

## A Post-2015 Global Goal for Water

### National Consultations on Water in the Post-2015 Development Agenda – Phase II

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#### **UN Process towards a post-2015 development agenda**

The UN Conference on Sustainable Development (CSD) in Rio de Janeiro, in June 2012 (Rio+20) triggered a broad consultative exercise both within and external to the UN to consider the post-2015 development framework. The Rio+20 outcome document indicates the awareness and serious intent of the global community to develop a sustainable development agenda after 2015 through a consultative process that has buy-in from all countries. The UN CSD agreed to establish an intergovernmental process on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be taken to the General Assembly in 2015. The initial SDG consultations cover 11 themes including one on water which has led to a number of preparatory processes and debates.

UN-Water (with GWP as a partner) has developed a recommendations paper which will form part of the negotiations of the Open Working Group (OWG) during 2014. The outcome of the consultations will inform the official UN processes so that water is adequately reflected in the post-2015 agenda.

#### **Purpose of the consultations**

The purpose of the National Consultations is to obtain views from countries on the post-2015 development agenda for water and sustainable development. To build awareness and examine the

country relevance and applicability of the options and recommendation presented in the UN-Water paper on a dedicated goal for water.

### Scope of the Consultations

National consultations will take place in a sample of 26 selected countries, facilitated by the Global Water Partnership (GWP). Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal are being invited to take part in the post 2015 country consultations for South Asia, while GWP South Asia coordinating the consultations for the region.

The consultations were conducted in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in 18 February, 15 March and 24 March consecutively while dates are pending for Nepal. Representatives from the water and natural resources agencies, donors, research organisations including the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), private sector, government ministries were participated for consultations. Presentations and discussions on Water Challenges and Sustainable Development – Post 2015, A Potential Global Goal for Water: National Consultations, water and sanitation, water pollution, waste water management, refining the water policies/laws, status of water resources and water related disasters were conducted, allowing to reflect the views of participants. The consultation output will be country reports which give an overview of opinions of the participating countries on the future development agenda which will be made available soon.



PHOTO 1: Consultation in Bangladesh



PHOTO 2: Consultation in Sri Lanka



**PHOTO 3: Consultation in Pakistan**