



## MEDIA ADVISORY: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Water Day

3<sup>rd</sup> November, 9am – 6pm, Barcelona UNFCCC meeting

**WHAT:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> November a ‘Water Day’ will be held alongside the UNFCCC negotiations in **Barcelona** to urge negotiators to consider the critical role that water plays in climate change adaptation.

**WHY:** In the latest version of the negotiating text on water adaptation, the so-called **Non-Paper 31**, has **deleted any clear references to water and its management** as a vital consideration to climate change adaptation. Participants at Water Day will demonstrate that water is an **essential and cross-cutting concern** for climate change adaptation and mitigation across a range of different issues including livelihoods; ecosystems; trans-boundary cooperation; gender and energy requirements. Negotiators failure to understand the role of water in adaptation strategies risks undermining the larger objectives of the climate change negotiations.

**WHO:** Water Day will bring together practitioners and issue experts from across the governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental spheres – including **UN Water**, the **Global Water Partnership**, **WWF**, **IUCN**, **Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)** and the **Freshwater Action Network (FAN)**.

Speakers will include: **Pasquale Steduto**, Chair, UN-Water and Service Chief, **FAO : Ms Xianfu Lu**, Programme Officer, Adaptation, Technology and Science Programme, UNFCCC : **Dr Guy Howard**, Policy Advisor, Department for International Development : **Joseph Halder**, NGO Forum Bangladesh, Freshwater Action Network: **Ania Grobicki**, Executive Director, GWP : **Mr. Mark Smith**, Head, Water Program, IUCN : **Peter Holmgren**, Director Environment, Climate Change and Bioenergy, **FAO : Ambassador Niels Pultz**, Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark on Climate Change Issues: **Batilda Burian**, Minister of State in the Vice-Presidents Office responsible for Environment, Tanzania ... **and many more**.

**Issue experts will be available for interview from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November onwards.**

The day is being convened by the Global Public Policy Network on water management (GPPN) (<http://gppn.stakeholderforum.org>) - a partnership of Stakeholder Forum ([www.stakeholderforum.org](http://www.stakeholderforum.org)) and Stockholm International Water Institute ([www.siwi.org](http://www.siwi.org)) – in collaboration with UN Water ([www.unwater.org](http://www.unwater.org))

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