PROGRAMME

a High-level event on
Interlinkages between Water and Climate Action
27 March 2019, 10:00 – 13:00
ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ

10:00-10:40 Opening
- H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the United Nation General Assembly;
- The Hon. Voreqe Bainimarama, Prime Minister of Fiji;
- H.E. Mr. Sirojiddin Muhriddin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan;
- H.E. Mr. Luis Alfonso de Alba, Secretary General’s Special Envoy for 2019 Climate Summit;
- H.E. Ms. Nezha El Ouafi, Secretary of State to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development of the Kingdom of Morocco;
- H.E. Mr. Koro Bessho, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations;
- H.E. Mr. Vasily Nebenzia, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations;
- H.E. Mr. Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations;
- H.E. Mr. Lauber Jürg, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations;
- Ms. Norma Kassi, Director Indigenous Collaboration, Arctic Institute of Community-Based Research of Canada;
- Mr. Vladimir Smakhtin, Coordinator of the UN-Water Task Force on Water Action Decade Implementation on behalf of the UN-Water Chair;
10:45-11:45 Panel 1: Water and climate action

- H.E. Dr. Hussain Rasheed Hassan, Minister of Environment of Maldives;
- H.E. Ms. Yassmin Fouad, Minister of Environment of the Arab Republic of Egypt;
- H.E. Sergio Costa, Minister of the Environment of Italy;
- H.E. Martha Delgado, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico;
- Mr Patrick Suckling, Ambassador for Environment of Australia;

Q&A

Moderated by: H.E. Mr. Sirojiddin Muhriddin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan

11:50-12:55 Panel 2: Means of Implementation

- Ms. Jennifer Sara, Senior Director, Water Global Practice, World Bank Group;
- Prof Taikan Oki, Vice Rector, UNU;
- Ms. Kavita Prakash-Mani, Global Conservation Director, WWF;
- Maria Donoso, Director of the Division of Water Sciences, UNESCO and Secretary of the International Hydrological Programme;
- Mr. Paul Fleming, Corporate Water Program Lead, Microsoft;

Q&A

Moderated by: ASG Ms Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General, UN-DESA

12:55-01:00 Closing

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