



**High-level Experts and Leaders
Panel on Water and Disasters
(HELP)**

**Network to mobilize political will for
combating water-related disasters**

Composition of HELP




- Chaired by Dr. Han Seung-soo, former prime-minister of Republic of Korea
- Vice-chairs: Minister of Public Works and Housing of Indonesia, Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management
- Some 12 members on director level from different organizations, including GWP and WMO
- Small expert group of advisors

Activities of HELP



- HELP Principles on Investment and Financing for Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction
- HELP Global Report on Water and Disaster 2018- 2019
- Guidance document on developing inclusive, adaptive strategies for prevention of water-related disaster risk



Three Pillars of Drought Preparedness

1. Monitoring and forecasting/early warning

Foundation of a drought plan

Indices/ indicators linked to impacts and action triggers

Feeds into the development/ delivery of information and decision-support tools

2. Vulnerability/ resilience and impact assessment

Identifies who and what is at risk and why

Involves monitoring/ archiving of impacts to improve drought characterization

3. Mitigation and response planning and measures

Pre-drought programs and actions to reduce risks (short and long-term)

Well-defined and negotiated operational response plan for when a drought hits

Safety net and social programs, research and extension

Recommendations to HELP (June 2019)

Given HELP's unique ability to focus global attention — at the highest levels — on water and disasters, it is recommended that HELP uses its platform to draw attention to the importance of addressing drought risk preparedness, prevention and response specifically.

HELP could produce a flagship brief or discussion paper on drought, highlighting needs for:

- applied research focused on understanding drought,
- comprehensive national drought management planning in coherence with other global policy frameworks,
- guidance on adaptive strategies and interventions and their implementation to prevent drought risks