

## Draft Concept Note

HLPF2024 Side Event

### **A new political corridor to achieve SDGs through water: From Bandung Spirit Water Summit to UN 2026 Water Conference on 12 July 2024 at 13:15-14:30**

#### **1. Background and objectives**

The Bandung Spirit Water Summit, an agora by incumbent and former Heads of State and Government, was organized at the 10th World Water Forum in May 2024, and focused on three key areas of water urgency, namely climate change and water resilience, sanitation and water for all, and water for peace.

In April 1955, the Asian-African Conference, also known as the Bandung Conference, was held in Bandung, Indonesia. The conference adopted the Ten Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, based on the Bandung Spirit, underpinned by the regions' commitment to mutual recognition, respect, and tolerance for diversity. As envisaged in the Bandung Conference, the Global South is expected to play a leading role in the international community in the coming years of the 21st century.

Against this backdrop, the Bandung Spirit Water Summit discussion addressed their collaboration with all stakeholders to accelerate global efforts to fundamentally address complex water issues. The outcomes from the summit will inspire further discussions in the relevant UN meetings, including HLPF, the One Water Summit, UN Water Conferences, COP 29, and further and collectively contribute to building a more comprehensive peace-building process from the water sector.

The objective of this side event is to share the outcomes of the Bandung Spirit Water Summit and discuss how to pave pathways towards resilient and sustainable world through water based on the outcomes.

#### **2. Outline**

- 1) Date and Time: Friday, 12 July 2024 at 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm
- 2) Venue: UNHQ S1521
- 3) Organizers: Governments of Albania, Indonesia, Japan, Geneva Water Hub (GWH), High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP), Sanitation and Water for All (SWA), and UN Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)/UNDESA

### 3. Draft agenda

Moderator: Ms. Taeko Yokota, Programme Expert on DRR and Water, UN Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)/DESA

#### 1) Welcome remarks

- Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), United Nations
- H.E. Mrs. Suela Janina, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Albania to the United Nations
- Mr. Jesuino de Oliveira Alves, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the United Nations
- Mr. Nakagawa Shu, Minister, Economic Affairs, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations
- Mrs. Febrian Irawati Mamesah, Minister Counsellor, Sustainable Development and Partnership, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations

#### 2) Briefing on the outcomes of the Bandung Spirit Water Summit at the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum

- Prof. Kenzo Hiroki, Coordinator of High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP) / Professor of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies of Japan (GRIPS)
- Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque, Chief Executive Officer Sanitation and Water for All (video message)

#### 3) Panel Discussion on how to implement “The Spirit of Bandung: A Call to Actions” and interventions by the participating member states and other stakeholders

Facilitator: Prof. Kenzo Hiroki

Panelist:

- Dr. Caroline Pellaton, Operations Director, Geneva Water Hub
- Mr. Takahiro Konami, Director, International Affairs Office, Water and Disaster Management Bureau, MLIT, Japan
- Ms. Francesca De Ferrari, Programme Management Officer, New York Office, UN-Habitat
- Ms. Megi Marku, Member of the World Youth Parliament for Water

#### 4) Closing by the Panel Facilitator