

Overview of the Compendium of Actions

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ESTABLISHMENT

**UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, announced
the establishment of the Board on World Water
Day, 2004**

- **The Board comprises 19 high-level members
with various vocational backgrounds**
- **The Board was chaired by Former Japanese
Prime Minister Mr. Ryutaro Hashimoto**

Who are they?

The Board consists of:

- **Ministers and ex-ministers (6)**
- **High level administrators (2)**
- **International financial institutions (2)**
- **Utility expert (1)**
- **Private sector representatives (2)**
- **Union representative (1)**
- **Civil society representatives (2)**
- **Academic disciples (3)**

MISSION

The UNSG Advisory Board is an independent body to:

- **give advice to UN Secretary-General;**
- **give input in global dialogue process;**
- **raise global awareness through mass-media, etc.;**
- **influence and work on global, regional, national institutions at highest level; and**
- **take its own actions towards achievement of MDGs.**

OBJECTIVES

The Board focus their work on, inter alia, :

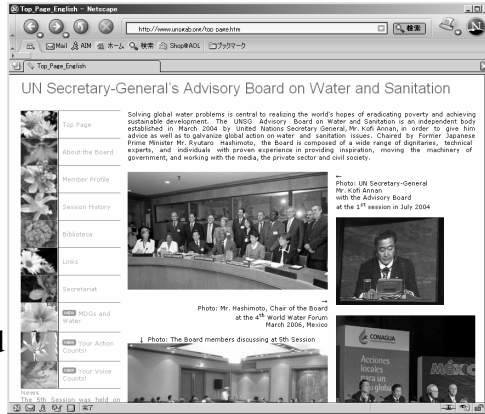
- **help to mobilize resources for water and sanitation towards achievement of MDGs and JPOI;**
- **publicly mobilize support and advocate for actions and ensure political visibility;**
- **assess progress made towards the water and sanitation goals; and**
- **advocate for improving the capacity of Governments and the international system**

Activities of the Board

The Official Website

OBJECTIVE

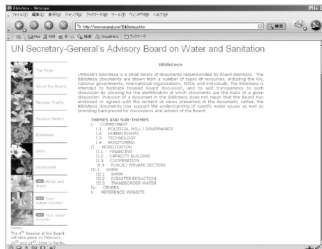
- To increase public accessibility to the Board information;
- To raise public awareness on the themes and discussion addressed by the Board;
- To keep the public informed of activities implemented and decisions adopted by the Board.



BIBLIOTECA

Small Library of key water documents (BIBLIOTECA) was created:

- To make known key documents on water
 - To make discussion process transparent
- More than 100 documents (20,000 pages) were registered :
- Retrievable at website
 - Formed a base of the discussion for the Compendium



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2004	UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation: Report of the Board	EN	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final
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2016	UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation: Report of the Board	EN	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final
2017	UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation: Report of the Board	EN	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final
2018	UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation: Report of the Board	EN	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final
2019	UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation: Report of the Board	EN	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final
2020	UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation: Report of the Board	EN	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final
2021	UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation: Report of the Board	EN	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final
2022	UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation: Report of the Board	EN	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final

Approach to Media

- CNN's PSA spot for UNSGAB
- Press release/conference at major events (WWF4, etc.)

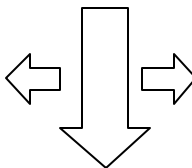


Course of Discussions

1st & 2nd meetings of the Board (2004)

MDGs, Thematic priorities, Scheme and actions of the Advisory Board & Urgent issues (IWRM, Reduction of Water-related disasters)

International Conference
on Disaster Reduction
(Jan 2005, Kobe)



CSD13
(April 2005, NY)

3rd meeting (November 3rd~ 4th, 2005, Rome, Italy)

Decision to compile discussion into the Compendium of Actions





4th & 5th meeting (Feb./March 2006)

Discussion on the Compendium of Actions



**Announcement of the Compendium of Actions
At the 4th World Water Forum (March 2006, Mexico City)**

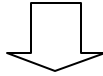


**April 2006 ~
Actions based on the COA**

**Compendium of Action
“Hashimoto Action Plan”**

**The World must provide better water management
clean water , and basic sanitation, but...**

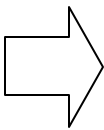
- **Too many past recommendations but what are important?**
- **What actions are needed to make the recommendations into reality?**
- **What should the key players do?**
- **What should the Board do?**
- **What is realistic time table?**



