

Poverty-Environment Partnership Session WWF4

Linking Poverty Reduction and Water Management – Reaching the MDGs through investing in water

Objective

To illustrate through the presentation of “local actions” how investing in water management can contribute to poverty reduction and all of the MDGs in different ways, not just those that refer explicitly to water and sanitation.

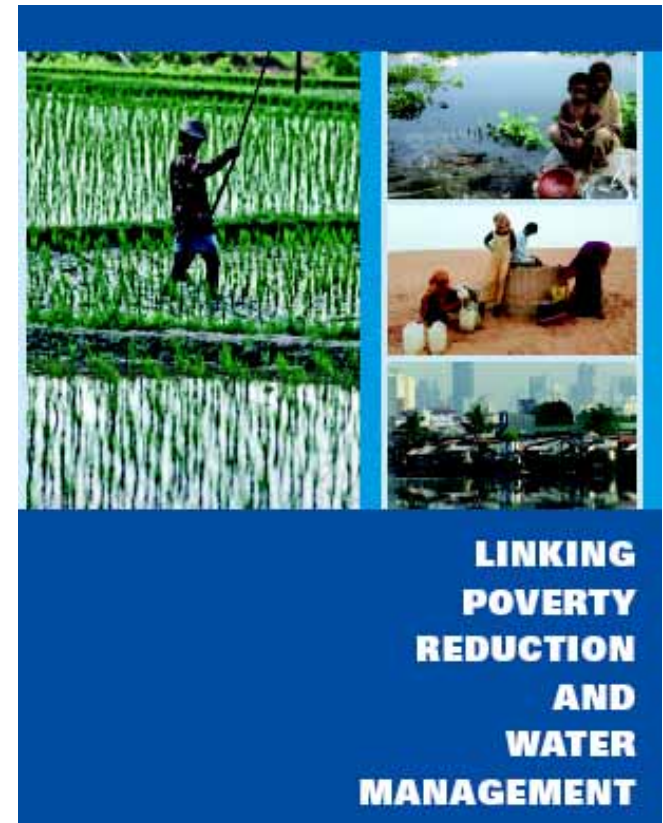
The session builds on the Poverty-Environment Partnership paper: *Linking Poverty Reduction and Water Management*

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About the paper

- **PEP is a network of bilateral and multilateral agencies, dev. banks and int. NGO's addressing key poverty-environment issues.**
- **UNDP was the lead agency to develop the joint-agency paper on behalf of PEP**
- **John Soussan of SEI – main author**
- **2 year consultation process**
- **Drafting and publishing was funded by contributions from Sida, DANIDA, ADB and UNDP**



About the endorsement

- Endorsed by 19 PEP member organisations:

AfDB, ADB, CIDA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, DFID, European Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, Federal Ministry For Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany, GTZ, Irish Aid, IUCN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands, SEI, Sida, SIWI, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, UNDP, UNEP and WHO.

- Of which 14 heads of organisations have undersigned the foreword.



Strong consensus...to build on

- **The strong consensus on the key findings and recommendations of the paper is very encouraging.**

We want to build on this momentum - this session a starting point



- **Before we proceed allow me to invite you all to the launching ceremony at 19:30 in Palacio de la Canal, Room No. 8**

About the session

- **Overview of the paper, John Soussan**
- **Presentation of four local actions**
- **Discussion: Actions to catalyze investments in water for the poor, moderator: Håkan Tropp, SIWI**

Respondent panel:

Catherine Coleman, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

Ricardo Fuentes, UNDP Human Development Report Office

Jan Møller Hansen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (DANIDA)

Ron Sawyer, Sarar Transformación SC, Mexico

Arjun Thapan, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- **Summary of session, John Soussan**