



Launch of the 4th edition of the United Nations World Water Development Report (WWDR4) *'Managing Water under Uncertainty and Risk'*

3.00pm – 4.30pm

12 March 2012

Parc Chanot - Palais des Evénements (Building 1)

6th World Water Forum

Marseille, France



The United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), a flagship programme of UN-Water hosted by UNESCO, is proud to launch the 4th edition of the triennial World Water Development Report (WWDR4) between 3.00pm – 4.30pm 12 March, on the first day of the 6th World Water Forum.

The Report will be launched by Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General, and Michel Jarraud, UN-Water Chair and Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The ceremony will include speeches from other high level speakers, and the WWAP Coordinator, Olcay Unver, will make a presentation on the findings of this key UN Report.

Bringing together the work of 28 UN-Water members and partners, the WWDR is a comprehensive review of the state, management and use of the world's freshwater resources. This 4th edition introduces a thematic approach *'Managing Water under Uncertainty and Risk'* in the context of a world which is changing faster than ever in often unforeseeable ways. The WWDR4 seeks to demonstrate that water has a central role in all aspects of economic development and social welfare, and that concerted action via a collective approach of the water-using sectors is needed to ensure water's many benefits are maximized and shared equitably and that water-related development goals are achieved.

A press conference will be held directly after the main ceremony where the world's media are invited to ask questions and delve more deeply into the content of this widely anticipated Report and its key messages.

3:00-4:30pm	<p>Launch of the 4th World Water Development Report <i>Palais des Evenements - Building 1</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Loic Fauchon, President, World Water Council- Jean-Claude Gaudin, Mayor of Marseille- Irina Bokova, Director-General, UNESCO- Michel Jarraud, Chair of UN-Water- Olcay Unver, WWAP Coordinator- Joan Clos, Executive-Director, UN-HABITAT- Alexander Mueller, Assistant Director-General, FAO- Letitia Obeng, Chair, Global Water Partnership- Hon. Mrs Sarah Reng Ocheke, Minister of Water Resources, Nigeria- Silvano Rometti, Regional Councilor for Environment & Sustainable Development, Umbria, Italy- Hon. Hesham Kandil, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt TBC
5:00-5:45pm	<p>Press conference <i>Palais des Congres – Room Jardin 1</i></p> <p>Held by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- UNESCO Director-General, Irina Bokova- Chair of UN-Water, Michel Jarraud <p>Also attending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- WWAP Coordinator, Olcay Unver- WWDR4 Lead Author, Richard Connor

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