

**Thematic Debate of the General Assembly
“Water, Sanitation and Sustainable Energy
In the post 2015 development agenda”**

18-19 February 2014

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Programme

DAY 1

Opening ceremony: 10-10:30am

H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe, President of the General Assembly
H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
Mr. Girish Menon, Deputy Director Water Aid, Civil Society Representative

Panel 1: The water and sanitation challenge

10:30am-1pm

Chair: Mr. Federico Ramos de Armas. Vice-Minister for Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment; Spain

Moderator: Dr Ania Grobicki – Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership

Panelists:

- **Identifying obstacles to achieving universal access to safe drinking water and sanitation, as well as other critical challenges to the sustainability of water resources.**

Dr. Christopher Williams, Executive Director, Water Supply & Sanitation Collaborative Council

- **Rights based approaches to water governance in the post 2015 development framework**

Mr. Ashfaq Khalfan - Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Policy Coordinator– Amnesty International

- **Reflecting water and sanitation in the post-2015 framework: Possible Goals and Targets**

Mr. Manuel Thurnhofer, Senior Water Advisor, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation

- **Means of Implementation and partnerships for development**

Dr. Analia Mendez – Unilever

Feature Presentation: Ms Catarina de Albuquerque, Special Rapporteur: The Human Right to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation

Panel 2: The sustainable energy challenge

3-6pm

Chair: H.E. Bartelemy Kassa, Minister for Energy, Oil and Mineral Exploration, Water and Development of Renewable Energies, Benin

Moderator: Professor Vijay Modi, Professor School of Engineering and Applied Science Faculty, Earth Institute, Columbia University

- **National Integrated Sustainable Energy Systems, Energy Efficiency, Fuel Diversification and Renewable Energy**

Professor Albert Binger, Energy Science Advisor, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre

- **National Policies and International Cooperation supporting Means of Implementation (Investment, Technology Transfer, Capacity Development and Regional Integration)**

Dr Mike Allen –Special Envoy for Renewable Energy, New Zealand

- **Reflecting Energy in the post-2015 framework: Possible Goals and Targets**

H.E. Mr. Geir O. Pederson, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations

DAY 2

Panel 3 The Water Energy nexus

10am-1pm

Chair: H.E. Mr. Masood Khan, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations

Moderator: Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Executive Coordinator Rio+20 and Former Minister of Energy and Environment of Barbados

- **International Year of Water Cooperation, 2013, and the water-energy nexus from a national perspective.**

Mr. Pulod Muhiddinov - Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources , Tajikistan

- **Institutional Challenges for the Water-Energy Nexus: The Arab Perspective**

Mr. Najib Saab: Secretary General, Arab Forum for Environment & Development (AFED)

- **Reflecting the water/energy nexus in the post-2015 framework: Options and Considerations**

Mr. Felix Dodds, Co-Director, Nexus 2014: Water, Food, Climate and Energy Conference

Feature Presentation: **Mr Wu Hungbo, United Nations, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs**

Closing segment:

Summaries by the co chairs of the panels

H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe, President of the General Assembly