

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 13th, 2022

Attendees: Marc-André Bünzli, Guillaume Pierrehumbert, Bram Riems, Nicholas Brooks, Monica Ramos, Jo de Serrano, Syed Yasir Ahmad, Elisa Dehove, Léa de La Ville Montbazon

Main takeaway from the World Water Forum:

- Road Map session: small session (many sessions in parallel) but went well. Recording will be soon shared.
- Main take away from Marc-André on other sessions:
 - Difficult to talk about the wide range of “water insecurities”: the challenges of the protection of urban infrastructures in conflict settings are very different from water insecurity in Sahel.
 - Many people talked about the Nexus.
 - Talked much more about humanitarian concern than at other Water forums.
 - Interest in a better understanding of groundwater resources and how to use it.

World Water Council

Objective: Jean has proposed for the Road Map to become a member of the World Water Council.

Context: not the first try. Has tried to put the humanitarian agenda on the council priorities but was not successful so far.

What would be the advantages: push further the humanitarian agenda, link up with development actors including Integrated Water Resource Management actors, Climate actors, etc. Maybe collect more fund.

What are the risks: might be too time consuming for the benefits we might get from it.

Feedback from the ExC: 4 people agreed that it was not the priority for the moment. The UN Water Conference is more the priority.

Consultation on TOR, things to keep in mind:

1. Monica: UNICEF can't form “board”, prefer the word advisory Committee. Also, importance of sharing the meeting info way in advance for them to prepare
2. Nick: some directors don't want to vote. The responsibility was delegated to the leads. How many do we lose if we have a formal board where they vote. Also, who are the directors, how are they selected?
3. Bram: most directors touch on many sectors and WASH might not be a priority. Very few were there from the start, 2019 meeting. This is much too detailed. Many things on which they are not involved in their day-to-day work. And might scare them away.
4. Guillaume: This survey could put pressure on the leads on how they will negotiate with their directors. Maybe we go straight with the light version.

ACTIONS

- Revise and send the questions to the Executive Committee's members for them to comment and select the ones that are most relevant to directors.
- Create a Doodle Poll for the next Executive Committee's meeting