Up to and Beyond 2015: The Challenge for the Water and Sanitation Agenda

Date: 13th May
Time: 6.15pm
Venue: Auditorium of The Permanent German Mission to the UK.

Thematic Focus and Potential contribution to CSD-16

The current programme of work for the Commission on Sustainable Development will reach an end in 2015, at which point it will be the role of governments around the world to assess how far they have delivered on the commitments outlined in Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and subsequent meetings of the CSD. The achievement of water and sanitation targets, including the Millennium Development Goals, will be assessed at this point, and gaps in implementation will be identified.

With this in mind it is crucial that a process begins as early as possible to try to identify where the main obstacles and constraints lie in implementing water and sanitation commitments up to and beyond 2015. This process of preparation will help to identify where new targets and commitments are necessary, and where the means of implementation can be improved. The Global Public Policy Network has already kick-started this process, preparing global stakeholder inputs for the CSD-16 water and sanitation review, yet this stakeholder dialogue should continue beyond CSD-16 so as to maintain the profile of the water and sanitation agenda, encourage civil society engagement and promote transparency and accountability.

Discussions at the proposed side event will focus on:

i. Potential post-2015 WatSan targets
ii. Partnerships for Water and Sanitation – effectiveness and indicators
iii. The role of donor governments
iv. The capacity of developing countries to deliver

The secretariat of the Global Public Policy Network on Water Management has responded to a strong feeling among stakeholders that discussion should begin on the challenges up to and beyond 2015. Recognising the necessity for a dialogue, the German government has agreed to sponsor the proposed event, and CSD-16 provides the ideal backdrop.

Organising Partners

Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und Reaktorsicherheit
Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future
Stockholm International Water Institute

Speakers

German State Secretary, BMU/ Representative for the German government
Felix Dodds, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future
Stockholm International Water Institute (invited)
UN Water
Freshwater Action Network (FAN)
WSSCC (invited)