



EUWI-AWG meeting, WWW 4 September 2013

# Update on water-related SDG development

Joakim Harlin



# JANUARY 29-- 30, 2013 MONROVIA CONSULTATION

## Top Line messages

1. The post 2015 development agenda for Africa as relates to the water management should be premised on the ***Africa Water Vision 2025***.
2. ***Water*** is essential in the future development framework in order to attain vital economic, health, educational, agriculture/food and energy benefits.
3. ***Water*** is also a pre-requisite for maintaining ecosystems services and supporting resilience to climate change.
4. Universal access to sustainable safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene in our time is a crucial requirement.
5. Making fundamental changes in African water resource management is the basis of water security and sustainable development.
6. Wastewater is not ***wasted water*** – it is a resource in environmental and economic terms
7. We can and we must prevent the polluting impact of wastewater, ensuring its re-use at appropriate quality, and reaping the financial, health and environmental benefits.

# AFRICA-WIDE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIVE PROCESS ON POST 2015 WATER AGENDA IN TUNIS, MARCH 1ST 2013

**EXCO meeting in Cairo 6 June 2013:** Endorses the call for the setting of a distinct water goal in the post-2015 global development agenda and the proposed goal: **“Ensure a water secure world for all”**.

Endorsing the targets adapted from the Africa Water Vision 2025 and adopted in the Africa Common Position Paper on the post 2015 development agenda, EXCO further commits to a target date of 2030 for:

- Achieving universal access to safe water, improved sanitation and hygiene in Africa;
- Increasing to 40% of harvest potential, the productive use of Africa's water resources under managed conditions; and
- Assuring and safeguarding water quality for all uses

# UNSGAB

**The UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB):** A Global Goal on Water including:

- 1) “Achieve universal access to sustainable sanitation and to drinking-water that is really safe”;
- 2) “Increase wastewater management and pollution prevention”;
- 3) “Improve integrated water resources management and water-use efficiency”.

..also recommends including water efficiency targets in other post-2015 goals and calls for taking into consideration water-related disasters.

# Private Sector...

## **The UN Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate.**

Learning from past experiences of the MDGs, business leaders suggested that water objectives be addressed more broadly than a single focus on WASH and that more societal players, including the private sector, will need to be involved in their achievement

# Sustainable Development Solutions Network

**Jeffrey Sachs and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network.** Proposes a framework for sustainable development composed of four interconnected dimensions:

- 1) Economic development and ending poverty;
- 2) Social inclusion;
- 3) Environmental sustainability; and
- 4) Good governance and personal security.

Water issues here would be dealt within the economic and the environmental dimensions.

# High Level Panel of Eminent Persons

**High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda (HLP).** Proposes 12 goals:

## 6. Achieve Universal Access to Water and Sanitation

6a. Provide universal access to safe drinking water at home, and in schools, health centers, and refugee camps

6b. End open defecation and ensure universal access to sanitation at school and work, and increase access to sanitation at home by x%

6c. Bring freshwater withdrawals in line with supply and increase water efficiency in agriculture by x%, industry by y% and urban areas by z%

6d. Recycle or treat all municipal and industrial wastewater prior to discharge

*But water not part of other goals on energy, food, natural resources...*

# National Stakeholder Consultations on Water



■ The Post 2015 Water Thematic Consultation



Facilitated by GWP in 22 countries. Supported by EUWI-AWG for African countries.

