

TOPIC SESSION REPORT	Chair: Fahrad Yazdandoost Reporter: Paul Reiter .
Theme: Education, Knowledge and Capacity Building Thematic coordination group:	Thematic coordination lead: Organization: UNESCO Name contact person: Andras Szollosi-Nagy e-mail: xxxxx@xxxx .
Topic: 6.3 Using the Assets of Professional Associations and Networks to Achieve the MDGs Topic Main Question: How can professional associations and networks be used, encouraged and supported to become a key contributor to the achievement of the MDGs?	Topic coordination co-leads: Organization: IAHR and IWA Name contact person: Chris George (IAHR), Darren Saywell (IWA) E-mail: christopher.george@iahr.org, darren.saywell@iwahq.org .
<p>Key Topic Issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1). What have been the key obstacles to larger scale involvement of professional associations and networks in addressing pressing global water challenges. 2) Should the capabilities of the leading professional associations and networks be used to capacitate the formation of regional, national and local professional associations and networks in lower and middle income countries, where such knowledge institutions are lacking? If so, how? 3) Should funding of infrastructure to meet the MDGs be tied to the establishment of regional/local professional/technical institutional structures. 4) Could/should a means of globally monitoring the state of “professional infrastructure” be developed? Should professional associations and networks be tasked with this responsibility? <p>Session Titles</p> <p>6.3a Money Down the Drain? The need for professional association infrastructure accompanying investment to achieve sustainable outcomes.</p> <p>6.3b Professionals for Action: Is the pooling of organizations of professional associations a pipedream or salvation?</p>	

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