



## WORKSHOP ON EQUITABLE ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION: Challenges, good practices and lessons learned

4 and 5 July 2011, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

### PROGRAMME

Monday, 4 July 2011	
9.00 - 10.00	<b>Registration of participants</b>
<b>SESSION 1. OPENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION: SETTING THE SCENE: WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL: POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS AND TRADE-OFFS</b>	
10.00 - 11.30	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting the scene: water and sanitation for all <i>Mr. André Flajolet, Workshop Chair, Member of the Parliament, French National Assembly</i></li> <li>Equitable access to water and sanitation throughout the UNECE region: obligations under the UNECE/WHO-Europe Protocol on Water and Health <i>Mr. Jan Kubis, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Political commitments and international human rights law <i>Ms. Mara Bustelo, Coordinator, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Unit, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations</i></li> <li>Political commitments and realities: the experience of Hungary in the EU accession process <i>Mr. Andras Kiss, Head of Section, Ministry of Rural Development Section for Water Supply, Hungary</i></li> <li>Ensuring equitable access to water and sanitation: the specificities of countries with economies in transition <i>Mr. Giorgi Tsereteli, Deputy Chairman, Parliament of Georgia</i></li> <li>Non discrimination in assuring access: addressing inequities between present and future generations <i>Mr. Sandor Fülöp, Parliamentary Commissioner for Future Generations, Hungary</i></li> </ul>
11.30 - 12.00	Debate on the political, economic and social implications, challenges and trade-offs of ensuring equitable access to water and sanitation

<b>SESSION 2. STEERING GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORKS TO DELIVER EQUITABLE ACCESS</b>	
12.00-12.15	<b>Introduction to the topic by the Session Chair</b> <i>Mr. Richard Franceys, Director, Water and Society Programme, Cranfield University, United Kingdom</i>
12.15-13.00	<b>General discussion</b> Workshop participants will discuss the topic and the main messages. The Session Chair will summarise the conclusions of the discussion.
13.00-15.00	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>SESSION 3. ENSURING ACCESS FOR VULNERABLE AND MARGINALIZED GROUPS</b>	
15.00-15.15	<b>Introduction to the topic by the Session Chair</b> <i>Mr. François Münger, Head of Water Initiatives Division, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation, Switzerland</i>
15.15-16.45	<b>Panel of case studies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Croatian Experience with Roma settlements in the context of access to water and sanitation <i>Mr. Branko Socanac, Head, Government Office for National Minorities, Croatia</i></li> <li>• Roma communities and challenges with regard to access to water, housing, and sanitation in the pan-European region <i>Mr. Ivan Ivanov, Executive Director, European Roma Information Office, Belgium</i></li> <li>• Social access to water and sanitation in Paris: from Commitment to action <i>Ms. Anne Le Strat, Deputy Mayor of Paris, France</i></li> <li>• Access by vulnerable groups and groups with specific needs to water and sanitation: modern situation and policy measures in Russia <i>Mr. Alexander Razumov, Deputy Director General, Institute for Labour and Social Insurance, Ministry for Health and Social Development, Russian Federation</i></li> <li>• Post-hospitalization assistance to ensure access to water and sanitation in Kyrgyzstan <i>Mr. Marat Jidebaev, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity, Kyrgyzstan</i></li> </ul>
16.45-18.00	<b>General discussion</b> Workshop participants will discuss additional existing good practices and main messages on this topic. The session chair will summarise the conclusions of the discussion.
18.00 – 19.30	<b>Reception hosted by the Government of France</b> Restaurant des Délégués, 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Palais des Nations

<b>Tuesday, 5 July 2011</b>	
9.30- 9.45	<p><b>Opening of second day by the Chair</b>  <i>Mr. André Flajolet, Workshop Chair, Member of the Parliament, French National Assembly</i></p>
<b>SESSION 4. KEEPING WATER AND SANITATION AFFORDABLE FOR ALL</b>	
9.45- 10.00	<p><b>Introduction to the topic by the Session Chair</b>  <i>Mr. Henri Smets, Académie de l'Eau, France</i></p>
10.00- 11.30	<p><b>Panel of case studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social measures in Flanders to ensure affordability  <i>Ms. Ingeborg Limbourg, Regulation Unit, Flemish Environment Agency (VMM), Belgium</i></li> <li>• Examples from private water operators within and outside the UNECE region  <i>Mr. Erasmo de Alfonso, Senior Water Advisor, AquaFed (The International Federation of Private Water Operators), Belgium</i></li> <li>• Social Measures in Bucharest, Romania and in Yerevan, Armenia  <i>Mr. Bruno Jannin, Veolia Water Europe, France</i></li> <li>• Housing subsidies in Ukraine  <i>Ms. Anna Tsvietkova, NGO "Mama-86", Ukraine</i></li> </ul>
11.30- 12.30	<p><b>General discussion</b>  Workshop participants will discuss additional existing good practices and main messages on this topic.  The session chair will summarise the conclusions of the discussion.</p>
12.30- 14.30	<b>Lunch break</b>

<b>SESSION 5. REDUCING GEOGRAPHICAL DISPARITIES</b>	
14.30- 14.45	<p><b>Introduction to the topic by the Session Chair</b>  <i>Mr. Jaime Melo Baptista, President, Water and Waste Regulatory Agency (ERSAR), Portugal</i></p>
14.45- 16.15	<p><b>Panel of studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressing national differences in terms of access to water and sanitation in the Ukraine  <i>Mr. Mykhailo Yatsiuk, First Deputy Chairman, State Agency of Water Resources, Ukraine</i></li> <li>• Reducing geographical disparities in the price of water in Wallonia, Belgium  <i>Mr. Cédric Prevedello, S.A. Aquawal, Belgium</i></li> <li>• Cooperation between Nablus Municipality and Kufur Qallil Village  <i>Mr. Mahdi Al-Hanbali, Councillor, Nablus Municipality, Palestine</i></li> <li>• Access to safe water in the outskirts of Gyula City - Analysis of local environmental conflicts  <i>Mr. Sandor Fülöp, Parliamentary Commissioner for Future Generations, Hungary</i></li> <li>• Providing access to remote rural areas in Uzbekistan  <i>Ms. Nadejda Vakhitova, Ecoforum of NGOs, Uzbekistan</i></li> </ul>
16.15- 17.00	<p><b>General discussion</b>  Workshop participants will discuss additional existing good practices and main messages on this topic.  The session chair will summarise the conclusions of the discussion.</p>
17.00- 17.30	<p><b>Conclusions and the way forward to the sixth World Water Forum</b>  The Chair will present the main conclusions and the next steps as well as the way forward to the World Water Forum.</p>