shortages of water – keeping billions of people vulnerable to hunger, poverty, poor health and the effects of drought and flood.

But opportunity can be created.

Don't miss out.

The central role of water to the development of all sectors must be recognized. Political leaders need to give greater priority to water resources and substantially increase financial resources.

Programme:

Mr Adeel Zafar, Chair of UN-WATER, will introduce and open the event.

Mr Richard Connor, Associate Lead Author of the WWDR4, will outline the early findings of the WWDR4, and discuss the external drivers, their significant acceleration over the past few years, interactions, and their present and expected impacts on water.

Q&A

Ms Kusum Athukorala, Co-Chair, WWAP Advisory Group on Gender Equality, will present on the development of the Group and its involvement in reviewing the WWDR4 from a gender perspective.

Q&A

Mr William Cosgrove, Manager of the WWAP Global Water Scenarios Project, will introduce the WWAP Global Water Scenarios Project.

Mr Gilberto Gallopin, Independent Scholar and Principal Adviser, Global Water Scenarios Project, will discuss the results of the initial two reports from Phase 1 of the new WWAP Global Water Scenarios Project and the way forward to provide tools to water managers and decision-makers faced with uncertainty.

Q&A/Close

The Associate Lead Author of the WWDR4, Richard Connor, and the Manager of the WWAP Global Scenarios Project, William Cosgrove, will be available for interviews.

**The 4th edition of the United Nations World Water
Development Report (WWDR4)
'Managing Water under Uncertainty and Risk'
will be launched on 12 March 2012 on the first day of the
6th World Water Forum in Marseille, France.**

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