

High-level event

## Water and Climate – From Dialogue to Action

Wednesday 16 December 2009

9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Holland Climate House, Hall C7, Bella Center, UN Climate Change  
Conference, Copenhagen

**»Opportunity knocks. It is up to you to open the door«**  
— UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Water is the primary medium through which climate change will manifest itself on livelihoods, economies and ecosystems. In recent years a global dialogue among water professionals and politicians has resulted in a set of guiding principles laid down in statements from Nairobi, Stockholm, UN Water and Cairo. These messages are foremost in guiding the water community, but have also been forwarded to the climate community assembled at the COP-15.

These principles are:

- 1 Mainstreaming adaptation within the broader development context
- 2 Strengthening governance of water resources management and improving integration of land and water management
- 3 Improving and sharing knowledge and information on climate, water and adaptation measures
- 4 Building long-term resilience through stronger institutions and water infrastructures, including well-functioning ecosystems
- 5 Investing in cost-effective adaptive water management and technology transfer
- 6 Releasing additional funds through increased national and international budgetary allocations and innovative funding mechanisms for adaptation

The side event will present and discuss the principles, including follow-up actions on climate information, planning, building with nature and capacity development.

# Programme

**Moderator:** *Dr Ger Bergkamp, Director General, World Water Council*

## **Presentation of the guiding principles**

— *Henk van Schaik, Co-operative Programme on Water and Climate (CPWC), Karin Lexén, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) and Birgitte Markussen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (tbc)*

**Water in the climate negotiations** – *Hannah Stoddart, Global Public Policy Network (GPPN)*

## **Speakers in the high-level panel:**

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Hon. <i>Tineke Huizinga</i> , Vice Minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management, The Netherlands	The importance of action on water – from Istanbul via Stockholm to COP-15 and beyond
Hon. <i>Hasan Mahmud</i> , Minister of Environment and Forest, Bangladesh	The importance of water-related adaptation for Bangladesh
Dr <i>Mannava Sivakumar</i> , Director Climate Prediction and Adaptation Branch, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	Global Framework on Climate Services
Dr <i>Ania Grobicki</i> , Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership (GWP)	Taking climate into account in Integrated Water Resources Management
Dr <i>William Jackson</i> , Deputy Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	The importance of building with nature
Dr <i>András Szöllösi-Nagy</i> , Rector, UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education	Building capacity in water and climate

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