

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

The United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (UN WWAP) will present the main findings and messages of the World Water Development Report 2015 (WWDR 2015), Water for a Sustainable World.

Led and administrated by UNESCO, WWAP is tasked to assess, report and monitoring on the state, use and management of the world's freshwater resources. It coordinates the work of 31 Members and 37 Partners of UN-Water in the annual production of the authoritative World Water Development Report (WWDR), the UN's flagship report on water. The 2015 edition of the WWDR is dedicated to "Water for a Sustainable World".

The WWDR 2015 provides a focused descriptive analysis that demonstrates how water is a key factor in a future sustainable world. Taking into account economic growth, social equity and environmental sustainability, a forward-looking narrative describes how major challenges and change factors in the modern world will affect – and can be affected by – water resources, services and related benefits in a not too distant future. The audience will interact with the panelists on the vision of a sustainable world where water is managed in support of human well-being and ecosystems.

WWAP seeks to equip water managers and key decision-makers with information, data and skills necessary to effectively contribute to the development of relevant policies for sustainable water resources management. It also disseminates knowledge about emerging issues and challenges through a number of products, tools and activities.

WWAP is currently in the front-line to provide the Sustainable Development Goal n.6, the Goal on water, with a clear gender-perspective, with particular focus on sex-disaggregated indicators.

Since 2006, WWAP is funded by the Italian Government together with Umbria Region and its Secretariat is based in Perugia, Italy.



PROGRAMME

WS2 – Workshop WWAP UNESCO: The United Nations World Water Development Report, WWDR

VENUE & TIME: Auditorium (Main Hall), 14:00-15:30, Monday 14 September

Organized by: World Water Assessment Programme, UNESCO

14:00 – 14:05 Welcome and Introduction

- Francesca Greco, Water and Gender Focal Point, Regional Monitoring, WWAP

14:05 – 14:25 Presentation of the UN WWDR 2015: “Water for a Sustainable World”

- Laurens Thuy, Programme Junior Expert, WWAP

14:25 – 15:10 Panel Discussion: “Defining and responding to developmental challenges”

Objective: To provide clear insights into the main challenges faced in the strive towards sustainable development, particularly under the pressure of two main factors: demographic growth and climate change. The discussion will also provide an array of responses to overcome bottlenecks and present best practices. Interventions should make reference to the issues defined in the World Water Development Report 2015 with relation to water resources management.

Moderator: Shaminder Puri, Secretary General, IAH

Panelists:

- **Water-energy-food NEXUS**

Water, energy and food are inextricably linked as water is required to produce energy and food, and energy is needed to produce and distribute water and food. Agriculture is the main user of water. The sector is responsible for about 70% of all water withdrawals. By 2050, agriculture will need to produce 60% more food globally to feed a population of 9 – 10 billion people. A people centred Nexus approach is needed to better understand and systematically analyze how we can use and manage our resources in light of competing interests

Jippe Hoogeveen, Land and Water Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

- **WaterGovernance**

The global water crisis is one of governance much more than of resource availability. Governance failure may lead to water over-abstraction, misallocation of the resource and potential conflicts. This calls for engaging a broad range of societal actors through inclusive governance structures according to the principles of equity, participation and accountability.

Stefano Burchi, Chairman, AIDA

- River contracts for sustainable development in the Italian context
The Serchio River, an example of collective governance. The river contract as a participatory management tool for the protection of rivers, restoration of the environment and better planning of land use.
Endro Martini, President, Alta Scuola

Q&A with the audience

15:10 – 15:25 The Gender Divide: WWAP and sex-disaggregated indicators

- Sex-disaggregated data and indicators
Improved gender equity is key to boosting water management and access. Despite a significant increase in gender awareness, results on the ground remain limited with the inclusion of women in decision-making on water development and management lagging behind. The development of indicators that disaggregate data by gender may enable future water assessment, monitoring and reporting mechanisms to disseminate on existing gender issues, a first leap in solving them.
Roselie Schonewille, Programme Junior Expert, Water and Gender, WWAP
- Pilot application to GGRETA Project
Alice Aureli, Chief of Section on Groundwater Systems, UNESCO-IHP

15:25 – 15:30 Closing Remarks

- Francesca Greco, Water and Gender Focal Point, Regional Monitoring, WWAP