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Agenda Item : Proposed water and climate related activities leading up to World Water Day 2020

Background Brief

30th UN-Water Meeting – 31 January and 1 February 2019 – Rome, Italy

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Main Issues of this Agenda Item:

- UN-WATER policy brief on Water and Climate Change

Introduction / Background / Rationale :

In 2018, the UN-Water Expert Group on Water and Climate, under the leadership of FAO, has organized another side event at Cop 24 on the role of water in achieving climate neutrality, and provided input to the development of the development of the World Water Development report 2020 on water and climate. The group is now preparing an updated version of the policy brief on water and climate change by mid-2019 expected to be launched at the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2019, which will be reviewing SDG 13 on climate action. It should also be presented, in addition to other publications currently being prepared in coordination with WWAP, at the Climate Summit in September 2019 under the auspices of the UNGA; the 25th UNFCCC Conference of the Parties; and the World Water Day in 2020 which focuses on Water and Climate. The updated policy brief should be short (max 10 pages), solutions-oriented, relevant for policy-makers and for negotiators outside the water sector, namely the climate negotiators, in line with but complementary to the 2020 World Water Development Report on water and climate change.

Progress Update:

A meeting was organized during the sideline of the WWDR 2020 Developmental Workshop in September 2018 in Perugia among the participating members to discuss the content of the proposed policy brief. Following the meeting, the co-coordinators of the Expert-Group prepared draft Terms of Reference (TOR) and circulated them to UN-Water members with a call for candidacy for a consultant to undertake the task of preparing a draft of the policy brief. In January, the consultant will be selected and the first draft will be developed and sent for comments to the expert group and later the UN-Water SPM. No additional funds are required from UN-Water, as costs will be covered with the balance of funds received in the past.

Proposed Action by UN-Water, if any (less than 100 words please)**:**

Provide timely comments on the revised policy brief

Provide suggestions and facilitate launch event of the policy brief.

UN-Water to facilitate launch event of the policy brief during HLPF, Climate Summit and COP-25