Intensive discussion to present “the answers”

Compendium of Action “Your Action, Our Action”

- **Work plan on global scale to help ensure meeting the MDG on water and sanitation**
- **No new resolutions or more analysis**
- **Selecting the key items from consensus documents and outcomes of past meetings**
- **Calling for breakthrough in the key areas**



**Joint Action Proposal with key
players to “make it happen”**

Compendium of Actions

Six vital areas

- **Financing**
- **Water Operators Partnerships (WOPs)**
- **Sanitation**
- **Monitoring & Reporting**
- **Integrated Water Resources Management**
- **Water and Disaster**

Proposals in the Compendium

Financing

-Creation of local financial scheme and improved performance of utilities through capacity building have to go hand in hand-

- ✓ Local governments to take full responsibility for boosting their own performance.**
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Financing

- ✓ Donors /IFIs to give high priority to capacity improvements that help local water operators tap into capital markets**
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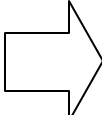
Water Operators Partnerships (WOPs)

-Mutual help is key to improve water services. Public water undertaking can be dramatically improved through WOPs

To strengthen local water services through WOPs while ensuring that WOPs are recognized as an important means of achieving internationally agreed targets.

Water Operators Partnerships

What are Water Operator Partnerships?

- **Twinning arrangement between Water Operators**
 - **Efficient Operators help less efficient Operators**
 - **Help area can be technical, managerial, or any other**
 - **Long-term partnerships**
 - **Not-for-profit basis (actual cost can be paid)**
-  **Structured “mutual help” program to improve operators’ performance**

Monitoring & Reporting

-Monitoring and reporting needs more attention and efforts for better coordination and production of clearer picture-

- ✓ **Concerted efforts by national governments to monitor the delivery of water and sanitation services.**
- ✓ **At the national level, develop and strengthen monitoring tools.**
- ✓ **At the global level, harmonize existing monitoring and reporting activities to increase their effectiveness.**
- ✓ **At the global level, increase knowledge of water sector spending.**

Sanitation

-Radical change of mind and practice is needed to achieve Sanitation MDG-

- ✓ To designate 2008 as International Year of Sanitation
- ✓ UN, Regional Banks and institutions, in collaboration with Donors, to design a program of capacity strengthening at regional/sub-regional workshops
- ✓ National governments to formulate clear-cut strategic policies and plans using the opportunities as above.
- ✓ A UN Global Sanitation Conference to be held towards the end of Water for Life Decade

Integrated Water Resources Management

-IWRM is not a slogan but a vital tool for better water management

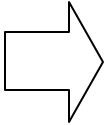
- ✓ All national governments report on the status of the IWRM and Water Efficiency Plans and the concrete actions taken for their implementation at CSD16.
- ✓ Apply IWRM principles in transboundary situations and strengthen transboundary organizations.

Water and Disaster

- ✓ **Establish, with unified political will, a clear-cut global-level target for reducing the loss of life and livelihood caused by water-related disasters.**
- ✓ **Provide adequate safe water and sanitation during and after disasters.**

Actions the Board is taking

- **It has signed Joint Statement of Actions with OECD**
- **It has agreed with ADB to work on WOPs in Asia**
- **It is working to UN member states to realize International Year of Sanitation in 2008**
- **It is working on UN Water Prize for local governments**
- **It will conduct Dialogue with Inter Parliamentary Union in Autumn, 2006**
- **It will conduct Dialogue with African Ministers in Tunis in December, 2006**
- **It will conduct Dialogue with Asian Ministers in May, 2007**



**The Board is taking actions to
make the Compendium to happen**

Thank you

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Monitoring and Reporting “Your Action” at OECD

- **OECD to develop better knowledge of all water expenditures in coordination with Multilateral Financial Institutions;**
- **IFIs, RDBs, and OECD to review the check-list used for evaluating and implementing major and international water projects;**
- **Dialogue with IFIs, RDBs and OECD for developing tools and mechanisms for promotion of IWRM.**
- **OECD to consider creating a water domain on their website**

