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Coping with Scarcity

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UN Water is made up of the UN agencies, programmes and funds that have a significant role in tackling global water concerns. It also includes major non-UN partners who cooperate with them in advancing progress towards water-related Millennium Development Goals. Annually, UN-Water hosts a seminar in Stockholm focusing on specific strategic issues it has identified as priority for joint action during the decade Water for life.

This year's event addresses water scarcity. The seminar will introduce the Water Scarcity Thematic Initiative of UN-Water and will illustrate the type of actions UN-Water agencies carry out with their partners. It will be an opportunity to discuss the strategic role of UN-Water in assisting countries in their efforts towards the achieving the Millennium Development Goals, investigate the possibilities for enhancing its effectiveness and impact and explore possibilities for effective partnership.

Programme	Morning Seminar, 9 ⁰⁰ –12 ⁰⁰ , Main Conference Center, Room 300
MODERATOR: <i>Johan Kuylenstierna</i> , Project Director, SIWI	10:45 Decision support tools for conflict resolution, <i>Andras Szollosi-Nagy</i> , Director, Division of Water Sciences, UNESCO
RAPPORTEUR: <i>Manuel Dengo</i> , UN-Water Secretary, UN-DESA	11:00 Panel discussion: How to enhance the impact and effectiveness of the Water Scarcity Thematic Initiative at local level; at country level; at the level of international river basins ?
9:00 Opening address: <i>Carin Jämtin</i> , Swedish Minister for International Development t.b.c.	PANELLISTS:
9:10 Introduction to UN-Water and its programmes: <i>Jamie Bartram</i> , Coordinator, Water, Sanitation and Health, WHO, and Chair of UN-Water	• Hector Garduno, Water Resources Planning and Management Expert, Mexico
9:25 Keynote presentation: Coping with water scarcity in China: <i>Li Huanhua</i> , Deputy Director General, Department of Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Water Supply, Ministry of Water Resources, China	• Peter Lee, President, International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage
9:55 The UN-Water thematic initiative "Coping with water scarcity": <i>Alexander Müller</i> , Assistant Director General, Sustainable Development Department, FAO t.b.c.	• Adeel Zafar, Director designate, UNU-INWEH
10:15 Policies and institutions for coping with environmental aspects of water scarcity in Western Asia. <i>Hosny Khordagui</i> , Leader, Water and Environment Teams, UN-ESCWA	• Peregrine Swann, Senior Water Advisor, DFID, UK
10:30 Providing information and knowledge for decision making in water-scarce regions through water assessments: <i>Ashbindu Singh</i> , Regional Coordinator, UNEP Division of Early Warning & Assessment	• Torkil Jonch Clausen, Professor, DHI Water & Environment and Senior Advisor, UNEP
	• Mohamed Ait Kadi, Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture, Morocco t.b.c.
	• A Representative from the Italian Directorate General for Development Cooperation
	11:35 Open discussion: questions and comments from participants
	11:55 Summary report from discussions: <i>Stefano Burchi</i> , Senior Water Law Officer FAO
	12:00 Closure: <i>Johan Kuylenstierna</i> , SIWI

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