



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

THE CONTRIBUTION OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION TO ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS – HOW FAR HAVE WE COME, AND WHAT STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE?

SIDE EVENT

Thursday, 12 July at 13:15-14:30, Conference Room 7

Transboundary water cooperation is a critical component to ensuring water and sanitation for all (SDG6) and an important requirement and catalyst for achieving other SDGs on poverty, food security, health and wellbeing, sustainable energy, climate action, ecosystem protection and peace. In transboundary basins where cooperation is lacking, it will be hard to achieve sustainable development for all.

Building on the outcomes of the first SDG indicator 6.5.2 reporting exercise, the side event will discuss the following:

- Where do we stand on transboundary water cooperation? What are the progress, gaps and challenges?
- What kind of good practices and success stories can be replicated to accelerate progress?
- How external factors, such as the global water conventions and financing, can support negotiation and effective implementation of transboundary water arrangements?

SPEAKERS

- Mr. Thierno Hamet Baba Ly, Secretary General of the Ministry of Water and Sanitation, Senegal
- Ms. Jaana Husu-Kallio, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland
- H.E. Mr. Kairat Umarov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations
- Ms. Olga Algayerova, Under Secretary-General, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Ms. Blanca Jimenez-Cisneros, Secretary of the International Hydrological Programme, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Ms. Christina Leb, Senior Water Resources Specialist, World Bank



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