High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

The Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, Mexico, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Peru, and South Africa present in collaboration with the World Bank present:

High-Level Reception

*The Launch of the Valuing Water Initiative: Valuing Water throughout the 2030 Agenda*

July 17, 2018
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
United Nations HQ, South Dining Room

**Tentative Programme**

**Moderator: Henk Ovink**, *Special Envoy for International Water Affairs for the Kingdom of Netherlands*

6:45 pm – 6:55 pm: **Opening of the High-Level Event**

H.E. Ms. Stientje van Veldhoven
*State Secretary for Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands*

6:55 pm – 7:10 pm: **Reflection on VW initiative from the co-hosts**

H.E. Ms Pamela Tshwete
*Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Republic of South Africa*

H.E. Ambassador Miguel Ruiz Cabañas
*Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico (tbc)*

H.E. Ambassador Gustavo Meza Cuadra
*Permanent Representative of Peru*

H.E. Ambassador Mr. Tareq Md. Ariful Islam
*Deputy Permanent Representative of Bangladesh*
7:10 pm – 7:20 pm: Valuing Water Principles: short presentation on the context and momentum of the Principles

Jennifer Sara
World Bank

Following the formal programme, participants will have the chance to learn more about 3 ‘Valuing Water Cases:

Case 1: Valuing Water in Coffee Production
Carolina Castañeda, Director of Colombian Coffee Growers Federation (FNC)

Case 2: Valuing Water along the Zambezi
Dean Muruven, World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

Case 3: Youth perspective on Valuing Water
Shabana Abbas, President, Water Youth Network