Financing “Your Action” at OECD

- **OECD to establish Task Team to re-examine aspects of OECD members’ development assistance policies on water specifically;**
 - To consider allocations and flow of funding for water to countries not track on water;
 - To review fund allocation practices on technical assistance, maintenance and services accommodated;
 - To allocate ODA primarily for institution building, project preparation & capacity building;
 - To examine the funds leverage more funding to water;
- **OECD DAC to convene a special session at high level such as Water and Development Ministerial Meeting in 2007**

Items to be considered at the Dialogue

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Action alternatives of the Board

(compilation of suggestions by the members)

- . The "Your Action" sections address key players. In the "Our Action" sections, the Board, collectively and individually, commits to work with those key players. Many obstacles exist, yet by effectively uniting our strengths, we can better manage our water resources and improve sanitation so that we will achieve the MDGs
Persuade focal organizations

Contents of the Compendium of Actions “Your Action, Our Action”

1. Message by the Board Chair
- 2~ 7. Your action, our action (by area)
 - (1) Recommendation items the Board selected
 - (2) Your action (Actions needed by key stakeholders to realize/promote the recommendation items)
 - (3) Our action (Actions the Board will take to promote “your action”)
8. Establishment of “UN Water Prize”
9. Who we are

The Official Website

STRUCTURE

- About the Board
- Member Profile
- Session History
- Biblioteca
- Links
- Secretariat
- MDGs and Water
- Your Action Counts!
- Your Voice Counts!

LANGUAGE

- English
- Spanish
- French (under construction)
- Japanese

Establishment of “UN Water Prize”

- UN needs to raise awareness, promote innovation and dedication while mobilizing political will to achieve international agreed targets on water and sanitation.
- UNSG to create UN Water Prizes to be awarded annually in the “Water for Life” decade to highlight exceptional progress in water and sanitation by local actors.
- These prizes will galvanize local actors and enhance public interest in water and sanitation globally.

Activities at the 4th World Water Forum

Presentation of “Compendium of Actions” of the Board 4th World Water Forum (March 2006, Mexico City)

- March 16, AM Mr Hashimoto’s speech at the plenary session
- March 16, PM Board Members’ participation to the Roundtable
- March 19 WOPs session organized by UNDESA
- March 21 Mr Hashimoto’s speech at the plenary session of the Ministerial Conference

Future activities of the Board

- Send letters to key institutions/individuals
About 60 letters for National Governments,
UN Organizations, Regional Development Banks,
International Financing Institutions, etc.
- Conduct dialogues with key institutions/individuals
OECD (July 2006), Regional Government Organizations
such as AMCOW, RDBs, etc.
- Approach to media
- Appeal to G8 Summit
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- Persuade focal organizations
- Persuade key government leaders
- Send letters to key institutions/individuals
- Give speeches at the international conferences
- Expose to mass media
- Articulate strong messages
- Report to UN Secretary General
- Propose new goals/targets
- Propose new ideas
- Pick up important recommendations

Necessary actions to take off

- **Pick up concrete recommendation items from existing reports/recommendations**
- **Set clear goals to realize/promote the recommendation items**
- **Lay out concrete actions**
- **Make a timetable**



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“Your Action, Our Action” Financing

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Meetings of the Board

■ **1st meeting (July 22-23, 2004, New York, USA)**

MDGs, Thematic priorities

■ **2nd meeting (December 9-10, 2004, Tokyo, Japan)**

Scheme and actions of the Advisory Board & Urgent issues (IWRM, Reduction of Water-related disasters)

■ **3rd meeting (November 3-4, 2005, Rome, Italy)**

Modus Operandi, Substantial discussion (PUPs, Financing and Sanitation) and Water Prize.

■ **4th meeting (February 20-21, 2006, Berlin, Germany)**

Substantial discussion on PUPs, Financing and Sanitation (continued) and Monitoring, IWRM and Disaster.

■ **5th meeting (March 14-15, 2006, Mexico City, Mexico)**

Drafting and finalization of “Compendium of Actions”

Sanitation

“Your Action” at OECD

- **OECD to start organizing series of meetings supported by experts to re-examine aspects of OECD members’ development assistance policies on water specifically;**
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