„Business as Usual“ Not an Option in the Water Sector for the 2030 Agenda

The Global Architecture in the Water Sector

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Water – central element for achieving whole Agenda 2030

“We resolve, between now and 2030, […] to protect human rights and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls; and to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources.” (Introduction, 3.)

“We envisage a world free of poverty, hunger, disease and want, where all life can thrive. […] a world where we reaffirm our commitments regarding the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation and where there is improved hygiene; […].” (Our Vision, 7.)

We will reduce the negative impacts of urban activities and of chemicals […], including through the […] more efficient use of water and energy. (The New Agenda, 33.)

We are therefore determined to conserve and sustainably use oceans and seas, freshwater resources, […]. We are also determined to […] tackle water scarcity and water pollution, […] to promote resilience and disaster risk reduction. (The New Agenda, 32.)
References and linkages to water are present in all SDGs
Reduction of absence times; Dismantling of gender inequalities

Productive resources; Adaption to floods and droughts; Avoidance of diarrhoea induced malnutrition

Containment of water-borne diseases; Reducing the infant mortality rate

Clean water and sanitation

Water essential for success of whole Agenda 2030!
Global Water Architecture Fit for SDGs?

UN Secretary-General’s Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB, 2004-2015):

- A mismatch between 2030 Agenda vision and the international political structures available which will not allow effective implementation and review of SDG6 and related targets.

Analysis:

- The global water governance structure is highly fragmented.
- Single-issue perspectives dominate – against integrated vision of SDGs
- No dedicated UN intergovernmental body for water endorsed by UN Member States - No body for global follow-up and review of progress
- Central role of water not reflected if only topic max 2-3 times within the HLPF until 2030;
- No regular integrated dialogue between major groups and governments on integrated water aspects;
- No “anchor body” for inter-sectoral discussions on intergovernmental level
Currently

Sanitation and Water for All

World Water Council

World Health Organization

World Water Partnership

SIWI

UN Water

Technical coordination of UN Organisations on water

Observer Role

Global High-Level Panel on Water & Peace

High-Level Panel on Water (Gov., WB, WEF)

Multitude of global and regional Water Weeks, Water Forums, etc.

Inside UN System

ECOSOC

HLPF

UNGA

Outside UN system

GEMI/JMP/GLAAS Monitoring

Intergovernmental Panel on Water UNESCO IHP – Not yet established
A ‘fit-for-purpose‘ UN institutional water architecture

• The creation of a **UN Intergovernmental Committee on Water** for the thematic follow-up and review at the global level
  – **Mandated** by UN member states.
  – **To engage with** water-relevant thematic networks and multi-stakeholder partnerships.
  – **Foster integrated reviews** by linking with other related goals and targets and respective bodies

• The **strengthening of UN-Water** to
  – maximize **system-wide coordinated** action and coherence.
  – **streamline** water-related activities of the UN system.
  – serve as secretariat and **support entity** for the UN Intergovernmental Body on Water and **coordinate** the global monitoring and evaluation.
FOR AGENDA 2030

UN GA

ECOSOC

HLPF

Inside UN System

Major Groups

Intergovernmental Body on Water and Sanitation
UN Member States & Major Groups

Supporting Structure / Secretariat

Synthesis Report

World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)

GEMI
Harmonized monitoring

UN Water
Technical coordination of UN Organisations on water

Coordination

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The proposed way forward

- The new body should be as lean as possible, with minimal implications on the UN budget - expenses should be compensated by a more effective, integrated and coordinated approach.
- The body should be endorsed by a UN resolution.
- This vision/initiative is supported by a growing group of countries (among them Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands and Switzerland).

- All interested UN Member States are welcome to join and support the further development on a coherent concept for a water architecture ‘fit for purpose’.
Join the Dialogue to shape a ‘fit-for-purpose‘ global water architecture

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CONTENT
The current global water institutional architecture is highly fragmented and does not allow for an effective and coordinated support to Member States in implementing the ambitious 2030 Agenda on Water. A full-scale water-cultural revolution within the UN is needed. Join us for an exciting high-level debate about the set-up of a ‘fit-for-purpose’ UN institutional water architecture during Stockholm World Water Week!

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- Dr. Bärbel Kofar, German Federal Government’s Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid
- Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs at Kingdom of the Netherlands (tbc)
- Hon. Eugene Wamalwa, Cabinet Secretary at the Ministry of Water and Irrigation in Kenya (tbc)
- Hon. Hazim El-Naser, Minister of Water and Irrigation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (tbc)
- Inputs by Dr. Uschi Eld, former UNSGAB Chair and Leslie Witmer, delegate to UN Water
- Moderated by Hakan Tropp, managing director SIWI

➢ At the Stockholm World Water Week Monday, 29th August 2016 from 14-15:30,
➢ Congress Hall A