

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Water Resources Management: The Concrete Adaptation Activity

Everyone knows that water is essential to the life of the planet and to the prosperity of its people. Increasing pressures of climate change, population growth, urbanisation, and energy needs are putting unprecedented pressure on our finite freshwater resources.

To meet the commitments related to water resources in the Convention and Cancun Agreements, concrete actions by countries are urgently required. The projected impacts of water related hazards due to climate change include: sea level rise; melting of snow and ice; changes in the frequency and/or intensity of extreme weather events such as floods and droughts; and changes to ecosystems and biodiversity patterns.

At a Press Briefing on Monday, 13 June 2011, at 12:30 pm, Global Water Partnership and others will call for the operationalisation of references to water resources in the Cancun Agreement to recognise water resources management as a concrete adaptation activity.

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