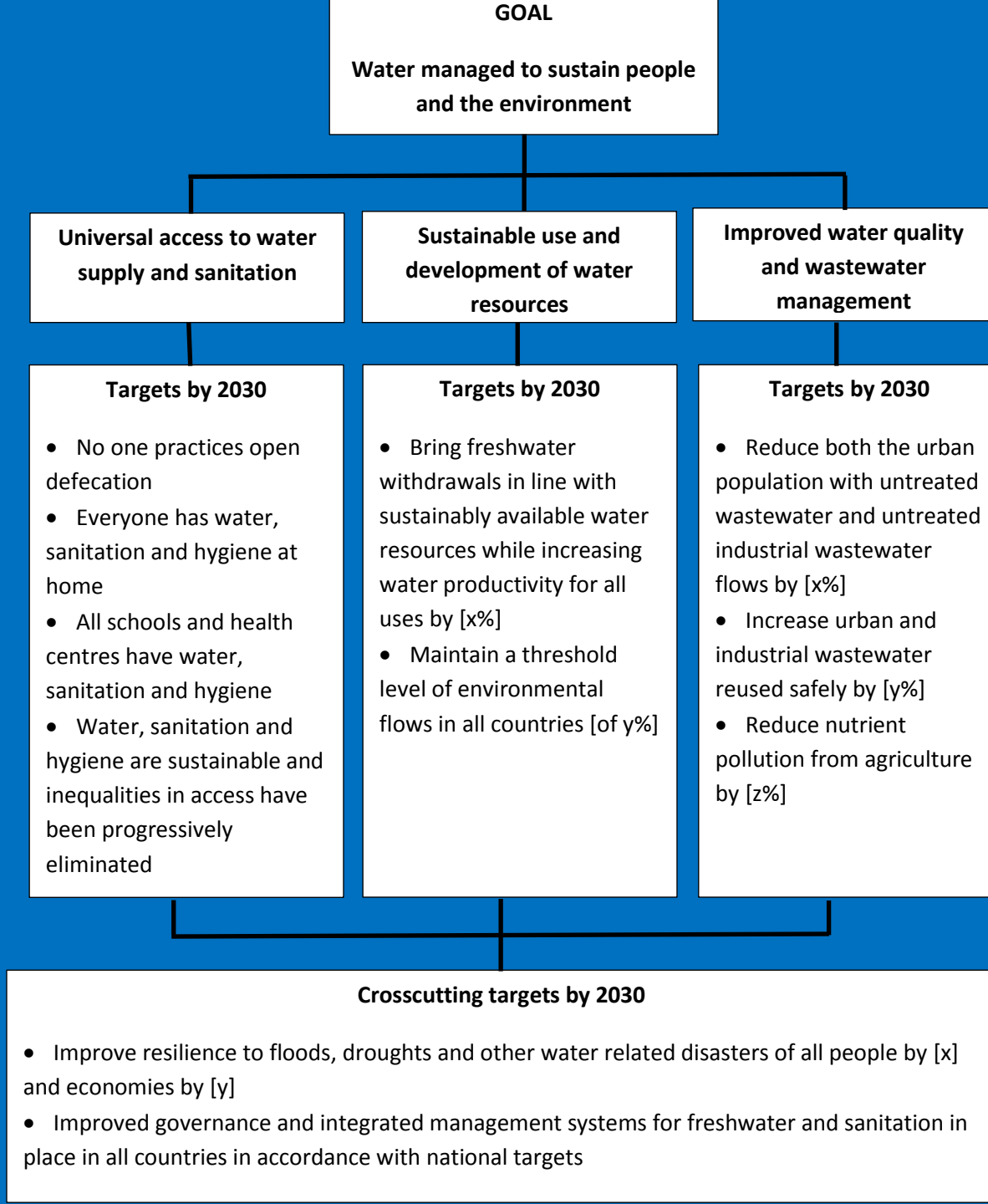
- Informed the Open Working Group – Issues Brief on Water and Sanitation, 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in New York, 25 May 2013
- Informed UN-Water and their SDG Working Group



# Summary of OWG discussions

There was **broad support for a dedicated water SDG**, as the complex interrelations among various water-related concerns call for an integrated approach which would be better catalysed by **a single water SDG**.

Targets could cover various aspects, including possibly: equitable, universal and sustained access to **safe water, sanitation and hygiene**; sustainable development, management and use of **surface and groundwater resources** respecting ecosystem requirements; reduction of water pollution and collection and treatment of used water and **wastewater**; reduction of exposure and impacts from **floods, droughts** and other water related disasters; enhanced **water co-operation and improved water governance**.



EMERGING  
SUGGESTION  
FROM UN-  
WATER

For each target  
a number of  
indicators have  
been identified/  
suggested

Availability of  
data and  
national  
capacities a  
challenge

