



## SESSION DESCRIPTION

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### Session 3 - Dialogue for Water and Cities

**Date:** Monday, 13 April 2015

**Time:** 17:10 - 18:30

**Venue:** HICO, Gyeongju

**Room:** 301

**Language(s):** EN, FR, KO, SP, TU

**Session access:** Open

**Livestream available:** TBC

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#### Summary

Cities are increasingly important in managing water. As cities (and with them, also, slums) grow, water service provision is decentralized, climate change (affecting primarily the water cycle) impacts increase, and resources are constrained, managing water equitably, efficiently and sustainably requires cities to coordinate action at the local level.

The Istanbul Water Consensus (IWC), which was presented at the Water World Water Forum in Istanbul in 2009, acknowledges the need for concerted efforts in urban water management, and commits its signatories to taking stepwise action to do so.

A series of Dialogue for Water and Cities starting in May 2013 at the World Urban Forum 3, which was proposed by GWOPA/UN-Habitat as a process to facilitate the implementation of the IWC, reaffirmed the necessity of further coordination between land and water planners, municipalities and their service providers for integrated urban water management (IUWM).

This dialogue session will be the final one to conclude this process and will discuss how to address the challenges to facilitate IUWM in the spirit of the IWC.

#### Objective

The session aims to share the good examples of Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM) – linked with urban planning and development – focusing on the involvement of the different stakeholders and identify their roles in facilitating IUWM through the interactive discussion with key speakers and audiences/participants.



## Reference to Daegu-Gyeongbuk Water Action for Sustainable Cities and Regions

In the "Daegu-Gyeongbuk Water Action for Sustainable Cities and Regions", the readers of Local and Regional Authorities committed to link water management more closely with urban planning, design and development as well as other relevant urban management sectors. This session will discuss about how stakeholders should work to realize this integration of urban planning, design, development with urban water management.

### Methodology and timing

- Opening by Facilitator (5 minutes)
- Presentation (10 minutes)
- Panel discussion (60 minutes)
- Closing & way forward (5 minutes)

### Contributors

#### Facilitator

- Mr. Faraj El-Awar, Programme Manager, GWOPA/UN-Habitat

#### Presentation

- **Fostering dialogue for Integrated Urban Water Management**  
Mr. Faraj El-Awar, Programme Manager, GWOPA/UN-Habitat

#### Panelists

- Mr. Francisco Fernandes Tavares, Presidente, Camara Municipal de Santa Catarina, Cape Verde
- Mr. Vladimir MENDES-BORGES, Deputy Mayor, City of Amiens, France
- Mr. Carlos Lozano de la Torre, Governor, Aguascalientes, Mexico
- Mr. Rajandran Gopal Moodliar, Senior Manager Planning for Water and Sanitation, eThekweni Water and Sanitation, Durban, South Africa
- Mr. Gorkhmaz J. Huseynov, Chairman, Azersu, Azerbaijan
- M. Adel Yasin, Director of Waste Water Planning Department, Palestinian Water Authority, Palestine
- Mr. Latu Kupa, Executive Director, Pacific Water and Wastes Association
- Ms. Mai Flor, Executive Director, WaterLinks
- Ms. Satoko Kishimoto, Transnational Institute
- Mr. Adem Esen, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Member of the Executive Board, Turkey