

## **Key points from the Seminar**

### **Coping with Scarcity**

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**Convenor: UN-Water**

- Water scarcity is one of the most important collective challenges societies need to address in the XXI century. Action is critical mostly at local, national and transboundary levels, recognising and taking advantage of local practices and knowledge.
- It is essential that countries make effective trade-offs between interdependent and complex water management options for reform. A coordinated support to countries is expected from the UN agencies and programmes. Current efforts by UN Agencies to coordinate their action through UN-Water are acknowledged and encouraged.
- In particular, UN-Water should evolve into a vehicle for better and regular communication on water-related challenges. "Coping with water scarcity" has been selected by UN-Water as the theme of World Water Day 2007.