

INVITATION: CEO Water Mandate 2013 Multi-Stakeholder Working Conference in Mumbai, India (March 4-7)

Dear CEO Water Mandate Key Stakeholder,

The CEO Water Mandate Secretariat is pleased to invite you its annual working conference, entitled "Water Stewardship in the Post-2015 World," to be held in Mumbai, India on March 4-7, 2013. At this timely convening, companies, government agencies, civil society groups, academia, and others will gather to explore critical (and complex) corporate water management issues and seek to advance effective and equitable solutions.

These discussions will be crucially important as the world heads towards the Post-2015 era when strains and stresses on planetary boundaries and natural resources will be tested even further. The United Nations has begun a process to develop global Sustainable Development Goals to replace the Millennium Development Goals when they expire in 2015. In this regard, the UN Global Compact is in the privileged position to directly relay to the UN Secretary-General (and other UN processes) the outputs of the CEO Water Mandate's Mumbai conference that are especially relevant to the "Post-2015 Agenda" process.

Topics

This working conference will emphasize recent Mandate platforms and resources (e.g., [Water Action Hub](#), [Corporate Water Disclosure Guidelines](#), [Guide to Water-Related Collective Action](#)) as the basis for discussing key corporate water stewardship issues and identifying insights regarding how good practice can be implemented on the ground, particularly in India. Specifically, these sessions will explore:

- Distilling basic from advanced practice: Gaining a shared understanding of the corporate water stewardship maturity progression,
- The role of the private sector in supporting/advancing effective public water management and governance,
- Good practice and challenges in implementing corporate "responsibility to respect" the human right to water and sanitation,
- Company-focused technical assistance workshop focusing on how to pursue effective and strategic policy engagement and water-related collective action.

Program of events

The primary sessions for the working conference will take place on March 5-6. In addition, the week will include a variety of events meant to share practical experiences implementing water stewardship and to advance critical stewardship-related issues, including:

- A day-long field trip to highlight innovative water management practices and collective action (March 4)
- An evening session whereby the Alliance for Water Stewardship will introduce the Beta Version of its international standard (March 4)
- A facilitated session to explore how corporate water stewardship practice aligns with and can support the water-related goal(s) of the UN's post-2015 Global Sustainable Development Agenda (March 5)
- Policy engagement/collective action technical assistance workshop (companies only) (March 7)

Registration & logistics

Registration for the events over the course of the week is necessary. To confirm your participation, please contact Terry Asbury (tasbury@pacinst.org) via email at your nearest convenience. We will be sending an email with additional information on venue, accommodations, travel visas, and other logistical details in early January.

We very much look forward to seeing you in Mumbai!

Sincerely,

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