

UTRECHT DECLARATION

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“Drainage is an integral part of integrated water resources management. The role of drainage has to be communicated better in this broader perspective, both within and outside the drainage community. The drainage community has to stick out its neck to make the “invisible” visible. As a first step, 15 action plans have been formulated and the participants have committed themselves to these plans. “Drainage ambassadors for IWRM” should be appointed at international and national levels to get the drainage community more involved in the agenda setting of water policies. Long-term partnerships with all stakeholders are effective conduits for joint action to solve critical water management problems.”