Invitation: 'A perfect storm - exploring the impact of climate change on drowning risks'

1.15pm - 2.30pm Monday 8th July

Conference Room 8, United Nations Headquarters, New York

The Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, Fiji, Ireland, Monaco and Norway to the United Nations, the World Health Organisation, UNICEF and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution warmly invite you to an event on 'A perfect storm - exploring the impact of climate change on drowning risks' in the side-lines of the High-Level Political Forum.

Every year, drowning claims the lives of 235,000 people globally. Over 2.5 million in the last decade alone. Drowning affects every nation in the world, but its impacts are unequally spread. Climate change is influencing the nature of drowning globally. More than half of all deaths are amongst children and young people, with more than 90% of all deaths occurring in low- and middle-income countries. These are preventable deaths and this must change.

Investment in drowning prevention can help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and their targets. This side-event will serve as an opportunity to raise awareness of the links between drowning prevention and climate change, poverty and resilience. Speakers will share their experiences and perspectives and focus on examples of innovative solutions spanning policy and practice.

Speakers to include:

- H.E. Ambassador Muhammad Abdul Muhith, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh
- H.E. Ambassador Fergal Mythen, Permanent Representative of Ireland
- Helga Fogstad, Chief of Health, UNICEF
- Werner Obermeyer, Director, World Health Organization

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